

The Genesis Project Middlesbrough

Annual Report and Accounts

1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Charity Number: 1194304



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Charity name: The Genesis Project Middlesbrough

Charity registration number: 1194304

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objective of the CIO is the advancement of the Christian faith through actively sharing the love of God, supporting the local community and providing relief for people in need, primarily but not exclusively within Grove Hill, Beechwood and Saltersgill areas of Middlesbrough.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The CIO Operates a Christian community centre providing the following essential services to the local community: Eco shop and food distribution Clothes bank and household items Children's afterschool and holiday clubs Youth club School activities and education Toddler groups Community garden project Gym Christmas Toy collection and distribution Advice and signposting Community Warm space for those struggling with heating Annual trip to Wydale for disadvantaged families NVQ Level 2 training Baby Bank in association with NHS Chair exercise classes
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The CIO acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the CIO should undertake.

Additional information (optional)

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The charity did not provide any grants to individuals or organisation during the period covered by this report.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Social investment activities and policies are contained within the scope of our objectives and principles of operation as outlined in the governing CIO document.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We have an average of 40 regular volunteers who contribute their time on a weekly basis to organise and support activities as well as performing key roles in the delivery of the objectives of the charity.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	This report covers the twelve months of the CIO operations from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025. The trust was established on 30 April 2021, taking over the activities previously undertaken by St Chad's and St Oswald's church in Middlesbrough from 2002. This year has been spent developing and streamlining the services we offer, to make the most use of the funds available and deliver the maximum benefit to our community. All our charitable activities are based upon our Christian mission, sharing the love of God in the community. Where families and individuals seek to learn more about the Christian faith, the charity has provided consultation, discussion, prayer and worship opportunities. Some individuals and families have been introduced to local churches, such as Hope@St Chad's which is led by the Parish of St Oswald with St Chad's. We have been able to take our Christian teaching into schools, particularly at Christmas and Easter and we work with the local

		Church and PCC, developing faith based community activities. TGPM has become a well-established resource providing considerable community care and support including, but not restricted to: Eco shop/Clothes bank/Furniture and Household items During this period we supported on average 150 families weekly through our eco shop and clothes bank. The demand for this remains steady, especially as inflation continues to impact the community which is already one of the poorest nationally. Food is provided to TGPM by a number of donor organisations and is combined with supplies purchased directly by TGPM using funds donated for this purpose. We ask for and receive donations from beneficiaries for the food each week which consists of grocery items, fruit and vegetables and freezer meals or sandwiches. Through the food and clothes provision, we have met many families and individuals in need and have also been able to help them with wider issues, such as re-housing, addictions and accessing social support. During the year we have been able to develop our support for 'most at risk' pregnant mothers, providing essential items in collaboration with the NHS. Children's club/Youth clubs/School visits; this part of our work is vitally important for the future of our local communities. We work with Big Kids and employ a part-time youth worker to run free to access children's and youth groups, which consist of fun and games, food and encouraging chats together. This is important to give children in the local community access to support and activities which are not otherwise available to them. We also help to run groups at a local community hub to support children/youth/families in the wider community. This particularly builds relationships with some families who are harder to reach. We have a good working relationship with three local primary schools who welcome us going in
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	to run clubs, take assemblies and provide teaching on Christian beliefs. Parent & Toddler Group; our parent and toddler group has been running successfully for more than 20 years. We offer support to many families and including single young parents. Demand for this has continued to mean that we are oversubscribed and run at maximum capacity. We are looking at ways to expand this, with particular emphasis on support for newborn children and families. Community Garden; This has continued to develop and is now thriving. It is of great value to the community and access is available for handicapped and for those with mental health issues. We are able to offer a safe place for people to meet outside. Volunteers have worked with people from the community to develop the garden and maintain it. Gym; space is provided for basic fitness equipment that has been donated and refurbished, encouraging people to take responsibility for their health and wellbeing. It is popular with 15 to 20 people using the gym on a weekly basis. This is being expanded with the introduction of fitness programmes, providing coaching and encouragement to the local community. Advice and signposting to other community and local services for housing, finances, recovering from addiction, health, domestic violence. We help families and individuals to get access to the support that is available to them. Community warm space: where local people can meet for warmth, company and a cup of tea or coffee during the day. We also provide activities for participation, such as chair yoga. Annual trip to Wydale for disadvantaged families. This annual trip is focussed on providing 4 day trip to the countryside for those families who, for whatever reason, are not able to take holidays. We provide support, accommodation, activities and meals within a safeguarded environment. Each year we focus on offering this trip to those families most in need. Baby Bank: a new initiative for the year, we have supported over 70 vulnerable mothers and begun to training key volunteers who will make connections with young families in the local community.
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		Expanding support network: across many of our services we have been able to work with and complement the activities of other charities, which significantly increases the effectiveness of our work. They include the NHS, and the local Council, youth work with Big Kids and You Can, and projects supported by the Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation and the Thirteen housing charity. We have also been supported by three groups of American students from Christian organisations in the United States.
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Additional information (optional)

