

ROUTE2FREEDOM

Charity number 1079252

Report of the Trustees, the accounts and the independent examiner's report for the period 29th June 2020 to 1st November 2021 for **Route2Freedom**

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FOR THE PERIOD 29 JUNE 2020 to 1 NOVEMBER 2021

(CHARITY INFORMATION, as at 26th August 2022)

Charity name and number

Route2Freedom, 1190159

Trustees

Mark Crawley (Appointed 29/06/2020) (Chair)

Stephen Fenning (Appointed 29/06/2020)

Christopher Bedford (Appointed 29/06/2020)

Christopher Hewson (Appointed 29/06/2020)

Employees

Nathan Denniston

Liam Rutter

Governing Document

CIO registered 29 June 2020

Principal Address

80 Seaton Road

Felixstowe

IP11 9BP

Independent examiner

Mr Peter Matthews CPFA, MCMI; Chartered Public Finance Accountant (retired)

Capel St. Mary

Suffolk

The objects of the CIO are:

1. To advance the Christian faith for the public benefit in Suffolk and the rest of the UK in accordance with the statement of beliefs and practices appearing in the Schedule of the CIO.

2. To relieve financial hardship and relieve the charitable needs of people in Suffolk and the rest of the UK, in particular those experiencing addiction, homelessness and financial hardship, in particular but not exclusively by:

(a) providing grants, items, services to individuals in financial hardship, and advice and information on housing and welfare benefits.

(b) providing advice and information directed to the preservation and protection of good physical and mental health.

Structure, Management and Governance Arrangements:

The structure of the trust and the trustees who held office in the year and up to the date of this report are listed in the charity information on page

The powers of appointment or removal of a trustee rests with the existing trustees.

The Trustees met monthly to discuss the business of the CIO.

Nathan Denniston worked for the CIO in a self-employed capacity from the CIO's inception and was employed in April 2022. Liam Rutter worked for the CIO in a self-employed capacity from 1 July 2021 and was also employed in April 2022.

During this period there were 5 Trustees (Colin Howe's term of office ending in June 2022). The Trustees' main duty is to ensure that the income and property is applied for the purposes set out in the Scheme. At their meetings, they also consider employer responsibilities, health and safety matters, insurance, the current position of named clients and the overall position of the finances.

Relationships

Route2Freedom have strong ties with a number of local Churches, namely Hope Church, Ipswich (1137936), Burlington Baptist Church, Ipswich (1126207), Ipswich International Church, Ipswich, Greenfinch Church, Ipswich (1079252), The Forge Community Church, Debenham (1101080).

The CIO also liaises on an ad hoc basis with a number of other charities in the Ipswich and Suffolk area, particularly regarding addiction help and emergency housing.

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The Charity exists to help those who are caught in addiction and problems associated with addiction. Particularly it helps those with alcohol and drug abuse problems. It operates primarily in Ipswich, Suffolk and would look to walk alongside clients, to get to know them and point them in the right direction to help with the addiction. This may be towards recovery programmes, local churches, other agencies, all a one to one basis.

Outreach

Since to the incorporation as a CIO we have had 2 outreach workers active on the streets of Ipswich, each working 10 hours a week. They interact, with regular clients, getting to know them, their stories and their current circumstances. Typically, clients have drug related and / or alcohol issues. Often there are housing issues associated too. In getting to know the clients better the Outreach Workers will signpost them towards avenues of help and will endeavour to link each person with a local Church, who can come alongside and provide practical as well as spiritual support.

The Covid pandemic starting in March 2020 made the provision of services much more difficult. The Outreach Workers continued though, very often interacting through various social media channels.

Through this process we have been able to find rehabilitation places for 3 clients (only one remains in rehab), have been able to help others with learning skills, finding accommodation, help with alcohol and drug problems and seen several undertake an Alpha Course (an exploration of the Christian faith).

Policies

The Trustees worked diligently during this time to ensure all relevant policies were written, in place and reviewed.

Trustees

All 5 Trustees were appointed officially on 29 June 2020 with fixed terms ranging from 2 years to 4 years. Colin Howe's term ended in June 2022 at which point he stepped down due to health and time pressures.

Interaction with donors

The CIO has strong personal ties with many of the individual and Church donors (each Trustee and Outreach Worker is strongly involved with one of the major supporting Churches). As well as this the CIO produce a monthly new and prayer sheet, updating supporters with information about individuals that are being helped, as well as ongoing future plans.

Finances

The cost involved in running Route2Freedom is largely met by a number of Churches who give a regular monthly donation, as well as a number of individual, regular donors. Originally 5 local churches contributed to the CIO (see

relationships section) and these have been augmented in March 2021 by 2 other churches (Capel Community Church (1162194) and Ashcroft Church).

THE CIO has also received one off donations from various individuals.

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Due to the commitment of all these people and organisations the finances of the CIP held up very well through the Covid-19 pandemic.

Reserves policy

The minimum level of reserves set by the Trustees is £3000 (the equivalent of 2 months of essential running and employment costs) and will be reviewed annually.

Plans for 2022

As we continue to come out of the Covid-19 pandemic we plan to engage with more individuals. It would be our longer term intention to employ a female Outreach Worker. We are also in the early stages of a partnership looking into the possibility of securing a property to be able to provide a rehabilitation facility in the Ipswich area.

We plan too to increase our donor base, targeting churches in the area as well as individual donors.

Public Benefit Statement

When planning the CIO's activities for the year, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefits. The Trustees consider that the work undertaken is of direct benefit not only to clients, but also to the wider Ipswich community.

The Trustees are therefore happy that the CIO demonstrates a good delivery of public benefit.

Independent Examiner

The Trustees appointed Peter Matthews to independently examine the financial books of the CIO.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

C. Bedford

26th August 2022

**Independent Examiner's
Report**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 396 of

the Companies Act 2006: or

2. The financial statements do not accord with those records: or

3. The financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396

of the 2006 Act 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 (cont. on next page)

4. The financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and

principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities

applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

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

financial statements to be reached.

Peter G Matthews CPFA, MCIM, Chartered Public Finance Accountant
(retired)

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ROUTE2FREEDOM - CHARITABLE

INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION NO: 1190159

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 29 JUNE 2020 TO 31 OCTOBER 2021

<u>RECEIPTS:</u>	£.p
Church giving	9,476.00
Individual giving	5,150.50
Total Receipts	<u>£14,626.50</u>

<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Contract wages	8,680.00
Contract expenses	1,600.00
Insurance	475.30
Web-site development	350.00
Web-site domain name	13.89
Training	500.00
Laptop	307.99
Inspire Counselling	90.00
Total Payments	<u>£12,017.18</u>

Excess of Receipts over	
Payments for year	<u>£2,609.32</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2021

Current Assets - Cash at Bank	<u>£3,695.98</u>
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Represented by:

General Fund - Opening Balance	1,086.66
Surplus for Period	2,609.32
	<u>£3,695.98</u>

