

THE WITHAM HUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1188048

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-02-19

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF WITHAM AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS. IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER: TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN OR MANAGE OR CO-OPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

Activities: To further or benefit the residents of Witham and areas of Essex, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure t

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£224,882	£242,849	-	-
2024-03-31	£185,141	£136,409	-	-
2023-03-31	£67,454	£77,162	-	-
2022-03-31	£75,447	£71,363	-	-
2021-03-31	£91,942	£44,648	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Tina Townsend Mrs	Chair	2018-09-01
Ian Anthony Boorman		2022-02-11
Richard William James Wicks		2026-03-20
Sara Douch		2024-10-10
Stuart Gulleford		2023-09-20

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2024 Period start date To 31 March 2025 Period end date

Charity name: The Witham Hub

Charity registration number: 1188048

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To reduce food poverty and food waste and offer social inclusion to all
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Overview</p> <p>We are pleased to present our latest Trustee Report, highlighting the significant achievements and developments within our organisation over the past year. Our commitment to serving the community and reducing food waste has never been stronger, and we are proud to share the progress we have made with our stakeholders.</p> <p>One of our most notable achievements this year has been the successful transition to the Grove Centre, which has proven to be a tremendous success, resulting in a huge increase in footfall. The new location has significantly improved our visibility and provided the additional space and facilities required to better support and serve our community. This achievement would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our staff and volunteers, whose commitment has been instrumental in making the move and ongoing operations run smoothly.</p> <p>Building on this success, in May 2024, we identified a new premises in Braintree, which we hope to secure a lease on and have operational at the start of the next financial year. This decision was driven by need, based on the number of Braintree residents currently travelling to Witham to access our services. The new facility will serve as a community supermarket and tearoom, providing both affordable food options and a welcoming space for local</p>

residents. The planning and preparation for this expansion are already benefiting from the enthusiasm and support of our staff and volunteers, who continue to be at the heart of our mission to serve the community.

Community Initiatives

We remain firmly committed to our mission of providing affordable food options and supporting local residents. Our core initiatives, including the provision of discounted food and the community fridge, continue to thrive.

During the year, we established partnerships with new suppliers, helping to ensure a more reliable and consistent supply of fresh produce for community members.

We are proud to report that our community fridge continues to be collected from six days and nights a week, thanks to the dedication of our outstanding volunteers. Their tireless efforts have resulted in the successful saving of over 350 tonnes of food from landfill, delivering both vital community support and significant environmental benefits.

Impact on the Community

Our impact this year has been significant, with over 500,000 interventions recorded, almost three times the number reported last year. This increase reflects the continued and growing demand for our services and places additional pressure on our resources. Despite these challenges, our staff and volunteers have worked diligently to respond effectively, ensuring that those who need support are able to access timely and appropriate assistance.

Funding and Support

We are extremely grateful for the key funding awards secured in 2023, which continue to strengthen our ability to support the community.

We secured £100,000 over two years from Cadent Gas, enabling us to assist community members with completing essential forms and accessing vital services. This funding has allowed us to

		<p>employ two dedicated staff members to deliver this important work.</p> <p>We were also successful in securing £250,000 of ring-fenced funding from the National Lottery, to be allocated over five years in support of staffing costs. This funding is crucial in helping us maintain a skilled and resilient workforce, ensuring the continued delivery of high-quality services.</p> <p>We remain grateful for the ongoing support of Essex County Council, who provide £15,000 per year, ring-fenced to contribute towards the rent of our premises.</p> <p>While securing additional funding remains an ongoing challenge, our fundraising team works tirelessly, and we are deeply appreciative of the continued generosity of our local community, charitable organisations, and business partners, whose support enables us to sustain and grow our services.</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>As we move forward, we remain focused on expanding our initiatives and enhancing our services to meet the growing needs of our community. We are excited about the future and are committed to making a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees are committed to all directions given by the charity commission and will endeavour to comply with them at all times.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our volunteers are the backbone of our organisation, and their dedication and commitment have been instrumental in helping us achieve our goals this year. From collecting and distributing food to supporting community initiatives, they

		<p>ensure our services run smoothly and efficiently.</p> <p>This year, our volunteers have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collected and redistributed over 50 tonnes of food, helping to prevent waste and provide essential supplies to those in need.• Supported the community fridge six days and nights a week, ensuring fresh food reaches local residents consistently.• Assisted in the operation of our Witham premises, helping to welcome visitors, manage stock, and provide friendly support.• Participated in planning and preparation for our new Braintree facility, contributing ideas and effort to help expand our services.• Engaged in fundraising, awareness campaigns, and administrative support, providing vital capacity that enables our staff to focus on service delivery. <p>The impact of their time, skills, and energy cannot be overstated. Their efforts not only enhance the lives of our community members but also strengthen our organisational resilience and sustainability. We are continually inspired by the generosity and commitment of our volunteers, who remain at the heart of everything we do.</p>
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>Over the past year, our charity has made significant progress in delivering on its mission to support the local community, reduce food waste, and provide affordable access to essential resources, all while managing on a limited budget. Key achievements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of Premises and Services: Successfully moved to a new premises in Witham, increasing footfall by 800%, improving visibility, and providing enhanced facilities to better serve the community. Plans are underway to open a new community supermarket and tea room in Braintree, extending our reach to residents who previously had to travel to Witham. • Support to Beneficiaries: Delivered over 500,000 interventions, almost triple last year's figures, helping residents access affordable food, essential supplies, and support services. This demonstrates the charity's direct impact on improving the wellbeing and quality of life for local people. • Food Waste Reduction: Volunteers collected and redistributed over 550 tonnes of food, preventing it from going to landfill, supporting sustainability, and providing nutritious food to those in need. • Volunteer and Staff Contribution: Our dedicated team of staff and volunteers have been central to every achievement, from daily operations to planning future expansions, ensuring the delivery of high-quality services and fostering a strong sense of community. <p>Difference Made to Beneficiaries: Through our initiatives, beneficiaries have gained access to affordable, high-quality food, support in navigating essential services, and welcoming community spaces. Our work has reduced financial and social pressures on individuals and families, improving health, wellbeing, and social inclusion.</p>

