

Charity Number: 1189539

HELP FOR HOMELESS

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Help for Homeless

Annual Report of the Trustees for the Period ended 30th September 2023

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Registration Number	1189539
Trustees	Peter White Iona White Alisdair Harris Emma Bleaney
Independent Examiners	Charlton Baker (Trowbridge) Limited 33 Duke Street, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8EA
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Trustees' Annual Report

Help for Homeless is required by the Charity Commission to produce an Annual Report for consideration and approval by the Trustees. This report was approved by the Trustees on 23th July 2024.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity are:

for the public benefit, the relief of poverty by providing assistance to people in need in the South West of England who are victims of homelessness.

The trustees have considered the Charities Commission's guidance on public benefit.

To deliver the objects, the charity provides support to street homeless persons by providing hot food and food parcels, clothing, bedding and tents distributed at regular meeting points on the street of towns in the South West of England.

The charity relies on a loyal and expanding volunteer base to carry out its activities. It receives donations of food and clothing and other essentials. The volunteers help to collect, process and distribute these donations.

The HQ based team of volunteers are responsible for processing the donations of clothes, sorting and packing for storage those clothes suitable for distribution on the street. Those that are not suitable are sold through various platforms to raise funds for the charity. The van is then kept stocked with clothing sorted into crates for each item.

The Kitchen Team are responsible for receiving, sorting and storing food donations. They cook and prepare a hot meal (main and pudding) and a food parcel 4 times per week.

The van is loaded and taken to the street meeting point by the volunteer driver who meets the Street Team who distribute the food, clothing and other essentials.

Achievements and Performance

Throughout the period the Charity has continued to grow its activities. By September 2022 the Charity was still providing its services in Bristol, Bath, Yeovil and Taunton.

Help for Homeless are now providing clothing, bedding, hot meals and food parcels in; Bristol monthly to circa 50 people, Bath weekly to circa 30 people, Yeovil weekly to circa 25 people and Taunton weekly to circa 25 people.

By September 2023 the charity had a volunteer base of circa 60, helping with clothes and food donations, cooking and preparing food, driving and distributing on the street. Regular donations of food and clothing have become the norm from a number of local individuals and businesses including farm shops, bakers, and wholesale food outlets. At Christmas 41 surplus turkeys were donated by The Newt in Somerset which are all prepared and cooked and the meat frozen for use in future meals. Significant food donation were also received during this period from Mr Organic and The Country Food Trust.

During the period the charity raised the funds from a number of fund raising initiatives including; a Garden Open event at Bush Farm attractive circa 150 people, Downside School 'sleep out' and a Boxing Day Meet catering event.

The bespoke commercial kitchen developed in 2022 has been a significant development for the charity and has enabled the efficient maintenance of food safety standards as well as allowing volunteers more freedom to come and go. The Charity uses the kitchen for its own needs for just 3.5 days of the week and at the beginning of Sept 23 it secured a tenant for the remaining 3.5 days of the week by letting the surplus space to Teals for use as a production kitchen and in so doing sharing the costs of rent and electricity.

The charity now also offers those who have managed to secure accommodation help with furnishing and essentials. Accommodation will be entirely unfurnished. Through donations of furniture, electrical items and kitchen essentials help for Homeless can furnish a flat with what's needed to get people started. Through its local network of Social Workers help for Homeless furnished 14 flats or other accommodation during the period.

In Feb 2023 Iona White was awarded the Somerset Chairs Award for Services to the Community 2022

Financial Review

The financial position of the Charity for the period is shown in the financial statements.

During the period the Charity received unrestricted income through donations and fund raising activities of £51,433 up from £45,935 in the previous year.

Expenditure for the period similar to last year at £25,645, of which £7,089 was spent on food and £1,512 on clothing. After other costs there was a surplus for the period of £19,330.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was established in May 2020 with registration with the Charities Commission. It is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by the trustees under the terms of its Constitution of a CIO last amended on 25th September 2019.

