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Reference and administrative information

Charity Number: 1185783

Registered Office: 9 Otter Way, Cam, Gloucestershire, GL11 5FH

Trustees: **John Duggan**
 Justine Hooper (nee Pemberton)
 Gina Tattersall

Bankers: **Lloyds Bank**

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The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the 12-month period ended 31 December 2024.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 form part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the charity's Constitution, and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives and Aims

The objective of the CIO is:

To relieve the charitable needs of homeless adults, or adults at risk of homelessness, in Bristol by the provision of food, drink, replacement clothing, toiletries, companionship, advice, signposting and practical and emotional support.

Review of the Charity

Governance

Roots Independent Street Team has existed as a CIO since 14th October 2019.

A committee of trustees was set up under a new foundation constitution.

The Trustees meet formally with a committee of volunteers on a regular basis and informally each week during the outreach work to discuss both short and long term plans and issues.

Activities

The CIO provide hot and cold food and drinks, toiletries and other necessities to the homeless community of Bristol.

Performance

Our service in 2024 was very similar in numbers and consistency as it was in 2023. We are still operating from the same community building in the centre of Bristol and use the facilities for the cooking facilities as well as the pedestrianised space outside for our service. As the cost of living

crisis continues, we have had a consistent stream of people coming to us for support because they can't afford to feed themselves.

Our relationship with local sandwich retailers has continued and they provide us with surplus stock for our service which we distribute on the same day.

We had a terrific start to the year with a local choir raising funds for us at their festive concert. This continued as we were nominated to be the beneficiary of charitable proceeds from a small festival in the summer. We also received grants and sponsorship from Bristol based organisations.

We purchased a van at the start of the year and gave notice to our storage unit at the same time as the costs were growing exponentially. Luckily we secured a free parking space with a local business for the year which alleviated additional costs.

Food and utilities costs continue to be a cause for concern and are consistently something we have to manage and be mindful of.

Our volunteer numbers remain steady, and we have a very strong team we can count on but we often struggle to get enough people to cook for us owing to the increased cost of utilities and the number of meals that are needed.

We provided some basic household equipment and furnishings to a small number of our regular service users who had moved into permanent accommodation.

We held our (now) annual summer BBQ once again as well as our festive evening where we handed out gift cards to every service user.

Plans for the year ahead

The Trustees are conscious that whilst the economy is still very uncertain, pressure will remain on our ability to fundraise. Whilst we have adequate liquid funds for the foreseeable future, we will continue to seek additional income.

We will remain at our current location for as long as we have the agreement with the landlord of the premises.

We would like to continue the work that we do but find other ways to help including supporting people into accommodation where we can, especially with the introduction of the Housing First initiative in Bristol.

We would like to expand our profile and potentially attend local events and festivals for more visibility.

Public Benefit

All work undertaken by the charity were for charitable purposes and for the public benefit and the

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Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance where relevant.

Financial Benefit

Investment Policy and Objectives

Although the Trustees have the power under the constitution to invest funds, we make no investments other than the savings account with a high street bank and have no plans to do so.

Reserves Policy and Going Concern

The charity keeps a reserve of £5,000 in a separate savings account, which the Trustees estimate would allow the charity to continue to run for a period of 9 months even if no other income was generated.

Financial Review

The total income for the period was £14,530.08 and expenditure for the work of the charity was £14,355.73 .

No salaries or wages are paid, all who work for Roots are on a voluntary basis.

The accounts are shown later in this report.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its constitution, dated 14th October 2019.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

Organisational Structure

The Trustees meet regularly throughout the year to discuss the strategic direction and relevant matters including grant applications, operational plans, investment strategy, financial accounts, and staff performance.

Regular Committee meetings are held to discuss day to day matters relating to our service.

Statement of the Responsibility of the Trustees

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

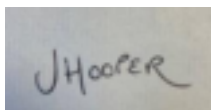
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 10/01/2025 and signed on their behalf by;



Justine Hooper

On behalf of the Trustees

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Financial Activities	
January - December 2024	
	Total
Income	
Charitable activities	6,436.62
Donations and legacies	1,093.72
Grants and Sponsorships	6,754.74
Sales	0.00
Volunteer Donations	245.00
Total Income	£ 14,530.08
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Expenditures	
Advertising/Promotional	1,376.24
Bank Fees	6.60
Clothing - Service Users	43.48
Computer Costs	201.60
Consumables	874.11
Equipment	179.92
Food Supplies	4,364.80
Fundraising Costs	131.96
Gift Cards - Service Users	1,200.00
H&S Supplies	91.95
Homewares	188.99
Insurances	1,843.67
Office/General Administrative Expenses	7.00
Rent or Lease of Buildings	2,669.67
Van - Accessories	37.49
Van - Fuel	117.26
Van - Repairs	234.85
Van - Tax	320.00
Volunteer Clothing	466.14
Total Expenditures	£ 14,355.73
Net Operating Income	£ 174.35
Other Income	
Interest Received	85.46
Total Other Income	£ 85.46
Net Other Income	£ 85.46
Net Income/(Expenditure)	£ 259.81

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Balance Sheet	
As of December 31, 2024	
	Total
Fixed Asset	
Tangible assets	
Motor Vehicles Cost	12,540.00
Total Tangible assets	£ 12,540.00
Total Fixed Asset	£ 12,540.00
Cash at bank and in hand	
Lloyds Savings Account	6,704.57
Petty Cash	0.00
Treasurers Account (7560)	493.87
Total Cash at bank and in hand	£ 7,198.44
Debtors	
Debtors	0.00
Total Debtors	£ 0.00
Net current assets	£ 7,198.44
Net current assets (liabilities)	£ 7,198.44
Total assets less current liabilities	£ 19,738.44
Total net assets (liabilities)	£ 19,738.44
Charity funds	
Retained Earnings	19,478.63
Surplus/(Deficit)	259.81
Total Charity funds	£ 19,738.44

Justine Hooper
Signed on behalf of the Trustees