		<p>Wider Benefits to Society: By preventing food waste, promoting sustainability, and fostering volunteer engagement, the charity contributes to environmental protection, strengthens community cohesion, and supports a resilient local society. Our initiatives demonstrate a model of community-led support that benefits not only immediate recipients but also the broader social and environmental fabric.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Last year we set a goal to expand to another Hub in another nearby town. Grants are always hard to find but we are working hard to secure long term sponsorships.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>We are in the final stages of securing the lease to a lease in Braintree which should be operational in the new financial year. Grants are more difficult to come by but we are working hard to sure any that become available. We work hard to raise funds organically as possible to avoid reliance on grant due to shrinking grant pots.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The Charity has reported income in the year amounting to £224,882 (2024: £185,141)</p> <p>Grant income has increased in the year and this has allowed the services we provide to grow and the amount of people we reach to increase.</p> <p>The Charity now has a prime location in Witham and this has increased footfall, and the community fridge income has thrived because of it.</p> <p>Rent costs are increasing for the Charity, but thanks to Cadent and Essex County Council, we have been granted some monies towards the costs.</p> <p>During the year, money has been spent on obtaining a new premises in Braintree and provided the fixtures and fittings for the new rental space. The space officially opened at the start of the next financial year and we hope to see an increase in community fridge income as the Charity establishes itself in Braintree.</p> <p>Although the Charity has made a loss in the year of £17,967, this was expected due to the costs in relation to the new premises which will not generate any income until 25/26.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Charity aims to hold £10,000 in available reserves in order to continue for the next financial year. The Charity plans to review this next year as it grows.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The total reserves of the Charity are £67,245. The total unrestricted available reserves are £17,138 and the total restricted reserves are £50,107.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No uncertainties exist about the Charity continuing as a going concern.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Like all charities we are looking for funding all the time, our biggest concern is these funding streams being harder to access but we are optimistic we can find a way to support those who need us.
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of two years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity must have skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Witham Hub
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1188048
Charity's principal address	17, The Grove Centre, Witham, Essex CM8 2YT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Tina Townsend	Chair		
2	Stuart Gulleford			
3	Sara Douch			
4	Ian Boorman			

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	TINA TOWNSEND	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR - TRUSTEE	
Date	28 01. 26	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Appeals and donations (including Community Fridge)	79,970	1,555	-	81,525	61,711
Grants	15,000	126,100	-	141,100	111,125
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	699
Interest income	842	-	-	842	446
Meeting room rental	183	-	-	183	6,327
Other revenue	1,232	-	-	1,232	814
Consulting	-	-	-	-	3,000
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	1,019
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	97,227	127,655	-	224,882	185,141
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	97,227	127,655	-	224,882	185,141
A3 Payments					
Food support	7,871	6,336	-	14,207	5,949
Rent	15,029	29,358	-	44,387	33,555
Rates & Water	385	-	-	385	3,716
Light, Heat & Power	8,686	-	-	8,686	20,134
Repairs and Maintenance	14,885	-	-	14,885	7,077
Telephone & Fax	1,527	-	-	1,527	1,482
Computer costs	2,689	-	-	2,689	1,293
Printing, postage and stationery	716	-	-	716	289
Subscriptions	7,117	-	-	7,117	5,998
Sundry expenses	571	-	-	571	238
COVID-19 costs	-	-	-	-	6
Legal and professional fees	8,876	-	-	8,876	35
Shop Equipment, consumables, arts & crafts	11,871	-	-	11,871	4,606
Waste Collection	1,404	-	-	1,404	1,155
Accountancy	4,111	-	-	4,111	360
Insurance	2,101	-	-	2,101	2,319
Bank fees	548	-	-	548	441
Entertainment	1,299	-	-	1,299	575
Staff training	3,174	-	-	3,174	526
Direct expenses	11,163	1,555	-	12,718	5,673
External Counsellors	2,637	1,905	-	4,542	869
Fundraising expenses	-	-	-	-	55
Advertising and marketing	2,127	-	-	2,127	42
Salaries and Pension costs	-	84,229	-	84,229	39,842
Travel expenses	1,996	-	-	1,996	174
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	110,783	123,383	-	234,166	136,409

