



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 April 2023 Period start date **To 31 March 2024** Period end date

Charity name: Tees Valley Together

Charity registration number: 1195429

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | <p>Operating as a not-for-profit charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), our aim is help relieve some of the problems associated with both social and economic poverty in the Tees Valley. Currently based in Hemlington we have focused most of our service efforts to this local community. We provide the area with an Eco Shop and also access to preloved clothing and household items via our Home from Home project, we generate a small income from this project by selling these preloved items.</p> <p>As well as the project delivered in Hemlington we also work with other charities, organisations, social enterprises, local businesses and agencies to support the Tees Valley where our remit allows.</p> <p>Further projects that will benefit the local community are being developed and will hopefully be rolled out in the coming financial year. We also aim to have secured funding for our core projects for a three-year period.</p> |
| 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 | <p>The objective of the charity is the prevention or relief of poverty in the Tees Valley by providing: food, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.</p> |

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| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance. |
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| | SORP reference | |
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| Policy on grant making | Para 1.38 | |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38 | |
| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | |
| Other | | |

Achievements and Performance

| | SORP reference | |
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| 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 | <p>Eco Shop We have served on average 100 families per week with their requirements, the individual can shop and purchase 10 items from the shop for £2, they can then top up their shop with items we for free. We have saved 2.382 tonnes of surplus food going to landfill by having this shop open. This means food is redirected to where is it needed and not wasted.</p> <p>As part of the Eco Shop offering, we provide free sanitary products, these are provided via T.E.E.S, a local CIO, who work with the Hey Girls campaign to end period poverty.</p> <p>Home from Home This project provides families with access to preloved and new items at affordable prices. We have supported numerous families during this</p> |

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| | | <p>financial period and continue to grow our customer base each month. Within the shop new have access to clothing, shoes, uniform and small household items. School uniform is always provided free of charge. We host a Uniform Exchange during the summer months too. Any funds raised from sales of the items go back into the charity and in turn the community.</p> <p>Sports & Allsorts Hemlington This project has run throughout the year, it is funded via Middlesbrough Council via the Department for Education and allows us to provide holiday clubs for children. The funding covers Easter, Summer and Christmas. Children aged 4-11 are included in the Easter and Summer evets and then we widen the scope to 11-16 at Christmas too.</p> <p>Warm Welcome Wednesday This year we have introduced a weekly coffee morning to give the community a space to come together. This space also gives us as an organisation a space to introduce other organisations to the community. We try to have someone in each week so that the community have access to all services available. When we don't have organisations in we try to incorporate some games or crafts so that it's more than just a cuppa and a chat. At the beginning of the year we had six individuals attend but this has steadily increased.</p> |
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set | Para 1.41 | |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | |
| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 | |
| Other | | |

Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | <p>The charity reported a surplus of receipts over payments of £37,144 of which £38,433 related to unrestricted funds and £(1,289) related to restricted funds.</p> <p>At the year end the charity held £47,745 of unrestricted funds and £18,636 of restricted funds.</p> |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | The charity is in the process of evaluating its reserves policy. |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | As at 31 March 2024, the charity held free reserves of £47,745. |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | - |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | - |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | - |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity | Para 1.46 | |
| Other | | |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | Constitution |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) |
| 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 | 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)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees | Para 1.51 | |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | |
| Other | | |

Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | Tees Valley Together |
| Other name the charity uses | - |
| Registered charity number | 1195429 |
| Charity's principal address | 21-25 Viewley Centre, Hemlington, Middlesbrough TS8 9JH |

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 | Sharlein Allison May Smales | Chair | | |
| 2 | Dennis Brian Gargett | | | |
| 3 | Timothy John Allen | | | |
| 4 | Ann Stonehouse | | | |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name | | |
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year | |
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | - |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | - |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | - |

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

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| Signature(s) |  | |
| Full name(s) | Sharlein Allison May Smales | |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair / CEO | |
| Date | 29/01/2025 | |



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Tees Valley Together

1195429

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2023

To

31/03/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Last year |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| General funds | 2,310 | - | - | 2,310 | 812 |
| Donations (cash) | 2,700 | - | - | 2,700 | 12,686 |
| Eco shop | 17,287 | - | - | 17,287 | 9,468 |
| Charitable activities | 7,267 | - | - | 7,267 | 3,032 |
| Grants | 56,950 | 54,570 | - | 111,520 | 32,913 |
| Donated food | 4,764 | - | - | 4,764 | 24,970 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 91,278 | 54,570 | - | 145,848 | 83,881 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 91,278 | 54,570 | - | 145,848 | 83,881 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Purchases | 16,991 | - | - | 16,991 | 9,119 |
| Rent & room hire | 3,230 | - | - | 3,230 | 4,751 |
| Wages | 17,077 | 14,212 | - | 31,289 | 10,239 |
| Value of food distributed | 4,764 | - | - | 4,764 | 24,970 |
| Expenses | 10,783 | 41,647 | - | 52,430 | 12,294 |
| Assets | - | - | - | - | 2,666 |
| Storage & moving costs | - | - | - | - | 1,000 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 52,845 | 55,859 | - | 108,704 | 65,039 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 52,845 | 55,859 | - | 108,704 | 65,039 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 38,433 | 1,289 | - | 37,144 | 18,842 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 9,312 | 19,925 | - | 29,237 | 10,395 |
| Cash funds this year end | 47,745 | 18,636 | - | 66,381 | 29,237 |

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 | Current accounts | 47,745 | 18,636 | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
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| | Total cash funds | 47,745 | 18,636 | - |

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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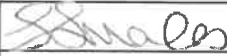
| | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
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| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |
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| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |
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| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Catering appliance | General | 880 | - |
| | Tills | General | 304 | - |
| | Shelving | General | 482 | - |
| | Floor tiles | General | 1,000 | - |
| | Microwave & tabletop oven | HAF | 275 | - |
| | Freezer | Graham's | 640 | - |
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| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
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| B5 Liabilities | | | - | |
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
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|  | Sharleyn Smales | 29/01/2025 |
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Tees Valley Together

**On accounts for the
period ended**

31 March 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1195429

Set out on pages

Receipts and Payments Accounts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended **31 March 2024**.

**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:

B Goodall

Date:

29/1/25

Name:

Beverley Goodall

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

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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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.