



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period**

**From:** 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 **Period start date**

**To:** 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 **Period end date**

**Charity name:** Gospel Oak Community Forum CIO

**Charity registration number:** 1188761

**Company number:** N/A

**Objectives and activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote social inclusion for the public benefit, primarily (but not exclusively) among people residing in the area of Hall Green Birmingham and surrounding areas known as gospel oak, 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 being a member of a socially and economically deprived community.
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>Over the first year for Gospel Oak Community Forum CIO there has been a continuous increase in grant funding and donations throughout the year. This has enabled us to adapt to the needs of the local community at the outbreak of the pandemic. The Gospel Oak Forum has supported local people's mental health and the wide-ranging effects of isolation and illness. We have been supporting families, we had not been in contact previously and extending our reach throughout Solihull and South Birmingham. With over 1000 wellbeing and activity packs delivered in 2020/21.</p> <p>Life skills classes have been held in person and on Zoom/Youtube.</p> <p>Gospel Oak Community Forum CIO has been working with our partner Crossover Enterprises Ltd to deliver</p>

		2021 Census support in the South Birmingham area.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Gospel Oak Community Forum CIO makes no grants.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Gospel Oak Community Forum CIO mission statement is to invest in our local community. All the Charity's activities are aimed at improving the life expectations and reducing isolation in the local area.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Gospel Oak Community Forum CIO governance is solely run by volunteers who show excellent commitment to achieving the objectives set out for the Charity.  Volunteers are active in delivering Wellbeing packs, life skills classes and online activities aimed at reducing isolation.
Other		

## **Achievements and performance**

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	The Covid 19 Pandemic meant that the Charity had to quickly change the delivery pattern from in person to online, via DVD and packs sent to participants. During the year Gospel Oak Forum main achievement has been to reduce isolation caused by the social distancing through our online resources and wellbeing packs delivered.
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## **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity had restricted reserves of £2987 at the end of the year. This is sufficient to meet our funded commitments. Other grants have been awarded which will enable the Charity to continue to serve our community.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The trustees do not have a reserves policy but have agreed that any monies left are carried forward to be used to help continue to involved the local community in the activities of Gospel Oak Community Forum CIO.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£2,987.19
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

## 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	The charity's principle source of funding has been grants awarded to the total of £7718.  Regular donations have been received from the public to the value of £484. The Forum also received funding to run three projects to involve the local community.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A

## Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document: for example, trust deed, memorandum and articles of association etc	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? for example limited company, 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	Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed (for a term of 1 year) by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	For induction of new trustees: These are given required guidance information from charity commission website for being a trustee. Also given and made aware of Gospel Oak Community Forum CIO's constitution and policies.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Gospel Oak Community Forum CIO's registered Office is  St Michael's Church 17 Redstone Farm Rd Hall Green Birmingham B28 9NU
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Gospel Oak Community Forum CIO works with our partners including: Diamonds Community Learning Project CIC, The PCC of St Michael's Church Hall Green, The Oak (Hall Green) CIC, DRC

		Support Services Ltd and Lakey Lane Preschool
Other		

### Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Gospel Oak Community Forum CIO
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1188761
Charity's principal address	St Michael's Church 17 Redstone Farm Rd Birmingham B28 9NU

### 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	Ian Crockford	Chair of Trustees		
2	Julie Hughes	Trustee		
3	Judith Clarke	Trustee	10 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	
4	Ann Holloway	Trustee	20 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	
5	Janet Herbert	Trustee	24 <sup>th</sup> November 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

#### 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	

#### Additional information (optional)

##### Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)**

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

**The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.**

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.**

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors**

**Signature(s)**

I. Crockford	
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**Full name(s)**

Ian David Crockford	
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**Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Chair of Trustees

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**Date**

14<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Gospel Oak Community Forum CIO**

**Annual Accounts**

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

Charity Number 1188761

## Registered Office:

St Michael's Church 17 Redstone Farm Rd, Birmingham,  
B28 9NU

Gospel Oak Community Forum CIO  
Charity Number 1188761

17 Redstone Farm Rd Hall Green, Birmingham, B28 9NU  
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GROUNDWORK UK GWUK	£3,573		
Heart of England Solihull	£2,500		
Soil Association	£145.00		
E E Lawley Foundation	£1,500		
PCC St Michael's Hall Green Covid	£336.52		
Donations	£484.75		
Crossover619 Ltd	£1,600		
Diamonds CLP CIC	£665.00		
Resources Covid Support			£1,345.00
Census Support Advisors			£1,600.00
Room Hire			£320.00
Money Advice Advisors			£200.00
Franking Post			£177.01

Home Salad Packs			£60.00
Marketing			£134.50
Specialist Support			£480.00
Advert Target Newsletter			£80.00
Transport			£300.00
Website			£50.00
Lockdown Keeping in Touch Letters			£39.91
Volunteer Expenses			£130.00
wellbeing Facilitator			£280.00
Wellbeing Resources			£200.00
Administration Costs			£20.67
wellbeing packs			£375.00
Project Management			£1549.99
Transport			£475.00
Totals	£10,804.27		£7,817.08
Balance 1st April 2020			£181.92
Balance 31st March 2021			£2,987.19
Income Including Carried over			£10,804.27
Expenditure			£7,817.08
Income over expenditure			<b>£2,805.27</b>

### Auditors Report

The accounts were checked by the PCC of St Michael's Church Hall Green as the sponsoring body and approved.

**Ann Holloway    Judy Clark**

Ann Holloway and Judith Clarke Church Wardens 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Accounts agreed by the Trustee's at the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and signed by

Name.....Ian Crockford.....

Position ..... Chair .....

*I. Crockford*

Signed.....

Date.....14<sup>th</sup> April 2021.....