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Accountancy fees 2025	Unrestricted	1,655	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Tina Townsend</i>	Tina Townsend	28.01.26



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

The Witham Hub

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1188048

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Mark Pearson

Date: 30th January 2026

Name: Mark Pearson FCA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address:

c/o Lambert Chapman LLP, 3 Warners Mill, Silks Way, Braintree, Essex,
CM7 3GB

THE WITHAM HUB

England & Wales - Charity number 1188048

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1st April 2023 **Period start date**
To: 31st March 2024 **Period end date**

Charity name: The Witham Hub

Charity registration number: 1188048

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To reduce food poverty and food waste and offer social inclusion to all
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Overview We are pleased to present our latest trustee report, highlighting the significant achievements and developments within our organisation over the past year. Our commitment to serving the community and reducing food waste has never been stronger, and we are excited to share our progress with our stakeholders.</p> <p>New Premises One of our most notable accomplishments this year has been the successful transition to our new premises. This move has proven to be a tremendous success, resulting in an 800% increase in footfall. The new location has not only enhanced our visibility but has also provided us with the space and facilities needed to better serve our community.</p> <p>Community Initiatives We remain dedicated to our mission of providing affordable food options and supporting local residents. Our ongoing initiatives, including the offering of discounted food and the community fridge, continue to thrive. We have established partnerships with new suppliers, ensuring a more consistent supply of fresh produce for our community members. We are proud to report that our community fridge is still being collected from six days and nights a week, thanks to the dedication of our remarkable team of volunteers. Their tireless efforts in collecting food have led to the successful saving of 190 tonnes of food</p>

from landfill. This not only benefits those in need but also contributes to our environmental sustainability goals.

Impact on the Community

Our impact on the community has been outstanding, with over 190,000 interventions recorded this year—doubling the figures from last year's report. This growth is sad as shows there is still an increasing demand for our services but we are working hard to ensure all those who need help always get what is needed.

Funding and Support

In May, we secured £100,00 over two years from Cadent Gas to assist community members with filling out necessary forms, enabling them to access vital resources. This funding will allow us to employ two staff members dedicated to this important work.

Additionally, in September, we successfully secured £250,000 in ring-fenced funding from the National Lottery, which will be allocated over five years to support our staff. This funding is crucial in ensuring that we maintain a strong team capable of delivering high-quality services to our community.

We continue to be supported by Essex County Council, who support us with £15,000 per year ringfenced to support our rent on the building.

Other funding still continues to be a challenge, but our fundraising team work tirelessly and we are able to continue currently with the support of the wonderful community, charitable organisations and businesses who support us.

Acknowledgments

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our amazing team of volunteers. Their commitment and resourcefulness are the backbone of our organization, enabling us to make a meaningful impact in the lives of those we serve. We also thank our donors and partners for their continued support, which is vital for our ongoing success.

Conclusion

As we move forward, we remain focused on expanding our initiatives and enhancing our services to meet the growing needs of our community. We are excited about the future and are committed to making a

		lasting difference in the lives of those we serve.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustee are committed to all direction given by the Charity Commission and will do all possible to comply with it.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	While we have now got some paid staff our volunteers are still the heartbeat of the charity. We could not operate without them and cannot thank them enough for the contribution they make to the charity The volunteers have given over 6,520 man hours of time to support the charity during continued hard times. They are a remarkable group of individuals who make a huge difference to the local community

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Our community fridge has saved over 190 tonnes of food from landfill during this financial year, helping many families in the process. Volunteers have completed over 6250 hours. We have completed over 190,000 interventions since the charity formed. We relocated the charity to a much larger premises after outgrowing our original premises; this has allowed a large increase in services and enabled us to reach more individuals.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Last year we set out to increase our funding levels and start to employ people from the community to assist with the expansion of the Hub and the services we offer.</p> <p>We have developed a large range of extra services and employed 11 staff (part time) during the year, so believe we have met the goals set.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>While we have been successful in grants for staffing and ringfenced projects, however other funding continues to be a challenge. We work hard to raise funds as organically as possible to avoid reliance on grants.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The Charity has reported income in the year amounting to £185,141 (2023: £67,454).</p> <p>Grant income has increased in the year as we were awarded income from Cadent, National Lottery and Essex Community Foundation. These have enabled us to employ staff members, and look into offering different services in the hub.</p> <p>The Charity has been at the new premises for a two years now and therefore the community fridge has continued to thrive with an increase in income in the current year.</p> <p>Rent and utility costs are still an increasing problem for the Charity however we are fortunate to have been granted money to partially cover the rent by Essex County Council and Cadent. We hope these partnerships will continue into future years.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The Charity aims to hold £10,000 in available reserves in order to continue for the next financial year. Although the Charity does not like to hold money in reserves, this year the reserves have increased to hopefully expand the services of the hub in the coming period.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<p>The total reserves of the Charity is £85,212. The total unrestricted available reserves are £39,377 and the total restricted reserves are £45,835.</p>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>No uncertainties exist about the Charity continuing as a going concern.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	We have received funding from a number of sources including local government, businesses, other groups and societies and individuals (stated above)
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Like all charities we are looking for funding all the time, our biggest concern is these funding streams being harder to access but we are optimistic we can find a way to support those who need us; we are having to think more 'outside the box' to raise funds

