



Chosen High Wycombe

Reports & Accounts

Financial Year Ending 31/08/2024

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Legal & Administrative Details

Charity Name: Chosen High Wycombe

Charity Number: 1194641

Charity Address: The King's Centre
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Trustees: David Townsend

Dawn Hazell

Marian Millward

Independent Examiner: Anthony Bates

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Trustees Report

Objects of the charity

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 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) The charitable incorporated organisation was incorporated on 1 June 2021 and its operations commenced in September 2021 with the transfer of assets, liabilities and activities from The King's Church, High Wycombe

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Chosen High Wycombe originally started under the name Azalea High Wycombe, which was changed to Chosen High Wycombe in November 2023. It was established by a constitution dated 31 March 2021 to take over and develop a local outreach launched during 2020 by The King's Church, High Wycombe. This outreach originally worked in partnership with Azalea, based in Luton, which has been carrying out pioneering work in the alleviation of the effects of commercial sexual exploitation since 2007. The objectives of Chosen High Wycombe as set out in the constitution are: "The relief of poverty and advancement of the welfare of people who are involved in the sex trade by the provision of support services that meet physical, emotional and spiritual needs, for the public benefit. The protection and preservation of health and the advancement of education of people involved in the sex trade by the provision of counselling and advice from a Christian perspective. The advancement of Christianity, for the public benefit, particularly, but not exclusively, by promoting hospitality, prayer and service toward people involved in the sex trade, within Christian communities." The objectives are delivered through a set of aims: To empower women to access support in all aspects of their lives including but not limited to: education, employment and benefit support, personal health and hygiene finances, housing, and increasing the number of opportunities open to them. To equip volunteers and churches to offer holistic support and access to a wider community that is hospitable and counters the social exclusion and abuse that are endemic for women who are involved in the sex trade. To run a sustainable and financially sound organisation.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, our trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities: Chosen High Wycombe strives to provide holistic support to women in High Wycombe who experience sex trafficking. This means offering practical, emotional and spiritual support to some of the most vulnerable in society, whose lives are blighted by violence, poverty and substance abuse.

The principal way this was delivered in 2023-24 was by an Outreach Team with its weekly street outreach facilitated by trained volunteers who walk around the 'working areas' and make contact with vulnerable women. This had commenced as a fortnightly outreach in October 2020 and became weekly from September 2021. The volunteers offer the women homemade cakes and practical items to support them — for example, umbrellas, woolly hats, gloves, socks, hairbrushes and perfume in the winter, water, deodorant and sun cream in the summer. A Drop-In using a hall provided by King's Church, High Wycombe commenced in March 2021 on Tuesday evenings, at the same time as the street outreach. From Spring 2022 the Drop-In was extended to opening on Wednesday lunchtimes. This provided a warm, safe and welcoming space where the women can come for a break from the streets and enjoy refreshments, clothes and shower facilities, a listening ear and prayer. However, on account of adequate staffing considerations this activity was suspended in Autumn 2022. We do expect to reinstate the Drop-In during the next financial year and ultimately we would envisage the Drop-In being a place where exit and recovery programmes can be run.

A part time Operations Officer was employed from November 2022 to June 2024 to assist with day-to-day running of the charity. In November 2023, Richard Lodge was appointed Chief Executive Officer, commencing employment in February 2024. The total number of volunteers who come from several churches is currently 25. These include 8 female frontline volunteers, all of whom have completed a 3-day training programme and were interviewed before being accepted onto the team. There are also 7 men who serve as back up for the front-line work. Furthermore, there are 10 behind the scenes volunteers who support the team in various ways, including by baking cakes for the street outreach. Chosen High Wycombe has developed relationships directly or through its volunteers with 11 local churches and community groups, and co-operates with local statutory agencies as well as other agencies and charities such as Women's Aid, One Recovery Bucks, Wycombe Homelessness Connection and Brook (sexual health services).

Financial review

The operations of Azalea High Wycombe commenced as an independent CIO on 1 September 2021 with the transfer of net assets of £84,278 from The King's Church, High Wycombe which continued to provide monthly financial support totalling £6,000 during 2023-24 under an annual relationship agreement. During the year the donor base which included individuals, churches and institutions was 77 active donors (of which 28 give monthly) and total donations for the year together with their related gift aid amounted to £19,161, and other income amounted to £7,381, Total expenditure for the year amounted to £31,941 with the largest components being employment costs of £23,403 leaving a negative net income of £5,398 recorded for the year.

Reserves policy

The reserves policy is based on contractual commitments particularly in respect of employees. As most staff are expected to be on 3-month contracts, the policy is targeted at 3 months of total planned employment cost. This is currently around £13,000. Any surplus in reserves will mainly be held for future capital projects or for additional staff.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a charitable incorporated organisation, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Trustees are empowered to appoint and discharge trustees by resolution at a meeting. The Trustees who served throughout the year were:

David Townsend (Chair)

Dawn Hazell

Marian Millward (Appointed 17.4.2023)

Michael Wilkinson (Resigned 9.6.2024)

Kathryn Lodge (Resigned 15.1.2024)

During 2023-2024 the Trustees met at least monthly.

