

HELPING HOMELESS VETERANS UK

Registered Charity no. 1195521

Trustees Statement 2024

It is our pleasure to publish the accounts for our last financial period which ended on the 31st of August 2024.

Once again, this year has simply been exceptional for Helping Homeless Veterans UK and unfortunately our caseloads have seemed like they are never ending at times. This has been without doubt our busiest year since our formation in September 2019 with 149 Veterans reaching out to us for some form of help due to either facing homelessness or being homeless. With the cost-of-living crisis really taking a hold on our veterans' finances, as well as many private landlords using no fault eviction, section 21 to legally evict veterans who are tenants in their properties, we have really seen a very worrying escalation of veterans needing our help.

Over the past financial period, we have helped to house in some way exactly 102 veterans which has been extremely difficult due to trying to find affordable accommodation. However, working with over 80 local authorities has certainly helped our cause and we have proven on many occasions that our knowledge of legislation is second to none and has helped house many veterans into social housing when it has been available. This knowledge is now causing many issues for Local Authorities as they see their own budgets dwindling as well as the complete lack of social housing after many years of neglect in this sector from Westminster.

The very large rise in prevention duties is also increasing for our charity and due to the cost of living, we have had many veterans contacting us since they must make the choice of paying their rent or feeding themselves and sometimes their families. We cannot see any change in this issue and having a new government in place only seems to have exasperated this problem and we are finding that more and more veterans are having to rely on help from charities like our own.

We have been very fortunate to have Tesco's supporting us this year by allowing us to collect in their store at Tower Park in Poole, Dorset and we are extremely grateful for this ongoing support as it also helps us to raise awareness of our charity work with the public. However, with the significant costs involved with feeding veterans and the continued rise in the cost of food from supermarkets, it is great cause for alarm and unfortunately, we cannot see things improving soon.

We are constantly seeing Veterans who need assistance from our charity as they must decide whether they buy food or pay for heating and having electricity in their homes. It is frightening that currently we have Veterans who have served our Country in HM Armed Forces and are now facing this dilemma.

In April 2023, we opened our first property solely for the use by Veterans who have nowhere else to go and this has proven to be a resounding success. We have always said that when you bring veterans together with veterans they will look after themselves as they understand each other's needs. The income from rent that we receive from The Talbot Mews has helped us cover our daily expenses in running our charity as well as helped towards the costs involved in our next project. This means that if the public donates to our charity, then that donation is solely spent on helping veterans.

This financial period has also seen us purchase our very own new van for the charity. Our new Mercedes Sprinter has a bigger payload to carry even more furniture and equipment and is more modern and cost effective as we have no maintenance costs involved due to the agreement, we have with Sandown Mercedes who have been excellent with our charity and the van has proven already to be a major asset in our portfolio.

With The new Ford Ranger which is more economical to run on fuel as well as having all mechanical costs covered as we have a repair warranty in place we now have a fleet of vehicles that are reliable and more suitable for the day to day running of our charity.

Over this financial year we have been working very hard to gain planning permission for an old nightclub in Llanelli West Wales and we are hoping to convert this property into 16 one bed units with a Veterans Hub also in place. This is a huge project that has the support of The Welsh Senedd as well as The veterans minister for Wales and Carmarthenshire Council. We are hoping to move ahead with this project in the next financial period for our charity.

Finally, as trustees we would like to state that without the support of the public and the generosity of so many people, we simply would not have been able to help so many veterans. As you can see from our accounts, we have raised substantial funds from online fundraising using our JustGiving Platform as well as Facebook Fundraising and attending the many events we have either organised ourselves or attended throughout the year. This is simply awe-inspiring that throughout these difficult times, we can raise these funds.

We must also thank our Volunteer Fundraisers for all their efforts this period and for giving up so much of their own time to raise funds to help our country's veterans.

We know that our next financial period will be a challenging one, but the team of Trustees are working extremely hard behind the scenes to help our Country's Homeless Veterans as the growth of our charity continues.

Here is to another successful year ahead.

The Board of Trustees

Helping Homeless Veterans UK

If you have any questions about our accounts or any of the above topics, then feel free to email us at hq@hhvuk.org where we will be happy to answer them.

Thank you.

Helping Homeless Veterans UK

Profit and Loss by Tag Group

3 August, 2023 - 31 August, 2024

	TOTAL
Income	
Fundraising	53,569.05
Other Donations	0.00
Charitable Giving	1,000.23
Grants	21,612.39
Just Giving Donations	44,163.40
Single Donation	39,214.28
Total Other Donations	105,990.30
Talbot Mews Rental Income	37,038.57
Housing Benefit	10,134.80
Total Talbot Mews Rental Income	47,173.37
Total Income	£206,732.72
Cost of Sales	
Broadband Talbot Mews	648.00
Due & Subscriptions	439.77
Event & Fundraising costs	35,877.66
Gas & Electricity Talbot Mews	7,760.24
Hotels, Accommodation & Food costs	20,986.35
Personal Care	1,096.53
Property refurbishment & repair costs	22,821.39
Rates and Water	3,042.30
Total Cost of Sales	£92,672.24
TOTAL	£114,060.48
Expenditures	
Bank and Card Charges	161.71
Gifts and Donations	459.18
Insurance	484.23
Office costs	1,859.87
Professional & Legal fees	0.00
Accountancy fees	11,000.00
Bookkeeping fees	406.25
Legal and other fees	5,289.87
Total Professional & Legal fees	16,696.12
Rent	6,000.00
Storage costs	2,375.04
Telephone & Broadband	1,297.84
Travel	58.00
Vehicle costs	22,817.44
Website & Promotion	9,036.40
Total Expenditures	£61,245.83
NET OPERATING INCOME	£52,814.65
Other Expenditures	
Penalties and Fines	90.00
Total Other Expenditures	£90.00
NET OTHER INCOME	£ -90.00
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£52,724.65

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Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2024

	TOTAL
Fixed Asset	
Tangible assets	
Computer and Office Equipment	1,725.43
Fixtures and Fittings	21,076.51
Mercedes Sprinter KN71XRT	35,517.00
Total Tangible assets	£58,318.94
Total Fixed Asset	£58,318.94
Cash at bank and in hand	
HSBC (NEW) current account	22,786.92
Total Cash at bank and in hand	£22,786.92
Current Assets	
Rent Deposit Account	18,821.17
Total Current Assets	£18,821.17
NET CURRENT ASSETS	£41,608.09
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Credit Cards	
Barclays Bank Credit Card	0.00
Total Credit Cards	£0.00
Current Liabilities	
Accruals	2,600.00
HP Mercedes Sprinter KN71XRT	27,242.00
Total Current Liabilities	£29,842.00
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	£29,842.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£11,766.09
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	£70,085.03
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£70,085.03
Charity funds	
Opening Balance Equity	17,360.38
Retained Earnings	4,080.83
Surplus/(Deficit)	48,643.82
Total Charity funds	£70,085.03

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Helping Homeless Veterans UK.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Helping Homeless Veterans UK for the period ended 31 August 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 all 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. Following recommendations in my previous report (period ended 2 August 2023) the trustees have secured the services of an bookkeeper/accountant, and a QuickBooks bookkeeping system is now utilised. Where these services only commenced part way through the year in question, there are instances where expenditure receipts were internally generated and where expenditure items were settled directly by trustees personally, and subsequently reimbursed by the trust. I would expect to see further improvements in internal controls in these areas for the year ending 31 August 2025.

It should be noted that the accounts for the period ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared on an accruals basis, rather than the receipts and payments (cash) basis adopted in previous accounting periods.

Notwithstanding my above points, 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 :-

- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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2 June 2025