

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1192543

FOCUS4HOPE

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**



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Legal and Administrative Information

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name	Focus4Hope
Charity registration number	1192543
Registered office and operational address	12 Huddersfield Road Brighouse West Yorkshire HD6 1JZ
Trustees	Margaret Cameron (Appointed 8 July 2024) Sarah Helliwell (Appointed 16 January 2024) Dave Kitson Peter Cawdron Lidia Shinwell (Chair) Daniel Thompson Laura Carr
Chief Executive	Louise Reed
Bankers	HSBC Unit 11-12 Kingsgate Shopping Centre King Street Huddersfield HD1 2QB
Independent examiners	Sleigh & Story Ltd Thornhill Brigg Mills Thornhill Beck Lane Brighouse HD6 4AH

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Annual Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

Trustees are recruited by invitation from people that have become known to the CIO through its activities and have shown that they possess the interest and skills required to make a contribution to the fulfilment of the CIO objectives.

New trustees receive copies of the CIO trust deeds and past years' accounts, to understand the ethos and objectives of the CIO.

Induction is generally carried out by The Chair and CEO.

Trustees appointed during the year were:

Sarah Helliwell

Risk Management

Trustees continue to adopt the Risk Assessment and Management. Statement previously drawn up which identifies the risk areas, their potential impact and appropriate control procedures. Internal controls were maintained to ensure the effective management and monitoring of the charity's operation.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that due regard has been paid to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of Focus4Hope are to provide the relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, through:

- the provision of a social supermarket and crisis food parcels
- providing items, such as clothes and hygiene products, home starter kits
- providing advice, guidance, education and signposting on housing, employment and healthcare.

Another of Focus4Hope's core aims is to support the lonely and vulnerable through a variety of social events including:

- coffee mornings
- reminiscent cinema
- day trips
- drop-ins

Our Crisis Support Workers offer further support in a variety of ways including checking benefits and helping to complete PIP, attendance allowance and DLA forms etc.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Our Core Services:

1. **Social Supermarket:** We operate a Social Supermarket using the Food Club model, providing affordable, nutritious food to low-income households. This initiative ensures that families have consistent access to quality food, significantly improving their health and well-being.
2. **Financial Literacy:** We offer financial literacy programs to equip individuals with essential money management skills. By learning to allocate limited budgets effectively, families can better manage their essential expenses, leading to enhanced financial stability.
3. **Employment Support:** Our employment support initiatives help participants access job opportunities and improve their financial stability. This service is crucial in empowering individuals to achieve self-sufficiency and economic independence.
4. **SEND Group for Families:** We have pioneered a SEND Group for families, providing vital support to those facing the unique challenges of special educational needs and disabilities. This group fosters a supportive environment where families can share experiences, access resources, and build a network of mutual support.
5. **Homeless Feeds:** We deliver bi-weekly homeless feeds in Leeds city centre, supporting those without a permanent home. Our services include warm meals, drinks, clothing, and additional support and referrals to help them navigate their challenging circumstances.
6. **Centre For Warmth:** We have been chosen as a Centre for Warmth with Northern Gas Networks and are offering support and advice for CO2 monitors, topping up utilities and we provide a hot two course free lunch every week in our community hub.
7. **Provision of support to the lonely and vulnerable:** We provide opportunities for the lonely and the vulnerable in the local area to connect and engage with others through a variety of events such as coffee mornings, reminiscent cinema, day trips and drop-ins.

Impact on the Community:

Our work has brought about transformative positive changes:

- **Improved Food Security:** Families now have reliable access to nutritious food, leading to healthier lives and better overall well-being.
- **Enhanced Financial Stability:** Through our financial literacy programs, families can manage their finances more effectively, ensuring that their essential needs are met.
- **Community Support:** We foster inclusivity and reduce social isolation by building a strong sense of community among our beneficiaries. This creates a supportive network where individuals feel valued and connected.

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Commitment to Sustainability and Growth:

Focus4Hope is committed to sustainability and growth. Our dedicated team of volunteers, passionate staff, and engaged participants form the backbone of our organisation. Their unwavering commitment drives positive change and community empowerment.

We serve as a beacon of hope during challenging times, addressing food insecurity, the cost-of-living crisis, and community support with compassion and innovation. Our commitment to inclusivity and sustainability ensures that we continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. Together, we are building a stronger, more resilient community.

Employees

The CIO has 4 employees at the year-end but with grants received this has allowed us to employ one more employee in October 2024 and look at employing another.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and objectives

By the powers contained in the governing Trust Deed, the Trustees have full discretion in the investment of the CIOs resources if they feel it is in the interest of the CIO.

Financial Review

During the year the CIO received £150,653 in Grants and our expenditure was £228,866.