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of two years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>

Reference and Administrative details

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Other name the charity uses	Locally known as 'The Hub' or 'Witham Community Hub'
Registered charity number	1188048
Charity's principal address	Unit 17, The Grove Centre, Witham, Essex, CM8 2YT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Tina Townsend	Chair		
2	Karen Bailey		Resigned 27/10/2024	
3	Ian Boorman	Facility Management		
4	Ian Cass	Independent Trustee	Resigned 09/08/2023	
5	Stuart Gulleford		Appointed 20/09/2023	
6	Sara Douch		Appointed 10/10/2024	
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Tina Townsend		Tenancy at Will on Property unit 31 st March 2022

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Tina Patricia Townsend	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	
Date	30.1.2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Witham Hub

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2023

To

31/03/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Appeals and donations (including Community Fridge)	61,711	-	-	61,711	51,445
Grants	5,000	106,125	-	111,125	11,325
Fundraising	699	-	-	699	210
Interest income	446	-	-	446	28
Meeting room rental	6,327	-	-	6,327	4,020
Other revenue	814	-	-	814	426
Consulting	3,000	-	-	3,000	-
Gift Aid	1,019	-	-	1,019	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	79,016	106,125	-	185,141	67,454
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	79,016	106,125	-	185,141	67,454
A3 Payments					
Food support	-	5,949	-	5,949	2,479
Rent	12,371	21,184	-	33,555	28,050
Rates & Water	3,716	-	-	3,716	3,669
Light, Heat & Power	20,134	-	-	20,134	1,904
Repairs and Maintenance	7,077	-	-	7,077	13,879
Telephone & Fax	1,482	-	-	1,482	825
Computer costs	1,293	-	-	1,293	12
Printing, postage and stationery	289	-	-	289	475
Subscriptions	5,998	-	-	5,998	2,294
Sundry expenses	238	-	-	238	571
COVID-19 costs	6	-	-	6	-
Legal and professional fees	35	-	-	35	35
Shop Equipment, consumables, arts & crafts	4,539	67	-	4,606	3,207
Waste Collection	1,155	-	-	1,155	1,145
Accountancy	360	-	-	360	1,170
Insurance	2,319	-	-	2,319	2,448
Bank fees	441	-	-	441	163
Entertainment	575	-	-	575	440
Staff training	526	-	-	526	943
Direct expenses	5,652	21	-	5,673	1,815
External Counsellors	869	-	-	869	-
Fundraising expenses	55	-	-	55	-
Advertising and marketing	42	-	-	42	-
Salaries and Pension costs	-	39,842	-	39,842	-
Travel expenses	174	-	-	174	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	69,346	67,063	-	136,409	65,524

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Accountancy fees 2023 & 2024	Unrestricted	2,613	
		-	
		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Tina Townsend</i>	Tina Townsend	30.1.2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
The Witham Hub

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2024

Charity no (if any)

1188048

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Nick Forsyth

Date:

30/01/2025

Name:

NICK FORSYTH

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

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THE WITHAM HUB

England & Wales - Charity number 1188048

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1st April 2022 **Period start date**
To: 31st March 2023 **Period end date**

Charity name: The Witham Hub

Charity registration number: 1188048

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To further or benefit the residents of Witham and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.</p> <p>To reduce food poverty and food waste and offer social inclusion to all.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Having now been in our new location for a year we have completed the decorating across all rooms with just the hall stairs and landing left to achieve.</p> <p>Due to the increase in the cost of living we are seeing a steady increase on the use of our services and we continue to operate the community fridge that offers both free and discounted food to those in need and reduces food waste going to landfill As reported in the last financial year the fridge continues to be very well supported by the local supermarkets both direct and via the Fareshare and Neighbourly scheme. Our team of amazing volunteers</p>

		<p>are dedicated to collecting 6 nights per week and 5 days. We are proud to have now collected over 100 tonnes of food which would have gone to landfill.</p> <p>We have also added a number of groups and workshops to suit those who find it difficult to connect with others, have disabilities or are lonely and our café sees a number of regular visitors who have created a friendship group which is growing weekly.</p> <p>During this financial year we have carried out over 20,000 interventions this brings our ongoing total to over 100,000 since the charity inception. This includes direct support and signposting; this has tailed off as more organisations are opening up since Covid however we are starting to see this trend slowly increasing again.</p> <p>This year the team were proud to be awarded The Most Socially Inclusive Organisation in the East of England, a wonderful surprise. We were also shortlisted as a Finalist in the Community Awards of The Essex Business Awards.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The facility is run completely by volunteers making them the heartbeat of the charity. The volunteers have given over 7,500 man hours of time to support the charity during continued hard times. They are a remarkable group of individuals who make a huge difference to the local community.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Our community fridge has saved over 100 tonnes of food from landfill during this financial year, helping many families in the process.</p> <p>Volunteers have completed over 7,500 man hours.</p> <p>We have completed over 100,000 interventions since the charity formed.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	We have settled in our new premises and are working hard to increase our group offerings and support the community.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>As predicted the funding pots are harder to find but we are still able to find money to move forward at present. We have an amazing community that supports the Hub.</p> <p>We are looking to reach out further to the business community.</p>

Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>The Charity has reported income in the year amounting to £67,454 (2022: £75,447).</p> <p>Grant income has reduced in the year, with less grants becoming available as the country continues to recover from the COVID pandemic, although appeals and donations have increased in the year.</p> <p>The Charity has been at the new premises for a full year now and therefore the community fridge has begun to generate more income and as we are now in a prime location, donations are more frequent and have been received from a few different sources in the year.</p> <p>By gaining a new premises last year, rent costs have been incurred in the year amounting to £28,050. This is an increased cost to the Charity but we are fortunate to have been granted money to partially cover the rent by Essex County Council. We hope this partnership will continue into future years.</p> <p>We have also continued to spend money this year on adapting the new premises to be fit for the Charity's purpose, with repairs and maintenance fees increasing from £12,646 in 2022 to £13,879 in 2023.</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>The Charity aims to hold £10,000 in available reserves in order to continue for the next financial year. We do not need to hold a large amount of reserves as we are donated a large amount of goods for the Community Hub, and we currently do not have any staff costs.</p>
<p>Amount of reserves held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>The total reserves of the Charity is £41,670. The total unrestricted reserves are £34,909 however £348 is designated towards defibrillator costs for the Community, therefore making available reserves £34,561.</p>
<p>Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern</p>	<p>Para 1.23</p>	<p>No uncertainties exist about the Charity continuing as a going concern.</p> <p>In the next financial year, the Charity has been awarded a lottery grant and has employed staff to cover the expansion of the Charity.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	We have received funding from a number of sources including local government, businesses, other groups and societies and individuals.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Like all charities we are looking for funding all the time, our biggest concern is these funding streams being harder to access but we are optimistic we can find a way to support those who need us; we are having to think more 'outside the box' to raise funds.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of two years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Witham Hub
Other name the charity uses	Locally known as 'The Hub' or 'Witham Community Hub'
Registered charity number	1188048
Charity's principal address	Unit 17, The Grove Centre, Witham, Essex, CM8 2YT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Tina Townsend	Chair		
2	Carolyn Hobbs	Vice Chair	Resigned 23/02/23	
3	Karen Bailey			
4	Ian Cass	Independent Trustee	Resigned 09/08/23	
5	Tracey MacDonald		Resigned 22/09/22	
6	Ian Boorman	Facility Management		
7	Stuart Gulleford		Appointed 20/09/23	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		


Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Tina Patricia Townsend	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	
Date	26.1.2024	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Legacies	-	-	-	-	2,000
Appeals and donations	50,845	600	-	51,445	40,628
Grants	-	11,325	-	11,325	31,468
Fundraising	210	-	-	210	302
Interest income	28	-	-	28	1
Meeting room rental	4,020	-	-	4,020	1,048
Other revenue	426	-	-	426	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	55,529	11,925	-	67,454	75,447
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	55,529	11,925	-	67,454	75,447
A3 Payments					
Food support	-	2,479	-	2,479	2,622
Rent	-	28,050	-	28,050	12,014
Rates & Water	3,669	-	-	3,669	136
Light, Heat & Power	1,904	-	-	1,904	2,121
Repairs and Maintenance	11,479	2,400	-	13,879	12,646
Telephone & Fax	825	-	-	825	480
Computer costs	12	-	-	12	49
Printing, postage and stationery	475	-	-	475	722
Subscriptions	2,294	-	-	2,294	1,160
Sundry expenses	571	-	-	571	511
COVID-19 costs	-	-	-	-	240
Legal and professional fees	35	-	-	35	2,520
Shop Equipment, consumables, arts & crafts	3,207	-	-	3,207	757
Waste Collection	1,145	-	-	1,145	519
Accountancy	1,170	-	-	1,170	1,662
Household fund expenditure	-	-	-	-	16,296
Insurance	2,448	-	-	2,448	2,493
Bank fees	163	-	-	163	6
Entertainment	440	-	-	440	-
Staff training	943	-	-	943	-
Direct expenses	1,545	270	-	1,815	1
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	32,325	33,199	-	65,524	56,955
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Fixtures and fittings	7,062	4,576	-	11,638	14,409
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	7,062	4,576	-	11,638	14,409
Total payments	39,387	37,775	-	77,162	71,364
Net of receipts/(payments)	16,142	- 25,850	-	- 9,708	4,083
A5 Transfers between funds	- 4,251	4,251	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	23,018	28,360	-	51,378	47,294
Cash funds this year end	34,909	6,761	-	41,670	51,377

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank accounts	34,882	6,761	-
	Polty Cash	27	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	34,909	6,761	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Rent Deposit	-	4,500	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Fixtures and fittings	Unrestricted	43,700	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Accountancy fees	Unrestricted	1,200	
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			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	TINA PATRICIA TOWNSEND	26.1.2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
The Witham Hub

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1188048

Set out on pages

1-2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

21/01/24

Name:

NICHOLAS FORSTH

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

FCA - ICAEW

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THE WITHAM HUB

England & Wales - Charity number 1188048

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1st April 2021 **Period start date**
To: 31st March 2022 **Period end date**