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	In terms of the objectives we set at the start of the year we have exceeded expectations in terms of the numbers of families and individuals supported. We have also used our experience to assist in setting up other local charities with complementary objectives to our own.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our fund raising activities are spread between 3 areas: Long Term Grants, Grants from Local Organisations and Churches and Personal Donations. Our objective is to have an even split across these sources to maintain a balance and reduce risk. Long term funding of £30,000 per year from organisations such as Mercer enable us to employ staff on a long term basis and pay for our Project Leader to provide us with confidence in our long term future. Alongside this we also have close ties with Middlesbrough Council, Middlesbrough Football Club, Thirteen Housing Group and Tees Valley Community Foundation who are very supportive and provide funds for specific initiatives (see accounts below). As well as this we raised nearly £50,000 in Ecoshop income and over £100,000 in unrestricted donations which has exceeded our forecast and has enabled us to expand our services and increase staffing levels.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	During the period there were no financial investments. We have invested in community relationships and developing partnerships. We have begun working with St Oswald's Church PCC on plans to upgrade the buildings that we use and to ensure

		that they meet legislative requirements. It is hoped that this will result in the development of our activities through the provision of a well equipped community hub and ministry resource.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity's funds have been steady through the period with constant vigilance on fund raising for wages, products and equipment provided through personal donations, local business, targeted fund raising activities. In addition, staffing costs were supported through grants provided by the Mercer Foundation, together with school holiday funding support provided through Feast of Fun. The average monthly operational expenditure has increased by 10% compared to the previous accounting period. The income and expenditure account shows an increase in income of 14% due to fortuitous cash flow at the year end. Fund raising and monitoring of spending commitments to achieve objectives will continue to be a key focus for the charity, with an emphasis on flexing approach to how we meet our objectives with available resources. The surplus at the end of year reflects the provision of funds for the purchase of a larger van in the Financial Year 2025=2026, enabling us to use our volunteers time more efficiently and collect larger food and furniture donations.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Our approach is to keep sufficient funds to retain core minimum operational expenses for the next 6 months at a "keep the lights on" level, during which period either additional funds can be raised or activities are wound up. The level of restricted and unrestricted funds and the forecast expenditure against these are reviewed regularly.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	In line with our objectives, £60,000 are held as reserves (unrestricted).
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A

Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	There are no funds materially in deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	In line with our financial policies, our operating horizon is 6 months. If any of the programmes lose funding then, if that funding cannot be replaced, the programme would be closed down.

Additional information (optional)

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity relies upon support for its activities from individuals and other organisations. Core sources of Funds for the period of this report are: • Feast of Fun • Great Ayton PCC • Lythe PCC • Mercer Foundation • Middlesbrough Council • Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation • Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency • Hope Foundation • Rank Foundation • Newton PCC • Tees Valley Community Foundation • Thirteen Housing Group • National Garden Scheme
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	During the period there were no financial investments. We have invested in community relationships and developing partnerships. We have begun working with St Oswald's with St Chad's Church PCC on plans to upgrade the buildings that we use and to ensure that they meet legislative requirements. It is hoped that this will result in the development of our activities through the provision of a well equipped community hub and ministry resource.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The main risks facing the charity are: • Continuation of funding for future projects • Increased need in the community overwhelming our services. • Safeguarding is a continuous focus for vigilance for the charity given the activities and that we work with vulnerable people.

		- reliance on a small core team of dedicated staff and volunteer support for both activities and administration. - Increasing food costs
Other		Not Applicable

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	(1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. (2) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Additional information (optional)

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment: (a) a copy of the current version of this constitution; and (b) a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts. No one is entitled to act as a charity trustee whether on appointment or on any re-appointment until he or she has expressly acknowledged, in whatever way the charity trustees decide, his or her acceptance of the office of charity trustee, together with the responsibilities set out in the Trust Deed. Trustees are not permitted to be employees of the charity.

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Board of Trustees have overall responsibility for TGPM. The Project Leader, the most senior employee, provides the leadership and direction. The Operations Manager Is responsible for the day to day activities which are conducted by small teams, comprising volunteer and paid staff. The charity is not part of a wider network.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The charity works closely St Oswald's and St Chad's Church, Middlesbrough, principally using church facilities and ministering to the community. There are ongoing discussions between TGPM and the Church about upgrading the facilities used by the Charity. This is an exciting project with great potential, however the Trustees are mindful of the need to protect the existing activities of TGPM and its financial stability.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Genesis Project Middlesbrough
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1194304
Charity's principal address	St Oswald's Church Hall Marton Grove Road Middlesbrough TS4 2SG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	John Dickinson	chair		
2	Dr Helen Land			
3	Louisa Arundale			
4	Rosemary Wheway	Safeguarding officer		
5	Stella Worton	Treasurer		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>REW</i>	<i>Louisa</i>
Full name(s)	ROSEMARY ELAINE WHEAT	LOUISA JAYNE ARUNDALE
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Safeguarding	Trustee