We generated a surplus for the year of £77,388, of which £31,207 was surplus on unrestricted funds. We have surplus reserves to carry forward of £140,127, of which £34,668 is surplus unrestricted funds and £105,459 surplus restricted funds. These funds will support our projects and charity work into future years.

Reserves Policy

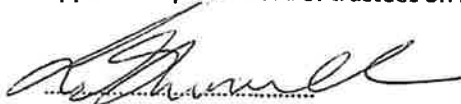
Reserves are held to allow the charity to withstand fluctuations in its income and continue to meet its financial obligations. It is our policy to aim to hold unrestricted reserves equivalent to 3 months of operating costs.

Future Plans

Focus4Hope has been awarded some fantastic grants that will enable us to support the community in the coming years such as:

- Centre for Warmth grant from Northern Gas Networks, received in 2024 – 25 year, giving us the ability to offer a hot meal once a week to anyone who wants it.
- National lottery grant for wages and running costs which will help us staff the Hub and have someone there at all times to further support people who have been referred to us.

Approved by the board of trustees on 27/1/2025



L Shinwell
Chair of Trustees



S Helliwell
Trustee

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations		82,962	543	83,505	58,913
Grants	2	-	150,653	150,653	116,433
Charity shop		50,370	-	50,370	10,574
Fundraising		11,479	-	11,479	9,506
Other income	3	10,247	-	10,247	9,564
Total income		155,058	151,196	306,254	204,990
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Fundraising		10,935	597	11,532	5,954
Goods and catering purchases		17,624	56,349	73,973	55,501
Grant related expenditure		3,591	4,520	8,111	-
Premises costs		23,939	1,982	25,921	22,932
Office costs		8,778	3,725	12,503	7,541
Staff costs	4	41,368	32,205	73,573	56,546
Vehicle and travelling costs		6,524	270	6,794	10,439
Other expenditure	5	10,510	5,949	16,459	20,627
Total expenditure		123,269	105,597	228,866	179,540
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		31,789	45,599	77,388	25,450
Transfers between funds		(582)	582	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		31,207	46,181	77,388	25,450
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		3,461	59,278	62,739	37,289
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		34,668	105,459	140,127	62,739

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	<u>1,003</u>	<u>16,948</u>	<u>17,951</u>	<u>23,534</u>
		1,003	16,948	17,951	23,534
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	3,221	-	3,221	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>35,172</u>	<u>88,659</u>	<u>123,831</u>	<u>41,221</u>
		38,393	88,659	127,052	41,221
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(4,728)</u>	<u>(148)</u>	<u>(4,876)</u>	<u>(2,016)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>33,665</u>	<u>88,511</u>	<u>122,176</u>	<u>39,205</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>34,668</u>	<u>105,459</u>	<u>140,127</u>	<u>62,739</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>34,668</u>	<u>105,459</u>	<u>140,127</u>	<u>62,739</u>
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				34,668	3,461
Restricted funds				<u>105,459</u>	<u>59,278</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>140,127</u>	<u>62,739</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on

27/1/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


L Shinwell
Chair of Trustee


S Helliwell
Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)' and with the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Office equipment	- 3 years straight line
Motor vehicles	- 25% reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Focus4Hope**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2024****2. GRANTS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Calderdale Council – small grants	3,000	-
Calderdale Smartmove	-	3,357
CFFC	-	23,968
CFFC - Food	3,000	-
CFFC – Household Support	9,900	-
CFFC – Menopause Group	4,644	-
CFFC – Christmas Food	5,000	-
Feeding Britain Food	5,000	3,000
Garfield Weston Foundation	20,000	-
Groundwork UK	-	14,272
J H Rausing Trust	-	12,900
Just Helping	-	4,642
Keepmoat Homes	-	8,000
LCT Homeless	3,500	-
Leeds Christian Co	-	4,500
National Lottery	74,216	-
The Brelms Trust	6,000	-
West Riding Masonic	-	32,000
Other grants	16,393	9,794
Total	150,653	116,433

3. Other income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Social supermarket	8,944	-
Other income	1,303	9,564
Total	10,247	9,564

4. Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross wages	67,340	42,011
Employers' NI	(602)	(1,536)
Employers' pension costs	1,783	771
Sub-contractor costs	5,052	15,300
Total	73,573	56,546

The average number of employees during the year was 3 (2023: 2). There were no employees with emoluments in excess of £60,000 for the year.

The total value of key management personnel compensation during the year was £30,040. Key management personnel comprise senior management staff as noted on page one.