Charity name: The Witham Hub

Charity registration number: 1188048

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To further or benefit the residents of Witham and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.</p> <p>The Charity aims to reduce food poverty and food waste and offer social inclusion to all.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Our first year as a charity was very busy and with Coronavirus still dominant, our second year was just as busy. This meant we found ourselves growing so fast that we found our original unit too small for what we needed to offer.</p> <p>While we ceased our deliveries to those only with very vulnerable conditions or proven coronavirus tests, we found those visiting the unit increased considerably so the decision was taken to look for larger premises.</p> <p>In June 2021 we found a considerably bigger unit and started to negotiate the best</p>

		<p>lease possible while still operating to capacity. The lease was finally signed on 8th February 2022. After a 4 week refit we moved into the unit on 6th of March, opening to the public the next day with limited services. Our official opening was on 11th March 2022; attended by Rt. Hon Priti Patel MP and Simon Brice The High Sheriff of Essex.</p> <p>We continue to operate the community fridge that offers both free and discounted food to those in need and reduces food waste going to landfill.</p> <p>The fridge continues to be very well supported by the local supermarkets both direct and via the Fareshare and Neighbourly scheme. Our team of amazing volunteers are dedicated to collecting 6 nights per week and 5 days.</p> <p>In the first year of collecting we saved over 80 tonnes of food going to landfill; seeing a huge increase of over 50 tonnes of food saved from landfill during the year.</p> <p>Our food support scheme to help those who are struggling financially has since a huge increase in referrals.</p> <p>We have also added a number of group and workshops to suit those who find it difficult to connect with others, have disabilities or are lonely and our café sees a number of regular visitors who have created a friendship group which is growing weekly.</p> <p>During this financial year we have carried out over 85,000 interventions This includes direct support and signposting, an increase of 55,000 during this financial year.</p> <p>During the year our volunteers have been awarded a certificate of appreciation from The High Sheriff of Essex for the work carried out in the community supporting the town.</p>
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>	<p>Para 1.18</p>	<p>The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The facility is run completely by volunteers making them the heartbeat of the charity. The volunteers have given over 15,000 man hours of time to support the charity during continued hard times. They are a remarkable group of individuals who make a huge difference to the local community.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Our community fridge has saved over 50 tonnes of food from landfill during this financial year, helping many families in the process.</p> <p>Volunteers have completed over 15,000 man hours</p> <p>We have completed over 85,000 interventions since the charity formed</p> <p>We relocated the charity to a much larger premises after outgrowing our original premises; this has allowed a large increase in services.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	We have expanded hugely and have relocated to a much larger premises.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our fundraising activities have been severely hampered as the country comes out of the pandemic but we are now finding new ways to keep the limited supply of money coming in. As forecasted we have experienced a drop in funding due to limited funding pots being available but the moved has given us a more prominent position so we hope we can make up the shortfall

Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>The Charity has reported income in the year amounting to £75,447 (2021: £91,942).</p> <p>Grant income has reduced in the year, with less grants becoming available as the country continues to recover from the COVID pandemic although appeals and donations have increased in the year.</p> <p>Towards the end of the year, the Community Fridge location became too small for the Charity's needs and the Trustees decided to upgrade to a larger premises.</p> <p>By gaining a new premises, rent costs have been incurred in the year amounting to £12,014. This is a new cost to the Charity but we are fortunate to have been granted money to cover the rent by Essex County Council. We hope this partnership will continue into future years.</p> <p>We have also spent money this year on adapting the new premises to be fit for the Charity's purpose, with repairs and maintenance fees increasing from £5,052 in 2021 to £12,646 in 2022.</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>The Charity aims to hold £10,000 in available reserves in order to continue for the next financial year. We do not need to hold a large amount of reserves as we are donated a large amount of goods for the Community Hub, and we currently do not have any staff costs.</p>
<p>Amount of reserves held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>The total reserves of the Charity is £51,378. The total unrestricted reserves are £23,018 however £1,743 is designated towards defibrillator costs for the Community, therefore making available reserves £21,275.</p>
<p>Reasons for holding zero reserves</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Details of fund materially in deficit</p>	<p>Para 1.24</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern</p>	<p>Para 1.23</p>	<p>No uncertainties exist about the Charity continuing as a going concern.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	We have received funding from a number of sources including local government, businesses, other groups and societies and individuals
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Like all charities we are looking for funding all the time, our biggest concern is these funding streams being harder to access but we are optimistic we can find a way to support those who need us; we are having to think more 'outside the box' to raise funds

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of two years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Witham Hub
Other name the charity uses	Locally known as 'The Hub' or 'Witham Community Hub'
Registered charity number	1188048
Charity's principal address	Unit 17, The Grove Centre, Witham, Essex, CM8 2YT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Tina Townsend	Chair		
2	Carolyn Hobbs	Vice Chair		
3	Karen Bailey			
4	Ian Cass	Independent Trustee		
5	Tracey MacDonald			
6	Ian Boorman	Facility Management		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

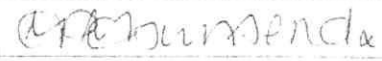
Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Tina Townsend		Tenancy at Will on Property unit 31st March 2022

