

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2024  
for  
Telford and Wrekin Interfaith Council

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for the Year Ended 31 May 2024

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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 May 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 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).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The aim of the CIO is to help eradicate inequalities within our community, and to promote diversity and inclusion within the Borough of Telford and Wrekin, and to ensure that Unity stays within our Community.

To achieve these our objectives are:

1. The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit by:

a) the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or religion;

b) advancing education and raising awareness in equality and diversity;

c) promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds;

d) cultivating a sentiment in favour of equality and diversity.

2. The promotion of racial and religious harmony for the benefit of the public by promoting communication and good relations between persons of different races and faiths and promoting knowledge and mutual understanding and respect of the beliefs and practices of different religious faiths.

3. The relief of people who are in need by reason of their age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or social circumstances in such ways and by such means as the trustees shall determine.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1195197

**Principal address**

19 New Street  
Wellington  
Telford  
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TF1 1LU

**Trustees**

Cllr R Mehta  
Ms J Ward  
Ms R Dhatt  
Mr K Dass

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Main Activities**

During the past 12 months we have been able to continue to support the local communities in resolving issues relating to cultural differences and misunderstandings, and bringing people together to help those in need irrespective of their backgrounds. Our membership has grown to over forty Faith, Cultural, and Community Groups, who have the same goal of continuing our efforts of keeping 'Unity' with the 'Community'.

Below is a summary of our major activities during these past 12 months:

### **Building Purchase of 19 New Street**

After many years of renting out the property in Wellington, we have been able to purchase the building. This means that we can be secure in delivering much needed services to our local community for many years to come. Over the years we have received a number of grants that have helped us transform the building from a commercial shoe shop to a fully functioning community hub. The community hub is utilised by many community groups and organisations, and is also a designated 'Safe Space' for vulnerable people. We also provide shower facilities to the homeless community, working with many other amazing organisations to help those in the greatest of need. Most of our activities below are run from our Community Hub, and will now continue into the future.

### **Out of Hours Emergency Food Service**

During the past year we continue to provide Emergency Food Parcels to families and individuals in need. These continue to be a mix of collections and deliveries. Our on-going grant from Telford and Wrekin Council allowed us to continue our Out of Hours service,

We have also received donations of food and goods from multiple donors which have helped us support over 10,000 residents within the Telford and Wrekin Borough.

During this past 12 months we have delivered the following:

**8,866** Emergency Food Parcels distributed

**132,990** meals provided

### **Community Engagement**

During the previous 12 months, we have had the pleasure of working with many groups to help bring diversity and inclusion to all members of the community.

We work with organisations such as the NHS and local authorities to bring different projects into the local town, including Blood Pressure Monitoring, Vaccines, CAB, and other services.

We have been able to go into local primary and secondary Schools during the past 12 months to deliver Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion workshops to over 1,000 students, to help them to better understand the diverse world around them.

We were also able to hold several events in collaboration with organisations such as the Telford and Wrekin Council (putting on a Carnival Event) as well as the RAF Museum in Cosford (Diversity event). Both events were extremely successful with thousands of visitors to both events.

### **Budgeting and Cooking Courses**

During the financial year we received funding to deliver a budgeting and cooking courses to help families and individuals better manage their finances and learn how to cook on a budget. We opened up our Community Hub to residents around the borough who were struggling with debt, money management or lack of cooking skills.

We also worked with a local organisation working with young people who fit into the NEET category. This collaboration meant that we could help young people gain these skills early, therefore helping to prevent future issues.

### **Interfaith Santa**

With the support of the Telford and Wrekin Council, Balfour Beatty, and many volunteers we were able to deliver our Mobile Santa Grotto to the streets of Telford and Wrekin during the weeks leading up to Christmas.

This is now the fourth year that we have been able to bring our Interfaith Father Christmas to the children of the Borough. Overall, it is estimated that 2,000+ children experienced the Mobile Grotto during Dec 2023.

We also delivered over 1,000 Selection Boxes to vulnerable children during that time.

We were able to provide over 300 presents to children who would otherwise not receive very much or anything at all due to financial uncertainty that is affecting many families across the borough.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Christmas Day Meals**

On Christmas Day 2023, we prepared and delivered hot Christmas meals to over 200 vulnerable adults, many of whom were placed in homeless shelters around the Telford and Wrekin Borough, as well as elderly individuals, couples, and families who were struggling. We were also able to hold a sit-down meal at our community Hub for those who wanted some company on the day. We provided additional treats to add an extra smile to those we served.

