

YOU MATTER

Charity Registration No: 1194554

Trustee's Annual Report

January 2022-December 2022

You Matter Charity was set up on 20th May 2021 with the vision of opening up a charity shop to meet the needs of the local community Meridan Watford.

The shop opened January 2022 providing good quality items, clothing, furniture and home ware at affordable prices.

When we opened our Charity shop in January 2022, we very quickly identified the loneliness within the community especially after Covid/ Pandemic , with the elderly as well as other age groups. We noticed that people would come into the shop and spent their time talking to staff or other people in the shop.

We decide that we needed to create a Hub space within the shop for individuals, providing an opportunity for social interaction, to give them a safe space to escape the loneliness that Covid restrictions may have imposed on them.

The Hub Space within the shop, is used regularly by people living within the community. This has allowed for individuals to interact with each other and to develop friendships. We provide our community with tea's & coffee's for free and we also have a leaflet dispensers that provide general information within the Hub Space. The Hub Space has allowed us to help individuals, particularly with the elderly, with their letters that they can't understand, bill's etc,. We were able to help an elderly lady with her energy bill, she had over paid an energy supplier by £1400. The lady was not aware of these over payments, but because of a shared concern, I was able to contact energy company, with her permission, and hence discovered the over payments.

We have also been proactive in arranging for OT's to visit individuals to provide adaptations to their homes. This has happened because the Hub Space provides a safe space for people to talk about what they are going through and as my background (A Best) is working with elderly, I'm able to identify, and address matters, and if I can't, I will sign post.

People in the community are intrigued by the space and how it is used and presented and know this space is for all.

We have created our website which the community and others can see and understand the aims and objectives of the charity.

The website has allowed us to promote activities for our local community, for example, our Performing Arts Week, provided for free to the local children, which

was held at the Meridan Community Centre. This free event allowed children to explore their creativity in singing, acting and dance, and to develop skills in communication, team building, confidence building, self- esteem, self -worth. It has been a difficult 2 years for children with the impact of Covid, which has caused an increase in mental health in young people. This activity helped to encourage and build back confidence in children.

You Matter used professionals in the performing arts field, ie: choreographer used, works with the TV show 'Strickly Come Dancing', singing coaches used by professional actors & singers. This gave children an opportunity to work with professionals and give them an experience of a life time. To attend a stage school is very expensive, and the families in the area of Meridan Watford, would not be able to afford an opportunity like this as parents live below the belt and are struggling financially particularly in these times. You Matter provided hot meals for the whole week as well as fresh fruit and water. This was very appreciated by parents/carers. As this was a success, You Matter will be putting on another event like this next year 2023.

The Performing Arts Week had a special Write up in the local paper and magazine, which was a great highlight of what You Matter is about.

Throughout the year You Matter has meet the needs of the local community with a food bank. With the support of Wenzel's, Asda and WD6 Food Support, we have continually supplied food to locals, families and elderly who are struggling financially. We deliver Wenzel's surplus every Friday to the Meridan community as well as working in partnership with a local church 'The Hub' to support the delivery of hot food and bakery items to the Homeless in Watford. You Matter help to provide clothing, socks, toiletries and sleeping bags to the Homeless too.

We also open the You Matter shop on a Sunday for an hour and a half for families to come and pick up food.

In the summer of this year, You Matter was able to support families who were affected by a fire in the high rise flats (Abbey View). Families on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th floors were very badly affected, all items in their properties destroyed. You Matter working in partnership with Asda, was able to provide families with new bedding, towels, cleaning products, clothing, baby items etc.

Trustees:

Androulla Best – Chair

Kathy Stewart

Alice Watson

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CHARITY NAME
Charity Registration Number

YOU MATTER
1194554
Charity Registered in England & Wales 20 May 2021

Accounting Period
01 Jan 2022 - 31 Dec 2022

2022
Jan-Dec

Income

Sales	43,406
Donations	5,000
Government Grants	8,350
Interest Income	0
Income Earned from Other Activities	0
TOTAL INCOME	56,756

Expenditure

Operating Overheads

Rent	26,191
Rates	2,248
Utilities	756
Insurance	341
Advertising	4,747
Staff Expenses	0
Property Maintenance	0
Accountancy Fees	0
Legal Fees	0
Other Business Expenditures	5,799
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	40,082

SURPLUS INCOME / (DEFICIT)	16,674
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Accounts Prepared By:
Date:

Leroy Goodman
06-October-2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
YOU MATTER

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1194554

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

31 Oct 2023

Name:

Clive Goodman

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.