

Stockport



Pride 2024



Annual Report



Introduction

Stockport Pride has continued its work to increase the profile of the LGBTQ+ community while promoting equality, diversity and inclusion locally. This has been done by organising and involvement in a number of activities and liaising with numerous partners.

This report refers to the period from November 2023 to October 2024.



Structure and Governance

Stockport Pride operates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under its constitution, as registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales on 31st March 2020 - with the Charity Number 1188841. The Registered Address of Stockport Pride is 23 High Street, Stockport, SK1 1EG.

The Trustees who were in post during the reporting period were elected at the Stockport Pride Annual General Meeting on 19th November 2023 by the Trustees and other members of the charity. During this period, one Trustee resigned and another member was appointed to become a Trustee.

At the start of the reporting period, Stockport Pride had three Trustees - Ashley Walker, Daniel Ekwebelem and Stephen Bowyer. Ashley Walker resigned from his role of Trustee on 9th June 2024, and Aaron Holmes-Doyle was appointed in his place on 25th August 2024.

The membership of the charity is made up of individuals who have been elected at an Annual General Meeting or appointed at an intervening meeting by the Trustees and other members of the charity.

Trustees and members of Stockport Pride are elected or appointed, and the meetings are held, in accordance with the charity's Constitution.

Activities

Aside from our large one-day festival, we have been involved in a number of other activities throughout the year.

LGBT+ History Month 2024

February sees the annual LGBT+ History Month across the UK, which is an opportunity to highlight stories from within the LGBTQ+ community.



Throughout the month, Stockport Pride delivered a campaign across the town and online called the Stockport LGBT+ History Month Trail. Central to this effort were visually engaging posters that celebrated influential figures from the LGBTQ+ community. The posters not only highlighted their accomplishments but also shared stories about their backgrounds, struggles, and legacies.

This initiative aimed to educate the public, inspire reflection, and foster pride within the local LGBTQ+ community by showcasing the diverse contributions of these trailblazers to society and culture.

Transgender Day of Visibility 2024

Falling on the last day of March, Transgender Day of Visibility is an international event celebrating and raising the trans community.

Stockport Pride ran an event of music and reflection in the town centre. The Celebrating Trans Joy evening offered a alcohol-free space to appreciate and give thanks to the trans community.

Stockport Pride 2024

The latest one-day Stockport Pride festival took place on Sunday 2nd June 2024, in Stockport Market Place.

Throughout the day there was entertainment from fourteen local and national performers, including headliners Kitty Scott-Claus from RuPaul's Drag Race UK and Rowetta from Happy Mondays. The stage was compered by The Vegan Queens. One of the new additions to the performances on stage this year was NK Theatre Arts, who performed an extract from their upcoming production of Everybody's Talking About Jamie.

Actor Nathaniel J Hall from It's a Sin talked to the crowd about his experiences of living with HIV. Jay Crawford from Sparkle spoke on stage about the importance of support for the trans community at a time when there has been increasing anti-trans rhetoric in the media.

Sixty-five stallholders throughout Stockport Market Place included local community groups, charities, food and drinks vendors, makers and other organisations.



These stalls helped to connect LGBTQ+ people with local services, and helped to promote good health and wellbeing within the community.

Proud 2b Parents hosted the Family Space, for those attending with young children. The Proud Trust hosted a Youth Space, to provide teenagers with activities relevant to them. A Quiet Space was also provided for those who may have felt overwhelmed by the crowds in Stockport Market Place during the festival.

The Stockport Pride 2024 Parade marched through the town centre, starting on the Underbanks, through Merseyway, past RedRock and up to Stockport Market Place. The hundreds of people who participated in the parade helped raise the visibility of the local LGBTQ+ community. A number of those taking part in the parade carried placards designed by Lazypins especially for Stockport Pride.

Everything went smoothly thanks to the work of twenty-nine volunteers on the day and seven committee members who worked all year to organise the day.

Conferences

During the reporting period, Stockport Pride attended three conferences in-person and participated in another two online.

The UK Pride Organisers Network is a great opportunity to network with other Pride organisers and LGBTQ+ activists - sharing contacts, ideas and best practice. We sent two delegates to their conference in Liverpool in November 2023, hosted by Liverpool City Region Pride. While in October 2024, we sent a delegate to their conference in Reading, hosted by Reading Pride.