Risk management

The major risk to which the charity is exposed relates to the street outreach, for which a risk register has been established and procedures put in place to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Safeguarding and other policies have also been in place. The trustees have ensured that sufficient insurance is in place to cover its risks including public liability. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions. The risk of fraud is addressed by the issue of monthly income and expenditure reports.

Related Parties

Chosen High Wycombe was established in April 2020 (under the name Azalea High Wycombe, as noted earlier), under the auspices of King's Church, High Wycombe and achieved independent Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status on 2 June 2021. On 1 September 2021 the assets, liabilities and activities were transferred to the CIO by King's Church. Although Chosen High Wycombe is an independent CIO, it has received monthly financial support since September 2021 from King's Church under a relationship agreement which has been extended until 31 August 2025. It has also been using office space and operating its Outreach and Drop-In from the Church's West End Hall facility. King's Church is obligated to give at least 24 months' notice to Chosen of any change to the agreement regarding Chosen's use of King's Church's facilities.

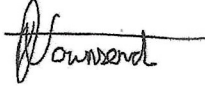
In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Signature

This report was approved by the trustees, and is signed on their behalf by:

David Townsend- Chairman of the Trustees

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Townsend', is written over a horizontal line within a rectangular box.

Date:

16th June 2025

Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Chosen High Wycombe ('the charity') for the year ended 31/08/2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

Independent Examiner's Details

Name: Anthony Bates

Address: 2 Paice Green, Wokingham, RG40 1YN

Name

Anthony Bates

Signature



Date

19 June 2025

Receipts & Payments Statement

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Receipts				
Donations & Legacies				
Donations	17,478	0	17,478	17,764
Gift Aid	1,683	0	1,683	1,825
Grants	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities				
Event Income	0	0	0	0
Investments				
Bank Interest	1,381	0	1,381	0
Trading Activities				
Rental Income	0	0	0	0
Other				
Loans Received	0	0	0	0
Other Income	6,000	0	6,000	18,329
Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Sale of Investments	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	26,543	0	26,543	37,918
Payments				
Charitable Activities				
Bank Charges	129	0	129	203
DBS	490	0	490	210
Employment Costs	23,403	0	23,403	7,980
Equipment & Furniture	757	0	757	398
Gifts	117	0	117	433
Hospitality	431	0	431	278
Insurance	381	0	381	378
IT support & Equipment	2,249	0	2,249	985
Legal & Professional	0	0	0	1,785
Licence Fees	249	0	249	4,800
Misc	0	0	0	635
Stationery and printing	574	0	574	142
Telephone	401	0	401	252
Training	2,720	0	2,720	301
Travel	40	0	40	83
Governance Costs				
Governance Costs	0	0	0	0
Other				
Fixed Asset Purchases	0	0	0	0
Loans Repaid	0	0	0	0
Money Invested	0	0	0	0
Total payments	31,941	0	31,941	18,863
Net Receipts / Payments (before transfers)	-5,398	0	-5,398	19,055
Fund Transfers In	0	0	0	0

Fund Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Net Movement of Cash Funds	9,398	0	4,398	19,055
Total Cash Funds Brought Forward	101,836	14,391	116,227	97,172
Total Cash Funds Carried Forward	96,438	14,391	110,829	116,227
Represented By				
General (Unrestricted)	66,438	0	66,438	71,836
Outreach Worker (Restricted)	0	14,391	14,391	14,391
Reserves (Designated)	30,000	0	30,000	30,000

Asset & Liability Statement

Cash Assets

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
General (Unrestricted)	66,438	0	66,438	71,836
Outreach Worker (Restricted)	0	14,391	14,391	14,391
Reserves (Designated)	30,000	0	30,000	30,000

Other Monetary Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Gift Aid	Gift Aid still to be claimed	1,030	0	1,030	0
Stock		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	998

Investment Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Property		0	0	0	0
Investment Accounts		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

Fixed Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Land & Buildings		0	0	0	0
Music & PA Equipment		0	0	0	0
Computers & IT		0	0	0	0
Furniture		0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicles		0	0	0	0

Liabilities

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Loans Outstanding		0	0	0	0
Pension Payment Owed		0	0	0	0
HMRC Payments Owed		0	0	0	0
Independent Examination Fee Due		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

Signature

These accounts have been approved by the trustees, and are signed on their behalf by:

David Townsend

Signature

Downsend

Date: 16th June 2025

Notes to the Accounts

Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

Transactions to Related Parties

There were no related party transactions.

Movement of Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
Unrestricted					
General (Unrestricted)	71,836	26,543	31,941	0	66,438
Total	71,836	26,543	31,941	0	66,438
Designated					
Reserves (Designated)	30,000	0	0	0	30,000
Total	30,000	0	0	0	30,000
Unrestricted Total	101,836	26,543	31,941	0	96,438
Restricted					
Outreach Worker (Restricted)	14,391	0	0	0	14,391
Total	14,391	0	0	0	14,391
Restricted Total	14,391	0	0	0	14,391
TOTAL	116,227	26,543	31,941	0	110,829

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