5. Other expenditure

Included within other expenditure are the following costs:

	2024 £	2023 £
Remuneration to independent examiner for:		
Accountancy services	1,452	1,386
Independent examination	660	630
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>6,385</u>	<u>8,451</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor vehicles £	Office equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	30,130	2,736	32,866
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>802</u>	<u>802</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>30,130</u>	<u>3,538</u>	<u>33,668</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	7,532	1,800	9,332
Charge for year	<u>5,650</u>	<u>735</u>	<u>6,385</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>13,182</u>	<u>2,535</u>	<u>15,717</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	<u>16,948</u>	<u>1,003</u>	<u>17,951</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>22,598</u>	<u>936</u>	<u>23,534</u>

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments	3,221	-
	<u>3,221</u>	<u>-</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,076	-
Social security and other taxes	1,335	-
Accruals and deferred income	2,112	2,016
Other creditors	353	-
	<u>4,876</u>	<u>2,016</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**Unrestricted Funds**

	01/04/2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	31/03/2024
General Fund	3,461	155,058	(123,269)	(582)	34,668
	<u>3,461</u>	<u>155,058</u>	<u>(123,269)</u>	<u>(582)</u>	<u>34,668</u>

Restricted Funds

	01/04/2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	31/03/2024
National Lottery SEN	6,254	-	(3,120)	-	3,134
Keepmoat SEN	3,000	-	(977)	-	2,023
Comic Relief Homeless	3,316	488	(3,044)	-	760
Brighthouse & Rastrick A	3,535	-	(3,435)	(100)	-
Julia Rausing Fund	12,900	-	(12,900)	-	-
Minibus Fund	19,898	-	(4,974)	-	14,924
Van Fund	2,700	-	(675)	-	2,025
Calderdale Council - Small Grants	-	3,000	(1,678)	-	1,322
National Lottery Elderly	-	9,960	(5,771)	-	4,189
CFFC - Household Support	-	9,900	(9,223)	-	677
CFFC - Menopause Group	-	4,644	-	-	4,644
Feeding Britain Food	-	5,000	(2,441)	-	2,559
LCT Homeless	-	3,500	(3,422)	(78)	-
CFFC - Christmas Food	-	5,000	(4,999)	(1)	-
The Brelms Trust	-	6,000	(360)	-	5,640
Garfield Weston Fund	-	20,000	(4,075)	-	15,925
CFFC - Food	-	3,000	(3,003)	3	-
National Lottery Fund	-	64,256	(21,331)	-	42,925
Other Funds	7,675	16,448	(20,169)	758	4,712
	<u>59,278</u>	<u>151,196</u>	<u>(105,597)</u>	<u>582</u>	<u>105,459</u>

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
National Lottery SEN	To provide support to parents with children with special educational needs.
Keepmoat SEN	To provide day trips and buy essential items for SEN children and families.
Comic Relief Homeless	To run homeless outreach in Halifax every fortnight (feeding and providing clothing and items such as sleeping bags).
Brighouse & Rastrick A	To create a menopause support group.
Julia Rausing Fund	Social Supermarket Food Support.
Minibus Fund	To purchase a new minibus.
Van Fund	To purchase a new van
Calderdale Council - Small Grants	To provide entertainment for children such as a petting zoo, magician and face painter.
National Lottery Elderly	To provide elderly day trips, afternoon teas and Christmas dinner events.
CFFC - Household Support	Food and household goods to vulnerable families.
CFFC – Menopause Group	To create a menopause support group.
Feeding Britain Food	To provide food support and crisis food parcels.
LCT Homeless	To provide homeless outreach in Leeds including food and supplies.
CFFC - Christmas Food	To provide Christmas hamper food parcels to vulnerable families.
The Brelms Trust	To fund a volunteer coordinator role.
Garfield Weston Fund	To fund core costs and staffing costs
CFFC – Food	To provide crisis food parcels and food for food club.
National Lottery Fund	To support running costs, utilities, rent and staffing costs.

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

12. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PRIOR YEAR

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME FROM:				
Donations		54,913	4,000	58,913
Grants	2	-	116,433	116,433
Charity shop		10,574	-	10,574
Fundraising		9,506	-	9,506
Other income	3	9,564	-	9,564
Total income		84,557	120,433	204,990
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Fundraising		5,954	-	5,954
Goods and catering purchases		5,673	49,828	55,501
Premises costs		22,932	-	22,932
Office costs		7,541	-	7,541
Staff costs	4	26,327	30,219	56,546
Vehicle and travelling costs		6,539	3,900	10,439
Other expenditure	5	13,094	7,533	20,627
Total expenditure		88,060	91,480	179,540
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(3,503)	28,953	25,450
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(3,503)	28,953	25,450
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		6,964	30,325	37,289
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		3,461	59,278	62,739

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity (the "Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Jonathan Stead FCCA

Date 28/1/2025

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