Date

19.12.25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Genesis Project Middlesbrough
I report on the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 you as 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, and I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr J Gresham FCCA
Gresham and Gale Accountants

2nd December 2025

14 Fountain Street
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Genesis Project 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Notes	Income & Endowments From	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	Charitable Activities			
1	Grants and Donations	£ 58,642	£ 103,923	£ 162,566
1	EcoShop		£ 49,955	£ 49,955
	Investments			£ -
1	Other Income (Bank Interest)		£ 1,451	£ 1,451
	Total Income	£ 58,642	£ 155,329	£ 213,972
	Expenditure On:			
2	Charitable Activities Including Depreciation	£ 59,342	£ 127,309	£ 186,651
2	Capital Purchases	£ 4,248	£ 285	£ 4,533
		£ 63,590	£ 127,594	£ 191,184
	Net Movement in Funds	-£ 4,948	£ 27,735	£ 22,787
1	Cash Balance as at 1st April 2024	£ 21,385	£ 70,011	£ 91,396
1	Cash Balance as at 31st March 2025	£ 16,438	£ 97,746	£ 114,183
	Fixed Assets			
3	Tangible Assets as at 1st April 2024	£ 28,753	£ 6,135	£ 34,888
	Additions in year	£ 4,248	£ 285	£ 4,533
	Tangible Assets as at 31st March 2025	£ 33,001	£ 6,420	£ 39,421
	Depreciation			
	Depreciation as at 1st April 2024	£ 12,819	£ 2,485	£ 15,305
	Additions in year	£ 5,786	£ 1,037	£ 6,824
	Depreciation as at 31st March 2025	£ 18,606	£ 3,523	£ 22,128
	Net Fixed Assets at 31 March 2025	£ 14,395	£ 2,898	£ 17,292
	Current Assets			
	Debtors	£ -	£ -	£ -
	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	£ -	£ -	£ -
	Net Current Assets	£ -	£ -	£ -
	Total Net Assets	£ 30,832	£ 100,643	£ 131,476
	Represented by			
	Designated Funds	£ 16,438		£ 16,438
	Unrestricted Funds at Bank		£ 37,746	£ 37,746
	Unrestricted funds on Deposit		£ 60,000	£ 60,000
	Capital reserve	£ 14,395	£ 2,898	£ 17,292
	Available Funds	£ 30,832	£ 100,643	£ 131,476

1 Income and Fund Balances

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2 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

Item	Restricted		Unrestricted		Total
Labour and Staffing Costs					
Wages	£	48,815	£	40,454	£ 89,270
Tax and Payroll Costs			£	8,436	£ 8,436
Expenses			£	-	£ -
Volunteer Expenses	£	209	£	2,438	£ 2,647
External Labour Costs	£	495	£	13,100	£ 13,595
Total Labour and Staffing Spend	£	49,519	£	64,429	£ 113,948
 Food, Products and Activity Packs	£	4,319	£	36,313	£ 40,631
Trips and Excursions	£	2,693	£	4,649	£ 7,342
Garden	£	2,107	£	-	£ 2,107
Community Donations			£	-	£ -
Transport (Fuel)	£	-	£	976	£ 976
 Rent, Utilities and Insurance	£	705	£	17,616	£ 18,321
External Services and Administration			£	1,486	£ 1,486
Equipment and Resources Total			£	1,840	£ 1,840
Total Non-Labour and Staffing Spend	£	9,824	£	62,880	£ 72,704
 Total Expenditure before Capital Spend	£	59,342	£	127,309	£ 186,651
Capital Spend	£	4,248	£	285	£ 4,533
Total Expenditure	£	63,590	£	127,594	£ 191,184
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3 Tangible Assets

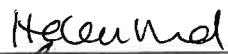
Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis on the following basis

Category	Asset Life
Vehicle	5 Years
Fixtures and Fittings	5 Years
Furniture	10 Years
Equipment	5 Years
Technology	3 Years
White Goods	5 Years

Asset Net Book Value at 31st March 2024

Tangible Assets

Asset Category	Restricted Value 31st March 2025	Unrestricted Value 31st March 2025
Alarm	£ 273.23	£ -
Computer	£ -	-£ 0.00
Fixtures and Fittings	£ 271.47	£ 343.59
Furniture	£ 2,553.66	£ 1,269.63
Garden Equipment	£ 38.33	£ -
Greenhouse	£ 926.05	£ -
Gym Equipment	£ 1,573.00	£ -
Matting	£ -	£ 140.53
Phone	£ -	£ 75.00
Play Equipment	£ -	£ 146.85
POS equipment	£ -	£ 36.94
Shelving	£ 1,008.86	£ 193.88
Technology	£ 138.88	£ -
Tyres	£ -	£ 20.17
Van	£ 2,600.00	£ 433.33
Wheelbarrow	£ 88.60	£ -
White Goods	£ 4,921.76	£ 237.75
(blank)	£ -	£ -
Grand Total	£ 14,393.83	£ 2,897.66

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Helen Land	19.12.25
		John Dickinson	19.12.25