

I hereby submit the report on behalf of The Hub At Bridgwater & Trustees of The Hub At Bridgwater.

During the year 23/24 The Hub was increasingly busy with post covid projects. The main one being establishing a digital cafe and employment of a digital coordinator. This has been successful in its setup and will continue until Nov 2023.

Our reminiscence cafe runs regularly each week bringing together both people living with dementia and their families and carers in a supportive and friendly environment. Due to the increase in volunteers, we have had come on board we have been able to expand our café to include a reminiscence pod. This includes visual, auditory and sensory experiences.

Our collaborative approach with other organisations continues to benefit the wider community and individuals. This support reaches out to all ages, ethnicities, genders and abilities. As part of this we have established an inclusive safe space each week on a Sunday with the view to expand this once we have relocated. Once relocated we will have a dedicated space open 7 days a week.

We have fed many people and brought together many older people who have been engaged in our community fridge project in conjunction with other local food champions we have fed homeless people and those living alone, including over 300 Christmas meals. The above has led to a weekly community lunch, bringing together a wide range of people across the community, including homeless, elderly, those supported by probation service and mental health projects.

As part of this we hold a veterans breakfast for local armed forces and veterans breakfast club, ensuring support for veterans and encouraging their inclusion in to the community and assisting with finding the right support for their specific needs, this is not limited to housing, mental health, social exclusion and disability support. There is also a widow/widower support group included in this.

Through our fundraising we have been able to fund our projects and with those who we have partnered to benefit the wider area around Bridgwater & Sedgemoor. We have made donations to local groups who fit with the aims and objectives of the hub.

The trustees wish to thank all of those volunteers from the many groups who have used The Hub for their selfless hard work and commitment to others in times of need.

So many people have benefitted from The Hub's projects and others ran by partner groups at The Hub. Rescued food has fed the community and rescued equipment not of any use locally has been shared with international projects in Ukraine and in Ghana where they have found new purpose.

**THE HUB AT BRIDGWATER
UNIT 22, ANGEL PLACE SHOPPING CENTRE
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**INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR END
31ST MARCH 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME		
Donations	2,313.87	6,755.83
Grants	1,000.00	30,272.00
Misc	24.24	
	3,338.11	37,027.83
 LESS: EXPENSES		
Rent & Service charge	6,004.10	3,581.08
Utilities	1,463.93	2,681.12
Activity Groups	3,795.00	7,061.00
Insurance	323.49	500.00
Salary	9,701.30	4,378.54
Employment Costs	1,249.78	185.48
Equipment	990.00	7,523.16
Donations Out	3,437.25	5,583.74
Admin	1,320.13	906.00
	28,284.98	32,400.12
 OPERATING SURPLUS/LOSS	 (24,946.87)	 4,627.71

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Bank Reconciliation

	Dr	Cr
Balance Bfwd as at 1st April 2023	42,591.05	
Expenses		27,384.98
Income	3,338.11	
Balance Cfwd as at 31st March 2024		18,544.18
	<u>45,929.16</u>	<u>45,929.16</u>
Bank Balance as at 31st March 2024		18,544.18

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The Trustees
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25 Angel Crescent
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Dear Trustees,

The Hub At Bridgwater - Independent Examination

I have now conducted an independent examination of the accounts and supporting records of the charity known as 'The Hub At Bridgwater' for the year ended 31st Mar 24.

I can report that there are no material items that need to be brought to the attention of the Trustees and that I can sign off the examination without any qualification.

Please find enclosed the completed financial statements and independent examiners report duly signed for the year ended 31st Mar 24. These statements are required to be filed along with the Trustees report with the Charities Commission by the filing deadline.

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Examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. With regard to the examination no matter has come to my attention that gives me cause to believe that requirements to keep proper accounting records and to prepare accounts accordingly have not been met, nor is there anything to which in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Should you have any queries regarding the enclosed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Phillip Riste HND (Business & Finance)
Education and Outreach Coordinator

