



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
From	1.	April	2022	To	31.
					March
					2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Tower Hamlets Neighbourhood Watch Association

Also known as THNWA

Charity Registration no. 1194477

The Glasshouse Community Centre

161 Old Ford Road

London

Postcode

E2 9QB

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	Martin Shortis	Chair		
2	Johanna Kaschke	Secretary		
3	Elliott Weaver		11/06/2022	31/03/2023
4	Forid Miah		16/06/2022	31/03/2023
5	Syed Shofor Ali		16/06/2022	31/03/2023
6	Oscar Luque Segovia		01/04/2022	18/01/2023

Section B Structure, governance and management

Our Constitution governs the organisation of our charity

We are a CIO Charity

Trustee candidates must undergo an application process and provide a CV and 2 references to become eligible for selection interview.

Appointed at the annual AGM by vote of all members entitled to vote.

Trustee training

Newly appointed trustees receive the constitution and link to the relevant Charity Commission content. An induction session is offered to all new trustees and further training sessions are available on demand for all trustees.

Organisational Network

Tower Hamlets Neighbourhood Watch Association (THNWA) is linked to the National Neighbourhood Watch Network (NNWN) with a Memorandum of Understanding. The Ourwatch website provided by the NNWN enables creation of Neighbourhood Watch schemes with a mapped area. Within the London Borough of Tower Hamlets THNWA works with partners of the Tower Hamlets Safety Partnership including the Council, Met Police, London Fire Brigade. The OWL database enables registration with the Met Police mailing list and Neighbourhood Watch creation within a post code area and the membership in specialised watch schemes such as business watch.

Relationship with related parties

THNWA works with MOPAC within the Safer Neighbourhood Board, also comprising all 20 Ward Panel chairs. We also represent Neighbourhood Watch on the Council's Community Crime & ASB Board.

Partnership with the Met Police is regulated within Home Office guidelines.

Risk Management

The Public Liability and Employers Insurance provided sets the boundaries of activities insured for work in the community and staff if relevant. All trustees who are in charge of committees must carry out risk assessment prior to engaging in activities.

We would like to thank all those members, officers and trustees who contributed to our Charity for any length of time. Your contribution is important to us.

Section C Objectives and activities

The Objects of the CIO are

a. "The promotion of good citizenship and the efficiency of the police across the London Borough of Tower Hamlets by:

- i. Enabling public participation in the prevention and detection of crime.
- ii. Promoting public support for the work of the police service and other partners in the protection of people and property from, and the prevention of, crime."

In compliance with the Charities Act of 2011, the Tower Hamlets Neighbourhood Watch Association (THNWA) has been established for the public benefit. The charitable purposes are benefitting all residents, visitors and those working within the boundary of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

All our trustees have been advised about the Charity Commission guidance and received Trustee inductions, regular training and training on demand if necessary.

All trustees completed the Fit and Proper Person form and underwent checks about their Identity and address.

For the purpose of fulfilling our objectives, we enable widespread participation in Neighbourhood Watch on an 'as registered' and confirmed membership basis.

Local groups must be led by a verified and trained coordinator who is approved by the Tower Hamlets Neighbourhood Watch Association after having undergone a security check and induction session.

Activities can include litter picks, gardening projects, walks, meetings, training sessions.

Groups are generally aiming to lift the community spirit, reduce crime and improve self-confidence and mental health to report problems and become better equipped to repel attempts by criminals to defraud or engage locals with criminal activities.

The scope of insurance provided is specified in our insurance documents and in articles on the Ourwatch website, who – on behalf of the National Neighbourhood Watch Network – service the national system. We are connected to the National Neighbourhood Watch Network with a Memorandum of Understanding.

To benefit all sections of the public, we welcome all members of the community and are proud to work with representatives from all legal political parties, religions and cultures.

We provide grants to local Neighbourhood Watch groups wherever possible, depending on our funding streams available and support local groups without bank accounts to manage any donations they may have received from other agencies.