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Tina Patricia Townsend	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	
Date	12 th January 2023	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Legacies	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000
Appeals and donations	40,628	-	-	40,628	29,189
Grants	400	31,068	-	31,468	59,658
Fundraising	302	-	-	302	1,094
	1	-	-	1	1
Interest income					
Meeting room rental	1,048	-	-	1,048	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	44,379	31,068	-	75,447	91,942
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	44,379	31,068	-	75,447	91,942
A3 Payments					
Food support	115	2,507	-	2,622	19,307
Rent	-	12,014	-	12,014	-
Water	136	-	-	136	267
Light, Heat & Power	2,121	-	-	2,121	209
Repairs and Maintenance	12,646	-	-	12,646	5,052
Telephone & Fax	480	-	-	480	116
Computer costs	49	-	-	49	147
Printing, postage and stationery	722	-	-	722	287
Subscriptions	1,160	-	-	1,160	126
Sundry expenses	511	-	-	511	521
COVID-19 costs	-	240	-	240	235
Legal and professional fees	2,520	-	-	2,520	228
DBS	-	-	-	-	500
Shop Equipment	757	-	-	757	-
Waste Collection	519	-	-	519	-
Accountancy	1,662	-	-	1,662	-
Household fund expenditure	-	16,296	-	16,296	-
Insurance	2,493	-	-	2,493	-
Bank fees	6	-	-	6	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	25,897	31,057	-	56,954	26,995
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Fixtures and fittings	11,049	3,360	-	14,409	17,653
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,049	3,360	-	14,409	17,653
Total payments	36,946	34,417	-	71,363	44,648
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,433	- 3,349	-	4,084	47,294
A5 Transfers between funds	- 1,358	1,358	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,943	30,351	-	47,294	-
Cash funds this year end	23,018	28,360	-	51,378	47,294

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds			
Bank accounts	23,018	28,360	-
Petty Cash	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	23,018	28,360	-

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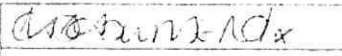
	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			
Rent Deposit	-	4,500	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			
Fixtures and fittings	Unrestricted	32,062	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			
Independent Examiner's Fees	Unrestricted	900	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Tina Townsend	12/1/2023



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of The Witham Hub

On accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 Charity no 1188048 (if any)

Set out on pages 1-2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act")

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply

Signed: Nick Forstth Date: 12 / 01 / 2023

Name: NICHOLAS FORSTTH FCA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Address: 3 WARNERS MILL
SILKS WAY,
BRAINTREE, ESSEX, CM7 3GB

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners)

THE WITHAM HUB

England & Wales - Charity number 1188048

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 19th February 2020
To: 31st March 2021

Charity name: The Witham Hub

Charity registration number: 1188048

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To further or benefit the residents of Witham and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.</p> <p>The Charity aims to reduce food poverty and food waste and offer social inclusion to all.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Our charity status was granted just over a month before the first Covid pandemic lockdown was announced. With the help of the volunteers we very quickly set up to offer a support service which included delivering free food weekly to over 550 homes, particularly to those who were vulnerable or elderly.</p> <p>We run a community fridge that offers both free and discounted food to those in need and reduces food waste going to landfill.</p> <p>The fridge is very well supported by the</p>

		<p>local supermarkets both directly and via the Fareshare and the Neighbourly schemes. Our team of amazing volunteers are dedicated to collecting 6 nights and 5 days per week. In the first year of collecting we saved over 30 tonnes of food going to landfill.</p> <p>We have developed a food support scheme to help those who are struggling financially, this initially started with two local schools but has since been extended to all local schools, nurseries and other partners such as the NHS, Provide, CVS groups and other similar partners.</p> <p>In addition to our community fridge we have set up a number of groups and workshops to suit those who find it difficult to connect with others, have disabilities or are lonely.</p> <p>We also run a small area where people can sit and chat with refreshments available at reduced prices.</p> <p>During this financial year we have carried out over 30,000 interventions. This includes direct support and signposting.</p>
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>	<p>Para 1.18</p>	<p>The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.</p>
<p>Contribution made by volunteers</p>	<p>Para 1.38</p>	<p>The facility is run completely by volunteers making them the heartbeat of the charity. The volunteers have given over 130,000 man hours of time to support the charity during one of the hardest times our country has faced since the war. They are a remarkable group of individuals who make a huge difference to the local community.</p>

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Our community fridge has saved over 30 tonnes of food from landfill, helping many families in the process.</p> <p>Volunteers have completed over 135,000 man hours.</p> <p>We have completed over 30,000 interventions since the charity formed.</p> <p>During the first lockdown we were delivering 550 food parcels to the elderly and vulnerable in the area.</p> <p>We completed a collection with the help of the haulage companies to assist a group making scrubs by setting up a 'daisy chain' to get the materials overnight from Herefordshire to Essex.</p> <p>We supported a new mum to get her breast milk to her baby in the neo natal ward when her family had symptoms, testing had not been developed and visits were not permitted. One of our fabulous volunteers did multiple daily collections and deliveries under strict Covid restrictions.</p> <p>We located, delivered and moved furniture within properties, from house to house, from county to county to help those who had services suspended due to covid.</p>
Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>We were a new charity and covid threw us, like every other charity, a huge curve ball. We had intended to develop a little slower but we literally had to hit the ground running.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Our fundraising activities have been severely hampered by the pandemic but we are now finding new ways to keep the limited supply of money coming in. We forecast a drop in funding moving into the next financial year due to limited funding pots being available.</p>

Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>The charity has had a good first year, generating income of £91,942.</p> <p>We have received grants amounting to £59,658 during the year, the majority coming from Braintree District Council, Essex County Council and Essex Association of local councils.</p> <p>During the financial year and the next year, we have not had to pay any rental costs, as the building has been provided to us free of charge. As we grow, we are looking to move into a larger premises, which will incur rental costs. We have managed to obtain funding for this future expense of £22,050 which is currently in restricted funds.</p> <p>We have also spent money this year on adapting the premises we are currently in, including purchasing tills, furniture, alarm systems, air conditioning and various other items. This expenditure will continue into the next financial year as we continue to grow as a Charity.</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>The Charity aims to hold £10,000 in available reserves in order to continue for the next financial year. We do not need to hold a large amount of reserves, as we are donated a large amount of goods for the Community Hub, and we currently do not have any staff or lease costs.</p>
<p>Amount of reserves held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>The total reserves of the Charity is £47,294. The total unrestricted reserves are £16,943 however £2,000 has been designated by the trustees to purchase a defibrillator for the community, therefore making available reserves £14,943.</p>
<p>Reasons for holding zero reserves</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Details of fund materially in deficit</p>	<p>Para 1.24</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern</p>	<p>Para 1.23</p>	<p>No uncertainties.</p>

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	We have received funding from a number of sources including local government, businesses, other groups and societies and individuals
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Like all charities we are looking for funding all the time, our biggest concern is these funding streams being harder to access but we are optimistic we can find a way to support those who need us

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of two years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Witham Hub
Other name the charity uses	Locally known as 'The Hub' or 'Witham Community Hub'
Registered charity number	1188048
Charity's principal address	Unit 17, The Newland Shopping Centre, Witham, Essex, CM8 2AP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Tina Townsend	Chair		
2	Carolyn Hobbs	Vice Chair		
3	Karen Bailey		08/02/2021	
4	Ian Cass	Independent Trustee	08/02/2021	
5	Tracey MacDonald		28/07/2020	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	Tenancy at Will on Property
Tina Townsend		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

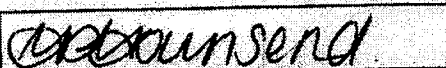
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	TINA PATRICIA TOWNSEND	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR OF TRUSTEES	
Date	21. JAN 2022	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

19/02/2020

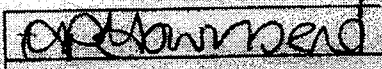
To

31/03/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Legacies	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Appeals and donations	28,469	720	-	29,189	-
Grants	10,000	49,658	-	59,658	-
Fundraising	1,094	-	-	1,094	-
Interest income	1	-	-	1	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	41,564	50,378	-	91,942	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	41,564	50,378	-	91,942	-
A3 Payments					
Food support	-	19,307	-	19,307	-
Water	267	-	-	267	-
Light, Heat & Power	209	-	-	209	-
Repairs and Maintenance	5,052	-	-	5,052	-
Telephone & Fax	116	-	-	116	-
Computer costs	147	-	-	147	-
Printing, postage and stationery	287	-	-	287	-
Subscriptions	126	-	-	126	-
Sundry expenses	521	-	-	521	-
COVID-19 costs	235	-	-	235	-
Legal and professional fees	228	-	-	228	-
DBS	500	-	-	500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	7,688	19,307	-	26,995	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Fixtures and fittings	17,653	-	-	17,653	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	17,653	-	-	17,653	-
Total payments	25,341	19,307	-	44,648	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	16,223	31,071	-	47,294	-
A5 Transfers between funds	720	- 720	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	16,943	30,351	-	47,294	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank accounts	16,731	30,351	-
	Petty Cash	212	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	16,943	30,351	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	-	-	-
	Fixtures and fittings	Unrestricted	17,653	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	-	-	-
	Lambert Chapman	Unrestricted	1,020	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		TINA TOWNSEND	21/1/22	

THE WITHAM HUB

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICY

These financial statements have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis.

2. NON-MONETARY RESOURCES

During the year, the Charity has received donations of goods from the general public and various supermarkets in respect of food to distribute to its beneficiaries.

The Charity has used these donations to provide food support to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic and children in schools where necessary.

The value of the donated goods and services to the community during the first lockdown was estimated to have been in the region of £10,000.

The value of the donated goods and services to school children during the period was estimated to have been in the region of £35,000.

Both of the amounts have not been reported in the receipts and payments accounts prepared.

The food donated has also been used for inclusion in the Community Fridge, however the items have not been valued as it would be impractical to do so given the volume of the donations in the first year.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
The Witham Hub

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1188048

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 /03 / 2021.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

24 / 1 / 2022

Name:

NICHOLAS FORSYTH

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Address:

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SILKS WAY

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