Workshops we attended at the UK Pride Organisers Network conferences included Diversifying Funding, Creative Funding Models, QTPOC Representation and Local Initiatives, Trans Inclusion in Pride, Police relationships & Working, Creating Safe Spaces and Co-Production in Communities.

We attended the first Greater Manchester LGBTQ+ Sector Engagement Half Day Conference where we found out about some of the initiatives going on locally.

While we weren't able to attend the European Pride Organisers Network conference in Portugal or the InterPride conference in Columbia, we did participate online - such as voting for the EuroPride 2027 host and attending some talks.



Local Sport

We have been liaising with Stockport County Football Club about how they can make football games more friendly and welcoming for LGBTQ+ people.

Along with a number of other local organisations, we attended meetings with the Stockport County Community Trust to discuss potential strategies to improve inclusivity.

We also attended a few football matches, which included the unveiling of an Intersex Pride Progress Flag that remains flying at Edgeley Park.

Stockport County Football Club have participated in campaigns such as Stonewall's Rainbow Laces, and have committed to further work to improve equality, diversity and inclusion for LGBTQ+ people at their football games.



Financial Report

Stockport Pride's accounts cover the period 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024.

The accounts have been calculated on a cash basis, and figures stated below have been rounded to the nearest pound.

Funds last year end	£	5,596		
Receipts				
Advertising	£	140		
Conference Travel Refunds	£	109	Grants	£ 11,636
Donations	£	782	Sponsorships	£ 10,250
Event Delivery Partners	£	266	Stall Fees	£ 2,480
Total Receipts	£	25,662		
Expenditure				
Accessibility	£	900	Merchandise	£ 767
Advertising	£	400	Payment Processing	£ 4
Banners	£	852	Performers	£ 5,138
Cleaners	£	657	Photography	£ 483
Conferences	£	592	Publicity	£ 776
Contractors	£	1,200	Raffle	£ 52
Equipment	£	247	Refreshments	£ 311
Equipment Hire	£	4,851	Security	£ 1,928
Event Delivery Partners	£	500	Stall Fees Refunded	£ 141
First Aid	£	950	Stationary	£ 53
Insurance	£	684	Telephone	£ 90
Licensing	£	221	Venue Hire	£ 4,225
Memberships	£	44	Website & Email	£ 208
Total Expenditure	£	26,272		
Funds this year end	£	4,986		

In the reporting period we have attended two UK Pride Organisers Network conferences (in October 2023 and November 2024) and two year's fees were paid for the hire of Stockport Market Place (relating to Stockport Pride 2023 and 2024).

Payments were received from People Like Us Stockport (Stockport LGBT+ PLUS) and Stockport LGBT+ Centre CIC (Stockport Forward LGBT+) for a joint LGBTQ+ Halloween Party that was held at the end of the previous reporting period. The two organisations also held stalls at Stockport Pride 2024, for which payment was received.



During the reporting period we received £137.36 from Stockport LGBT+ Centre CIC (Stockport Forward LGBT+) and £183.36 from People Like Us Stockport (Stockport LGBT+ PLUS). Some Stockport Pride Trustees have connections to these two organisations, which was dealt with in accordance with the charity's Conflict of Interest Policy.

Advertising

To help promote Stockport Pride 2024 we had a full-page advert in the Stockport Post Newspapers. All other event publicity was organic on social media and through printed posters and flyers. A printed programme was produced for Stockport Pride 2024, which included information about the festival and adverts from sponsors and advertisers.

Sponsorship

We had a lot of interest in sponsorship of Stockport Pride 2024 from both old and new contacts. In a change from the previous year, the various tiers of packages we offer were restructured to simplify the processes involved in obtaining and managing relationships with sponsors. We are very grateful for the support we received from Creative Support, Sky, Totally Stockport, BASF, Stockport Homes Group, Adoption Counts, Wickes and Vernon Building Society - totalling £10,250 received during the reporting period.

Grants

We were successful in applying for grant funding from The National Lottery and SKyLight. We were also awarded an unrestricted grant from PayPal. Throughout this period we raised a total of £11,635.50 through grants.