The charity has 4 trustees. It may recruit one more trustee and will do so under the provisions of Clause 9 of the Constitution.

Independent Examination

The Charity's accounts, which are maintained by Frome Accountancy Bureau, are subject to independent scrutiny by Charlton Baker Ltd of Trowbridge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. S.', is written over a large, light grey 'DRAFT' watermark.

On behalf of Help For Homeless

23rd July 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF**HELP FOR HOMELESS**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Help for Homeless for the year ended 30 September 2023.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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.



Charlton Baker

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29th July 2024

HELP FOR HOMELESS**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

	Year ended		Period ended	
	30 September 2023		30 September 2022	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations	48,538	-	31,012	22,350
Fund Raising	2,895	-	14,923	-
	51,433	-	45,935	22,350
EXPENDITURE				
Catering Costs	7,089	-	5,405	-
Cleaning	800	-	1,271	-
Clothing/Tents Purchases	1,512	-	4,140	-
Merchandise Purchases	-	-	3,031	-
Advertising and Fundraising	161	-	2,775	-
Rent	5,250	-	-	-
Insurance	2,477	-	400	-
Heat, Light and Power	4,344	-	944	-
Motor and Travel Expenses	-	5,420	6,297	-
Repairs and Maintenance	1,781	-	21	-
Bank Charges	108	-	57	-
Print, Postage and Stationery	256	-	226	-
IT Software and Consumables	955	-	-	-
Independent Examination	660	-	600	-
Subscriptions	252	-	365	-
Training	-	-	500	-
General Expenses	-	-	134	-
	25,645	5,420	16,859	-
Asset Purchases				
Catering Equipment	2,298	-	-	-
Office Equipment	-	-	630	-
Kitchen	4,017	-	20,110	22,350
Street Van	-	-	-	45,160
	6,315	-	20,740	67,510
Net Income/(Expenditure)	19,330	(5,420)	(971)	(45,160)
Balance Brought Forward	16,492	7,340	17,463	52,500
Balance Carried Forward	35,822	1,920	16,492	7,340

HELP FOR HOMELESS**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

	30 September 2023		30 September 2022	
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
ASSETS	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Catering Equipment	7,553	-	5,255	-
Office Equipment	630	-	630	-
Kitchen	25,832	22,350	20,110	22,350
Street Van	-	45,160	-	45,160
Cash at Bank	34,263	1,920	16,492	7,340
	<u>68,278</u>	<u>69,430</u>	<u>42,487</u>	<u>74,850</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accruals	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>68,278</u>	<u>69,430</u>	<u>42,487</u>	<u>74,850</u>
FUNDS	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	68,178	-	42,487	-
Restricted Funds	-	69,430	-	74,850
	<u>68,278</u>	<u>69,430</u>	<u>42,487</u>	<u>74,850</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



P White

2024

The notes on page 6 form part of these accounts.

HELP FOR HOMELESS**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Basis of Preparation**

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

Receipts

Receipts for the general purposes of the Charity are credited to unrestricted funds. Receipts subject to specific wishes of the donors are carried to relevant restricted funds.

Restricted Funds

The restricted fund Van Appeal are donations restricted for the purpose of purchasing a van and fitting it out to provide hot food. The restricted fund Kitchen Appeal are donations restricted for the purpose of fitting out a kitchen to prepare food.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

No Trustee received any remuneration or expenses.

3. FUND RAISING

A Garden Party took place during the year to raise funds. A fund raising raffle took place in September and October 2023.

4. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Year ended 30 September 2023		Year ended 30 September 2022	
	Kitchen Appeal	Van Appeal	Kitchen Appeal	Van Appeal
	£	£	£	£
Funds Brought Forward	-	7,340	-	52,500
Incoming Resources	-	-	22,350	-
Resources Expended	-	(5,420)	(22,350)	(45,160)
Funds Carried Forward	-	1,920	-	7,340
Analysis of Net Assets by Fund	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	22,350	45,160	22,350	22,350
Cash at Bank	-	1,920	-	7,340
	22,350	47,080	-	52,500