

Name of Trustees who manage the charity John Jones, Lel Mfazwe

Number of active volunteers 12 (Two of which are the Trustees named above)

Structure, governance, and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document – Constitution adopted March 2020

How the charity is constituted – CIO Charitable incorporated organisation.

Trustee selection method – Trustees are selected or reselected in a trustee member, in the period prior to the end of term.

Additional governance issues

Volunteer Membership of the charity is given to people from the public. The trustees appoint when it is agreed they are suitable candidates for the role(s). Appropriate checks are made such as CRB and referral and recommendations.

The charity supports anyone within the local area who is on an extremely low income. The trustees oversee the day to day running of the charity and the work carried out by its volunteers to ensure it is in accordance with the charity's governing document aims and objectives. The trustees seek the views of those we are supporting and have an established a working relationship with existing services in the town to help with deciding the activities and pathways to be run. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Objectives and activities

1. The prevention or relief of poverty for the public benefit in Thetford and the surrounding area, in particular but not exclusively by: a. providing homeless people, those at risk of homelessness, and those living in poverty with essentials such as food, hygiene items, clothing, furniture, sleeping equipment, haircuts and any other essential items they may need; b. providing support, advice and information to the homeless, those at risk of homelessness and those living in poverty; c. establishing effective working relationships with other charities and voluntary and statutory organisations established to help people who are homeless, vulnerably housed and living in poverty to better meet their needs and improve their conditions. d. promoting awareness of homelessness and poverty in Thetford and the surrounding area.

2. To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society. For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or part of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex,

race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender reassignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards; crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).

Summary

In planning our activities for the year ahead, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings. The main activities are as follows:

Working to support other charities, services, and community groups.

Continuing to work with authorities to establish a relationship to strengthen support. Working with innovation ideas to build strategic plans for the future of the town. Additional details of contributions We are grateful for the many hours that our volunteers have spent working on behalf of the charity. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.

<u>Chapter15 Accounts Overview</u>	
	Totals
Opening Balance	£12,356.07
Income	
Charity Income	£1,318.94
Annex-Provisions	£865.47
Total	£2,184.41
Outgoings	
Annex-Food	£1,795.88
Annex-Hire	£4,750.00
Charity Overheads	£3,435.82
Direct Support Gifts	£302.85
Annex-Clothes	£192.65
Charity Income	£10.00
Annex-Provisions	£1,006.52
Annex-Small Equip Purchases	£610.58
Camp-Provisions	£576.25
Total	£12,680.55
Final Balance	£1,859.93

Achievements and performances

Key Numbers for the charity and its guests.

Attendance: 2,282

Homeless: 365

Showers taken: 178

Washing of clothes: 201

Foods/ meals given: 1,895

Drinks given: 2,217

Clothes given: 133

The income was down this year to £2,184. This was due to lack of successful fund raising. Most of this income is from donations and we have to thank those who made such efforts and the in particular those who were volunteers or guests. Thank you.

Spending for the year was £12,680.

Most of this spending is on rent and the charity provisions and consumables needed week to week.

The charity remained in credit due to a healthy carry over from the previous year.

Trustee Changes

The founder of the charity and the pre-charity activities, Nadine Forde and her husband Andrew resigned at the end of the year and we are grateful for their relentless drive and energy to better the charity and continue its activities particularly in very difficult times.

John Jones has agreed to become Lead Trustee.

No new trustees are expected to join in the short term.

The charity has benefited by the commitment of Mike and Linda Griffin, who joined the team to coordinate all centre activities and administration duties. They bring a wealth of experience, and we hope to use this to the fullest extent.

Premises

The charity continues to rent the Riversdale Centre Annexe, which provides a good setting for our guests; in particular...

Privacy

Central Location

Quiet

Multifunctional facilities

Declaration

Produced and submitted on behalf of the charity, on 26th March 2026

John Jones, Lead Trustee