Over 50 volunteers from the many communities that make up the T&W Interfaith Council gave up their time on Christmas day to help prepare, serve, and deliver Christmas meals.

It was again a truly 'Interfaith Christmas', where all came together to serve those in the greatest need.

### **Easter Egg Project**

During Easter 2024 the Board of Trustees, with support from our volunteers wanted to continue the Easter Egg Project to support the local community, including vulnerable families and individuals.

As a result of public support and donations, we were able to deliver over 500 Easter Eggs to vulnerable individuals and families across the borough.

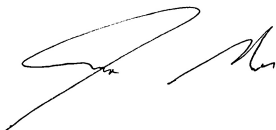
Our Easter Smile campaign has been a great success for the fourth year running. The smiles on each child's face is the reason why our volunteers love this project.

### **Finance: Funding, Donation and Grants**

Funding and donations for 23/24 financial year have been received from several sources, including:

- Telford and Wrekin Council
- National Grid
- Sainsburys Neighbourly Foundation
- TNL Community Fund
- Shropshire Community Foundation
- Local Parish and Ward Councils
- Smithfields
- Plus, donations from so many wonderful individuals

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..26th March 2025...and signed on its behalf by:



Cllr R Mehta - Trustee

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 May 2024

		31.5.24 Unrestricted fund £	31.5.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes		
Donations and legacies		206,297	249,804
Other trading activities	2	3,633	3,792
<b>Total</b>		<u>209,930</u>	<u>253,596</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	3	94,932	90,482
Other		65,763	78,594
<b>Total</b>		<u>160,695</u>	<u>169,076</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		49,235	84,520
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		241,449	156,929
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>290,684</u></u>	<u><u>241,449</u></u>

Balance Sheet

31 May 2024

	Notes	31.5.24 Unrestricted fund £	31.5.23 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	6	264,481	37,748
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		26,203	203,701
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>26,203</u>	<u>203,701</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		290,684	241,449
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>290,684</u>	<u>241,449</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	7		
Unrestricted funds		290,684	241,449
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>290,684</u>	<u>241,449</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26th March 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



R Mehta - Trustee

## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### **Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

## **2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	31.5.24	31.5.23
	£	£
Other revenue	2,300	3,785
Interest income	1,333	7
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	3,633	3,792
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 May 2024

**3. RAISING FUNDS**

**Raising donations and legacies**

	31.5.24	31.5.23
	£	£
Support costs	94,932	90,482
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**4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 May 2024 nor for the year ended 31 May 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 May 2024 nor for the year ended 31 May 2023.

**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	249,804
Other trading activities	3,792
<b>Total</b>	<u>253,596</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
Raising funds	90,482
Other	78,594
<b>Total</b>	<u>169,076</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	84,520
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
Total funds brought forward	156,929
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>241,449</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 June 2023	-	34,000	3,748	37,748
Additions	226,733	-	-	226,733
At 31 May 2024	226,733	34,000	3,748	264,481
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 May 2024	226,733	34,000	3,748	264,481
At 31 May 2023	-	34,000	3,748	37,748

**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.6.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.5.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	241,449	49,235	290,684
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	241,449	49,235	290,684

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	209,930	(160,695)	49,235
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	209,930	(160,695)	49,235

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.6.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.5.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	156,929	84,520	241,449
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	156,929	84,520	241,449

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	253,596	(169,076)	84,520
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>253,596</u>	<u>(169,076)</u>	<u>84,520</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.6.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.5.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	156,929	133,755	290,684
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>156,929</u>	<u>133,755</u>	<u>290,684</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	463,526	(329,771)	133,755
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>463,526</u>	<u>(329,771)</u>	<u>133,755</u>

**8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 May 2024.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 May 2024

	31.5.24 £	31.5.23 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	53,623	64,717
Grants	120,921	166,992
Hire cost	31,753	18,095
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	206,297	249,804
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Other revenue	2,300	3,785
Interest income	1,333	7
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	3,633	3,792
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	209,930	253,596
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Other</b>		
Charitable activities	63,188	76,495
Light & heat	2,575	2,099
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	65,763	78,594
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Rent	11,565	14,070
Insurance	1,062	798
Motor expenses	5,547	5,478
Telephone	377	2,961
Postage and stationery	6,257	3,746
Advertising	199	1,038
Repairs & maintenance	52,669	46,178
Pointguard Consultancy	14,134	14,075
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	91,810	88,344
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	25	35
<b>Information technology</b>		
Computer costs	3,097	2,103
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<b>Total resources expended</b>	160,695	169,076
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<b>Net income</b>	49,235	84,520
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