Stallholders Fees

Sixty-five stallholders on the day of Stockport Pride 2024 included charities, community groups, makers, and food and drink sellers. The fees charged for each of the stalls raised a total of £2,324, which went towards the general event costs.

Donations and Raffle Sales

On the day of Stockport Pride 2024 we held a raffle, which included prizes that were donated by a number of local organisations. Members of the public were invited to buy raffle tickets and donate money in cash using donation buckets and by card using handheld electronic payment terminals. One of our stallholders, New York New York, made a generous donation of £290 shortly after Stockport Pride 2024. Throughout the year, a number of donations have been received online through a link to PayPal on our website, and through the PayPal Giving Fund.

A total of £781.90 was raised by raffle ticket sales and donations combined across the reporting period.

Future Plans

The committee have had initial discussions on plans for Stockport Pride 2025, which will return to Stockport Market Place on Sunday the first of June.

We aim to continue providing a voice for the local LGBTQ+ community, and to ensure their voices are heard and represented at Stockport Pride events.

We will be continuing to look at what other events and projects we could plan to promote equality, diversity and inclusion within the LGBTQ+ community.

And a high priority when we are planning events is to ensure they are accessible to as many people as possible, and that it is run with sustainability in mind.

"It was great to see so many people attending the event and there was a very friendly atmosphere"

"As always very welcoming"

"Brilliant atmosphere. Very well organised"

Photographs used in this report are from Stockport Pride 2024 and have been provided by Pride Pics and Saz Media.







CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Stockport Pride

No (if any)
118841

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Nov-23		31-Oct-24

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					
Advertising	140	-	-	140	140
Conferences (Travel Cost Refunds)	109	-	-	109	-
Donations	782	-	-	782	1,249
Event Delivery Partners	266	-	-	266	240
Grants	73	11,563	-	11,636	3,977
Refunds (Banners)	-	-	-	-	175
Refunds (Prizes)	-	-	-	-	20
Sponsorships	10,250	-	-	10,250	11,550
Stall Fees	2,480	-	-	2,480	1,980
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,099	11,563	-	25,662	19,331
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,099	11,563	-	25,662	19,331
A3 Payments					
Accessibility	-	900	-	900	889
Advertising	400	-	-	400	28
Banners	852	-	-	852	1,181
Cleaners	-	657	-	657	1,343
Consumables	-	-	-	-	5
Conferences	592	-	-	592	750
Contractors	-	1,200	-	1,200	286
Decorations	-	-	-	-	102
Donations	-	-	-	-	521
Equipment	247	-	-	247	137
Equipment Hire	4,165	686	-	4,851	3,171
Event Delivery Partners	150	350	-	500	500
First Aid	17	933	-	950	275
Flags	-	-	-	-	180
Insurance	684	-	-	684	1,228
Licensing	221	-	-	221	21
Memberships	44	-	-	44	44
Merchandise	163	604	-	767	504
Payment Processing	4	-	-	4	4
Performers	308	4,830	-	5,138	3,890
Photography	45	438	-	483	438
Prizes	-	-	-	-	50
Publicity	464	312	-	776	645
Raffle	52	-	-	52	52
Refreshments	311	-	-	311	227
Security	1,928	-	-	1,928	1,419
Stall Fees Refunded	141	-	-	141	-
Stationary	53	-	-	53	261
Telephone	90	-	-	90	-
Travel Expenses	-	-	-	-	39
Venue Hire	2,199	2,026	-	4,225	1,730
Website & Email	208	-	-	208	159
Sub total	13,336	12,936	-	26,272	20,077
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,336	12,936	-	26,272	20,077
Net of receipts/(payments)	763	- 1,373	-	- 610	- 746
A5 Transfers between funds	483	- 483	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,740	1,856	-	5,596	-
Cash funds this year end	4,986	-	-	4,986	- 746

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 Account	4,986	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,986	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Income invoiced but not yet received	1,280	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Anna Hares-Dogel	6/4/25
			STEPHEN BOWYER	6/4/25

Independent examiner's report on the account

Report to the trustees/directors/ members of Stockport Pride

On accounts for the year ended: 31st October 2024

Charity no : 1188841

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended **31st October 2024**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

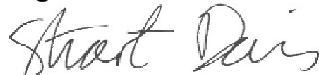
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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: 10th February 2025

Name: Stuart Davis, FCMA

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