Our volunteers have tirelessly worked within their local communities to repel criminal activity and engage with hard to reach community members to attend meetings. We have increased our direct links with Councillors.

Attendance at Community Safety Walks, local Safer Neighbourhood engagements and Ward Panels enables increased communal mutually beneficial communications.



The 2022 AGM provided our longest serving members with certificates issued by the National Neighbourhood Watch Network in appreciation of their contributions.

We increased managed subscribers by 3000% by including OWL and Ourwatch members as we manage mailing lists on both platforms.

We now have 50 Association members who are fully verified with voting rights.

Our partnership with the London Borough of Tower Hamlets Council rewarded us with large Neighbourhood Watch signs, we started to attach to lamp posts along streets within Neighbourhood Watch schemes.

We have increased the number of Neighbourhood Watch schemes in all areas of the borough both in social and private housing areas to 48 on the Ourwatch platform, whilst we started to develop Watch schemes with coordinators on OWL.

We successfully supported a multi-cultural Queen's Jubilee Street Party.

Training with us or one of our partners is offered in the following categories (not exclusive)

Met Police Volunteers

No Place for Hate Champions

Scam Champion

Phishing

Are you alright, Active Bystander for witnesses of street harassment

Prevent (Terrorism) training

Cyberhood Watch Ambassadors

Burglary Prevention

National Trading Standards

Membership system administrators

Data Protection regulations

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

NHS staff training

Violence against Women and Girls Champion

We are part of a national Neighbourhood Watch events schedule, which runs various projects throughout the year.

2023 started with the 'A Better Place to Live' campaign, aiming to recruit more active members from the community.

Our social media platform accounts attracted increased membership and large distribution channels, which report to the whole borough and beyond.

WhatsApp group established to distribute BCU Police messages.

Safer Neighbourhoods Team of the year award 2022, presented by Met Police to the Tower Hamlets Safer Neighbourhood Partnership.

We contribute to the Safer Neighbourhood Board and the Community Crime and ASB Board.

We aim to keep an amount of £2,000 for reserves to ensure costs are met for a year in advance.

We have no deficits.

During the previous year, we received funding from

Ourwatch to support the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and promotion.
Tower Hamlets Council to provide a Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party.
Private donations



Contributions raised through the Amazon Charity scheme and Give as you Live.
Donations in kind were received from Tower Hamlets Council.

Our expenditure concentrated on promoting Neighbourhood Watch throughout the borough and support the necessary administrative support for the Charity. Making Neighbourhood Watch known to all must be our first priority to be able to engage more local communities.



We invested in promotional material like this tablecloth.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Tower Hamlets Neighbourhood Watch Association (THNW)

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

1 April 2022

To

31 March 2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
cash	20	-	-	20	-
carried over from last year	3,386	500	-	3,886	-
Ourwatch	-	215	-	215	-
donations	207	-	-	207	-
refunds	96	-	-	96	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,709	715	-	4,424	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,709	715	-	4,424	-
A3 Payments					
Computing, phone, communications	760	-	-	760	-
Promotion, internet	294	-	-	294	-
Printing	54	215	-	269	-
administration other	69	-	-	69	-
Queen's Jubilee	18	500	-	518	-
Legal costs ICO	35	-	-	35	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,230	715	-	1,945	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,230	715	-	1,945	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,479	-	-	2,479	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	2,479	-	-	2,479	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	bank account	2,479	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,479	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

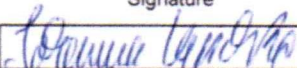
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Johanna Kaschke	09/06/2023
	Martin Shortis	09/06/2023

CCXX R2 accounts (SS)

Section F Other optional information

For the coming year, we'll intensify working with Police OWL, the Tower Hamlets used Neighbourhood Watch membership database, where membership far exceeds the Ourwatch membership.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Martin Shortis	Johanna Kaschke
Full name(s)	MARTIN SHORTIS	JOHANNA KASCHKE
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	SECRETARY
Date	23 July 2023	23 July 2023