

Worcestershire Homeless Appeal

The Worcestershire Homeless Appeal

Report of the trustees for the period from 1st September 2022 to 31 August 2023

Registered Charity Number: 1195682

Principal's address: Bowater House, Rectory Lane, Shrawley, WR6 6TN

The Trustees of the Worcestershire Homeless Appeal present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2023 and confirm they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act and the Charities SORP (FRS102).

OUR AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The Worcestershire Homeless Appeal aims to prevent or relieve poverty in Worcestershire by providing items and services to individuals and families in need, and / or to charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty with the Trustees having a regard to the Charity's Commission guidance on the public benefit. We seek to provide a weekly pantry to the local community with groceries, toiletries and other household essentials. Additional support has also been offered by providing 600 Easter Eggs and providing 500 Christmas gifts of toys for children as well as supplementing the food packages with Aldi vouchers to enable families to provide a Christmas meal at home.

We are a volunteer community of 28, who welcome anyone to support our Charity which we have seen to have supported individuals who are alone, suffering from mental health or wanting to be part of a volunteer community. This has created strong bonds, a sense of belonging and genuine friendships across the group of volunteers.

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

The Worcestershire Homeless Appeal aims to reduce food poverty within the community as well as reduce food waste from food distribution centres and supermarkets. Food and essential items are collected directly from Oakland International, Mullers, Mindful Chef and various local supermarkets to be made into support packages for those families in need.

Our mission is to support anyone who feels they can benefit from the services we offer; individuals do not need to provide any proof or information regarding their current situation and we would not turn anyone away. Between 60 and 100 families are supported weekly with from the Pantry.

The unit has been fitted with a walk-in chiller and freezer which has provided the opportunity to store food for longer. The ambient area of the unit is fully shelved. The unit has been fully operational since February 2023. Collections are made with our own vehicle from the food centres and supermarkets and delivered into the unit and stored in preparation for the weekly pantry service.

Distribution of the support packages is operated on a Wednesday from the Droitwich Spa Baptist Church.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Worcestershire Homeless Appeal is a non-profit charity with all support being on a voluntary basis.

Income for the period was £40,132 made up of Pantry membership and donations online (JustGiving) or offline donations from local businesses or individuals and grants from local councils, with a total expenditure of £28308, giving a net income £11824. We have 2 bank accounts as we only had a Treasurers Account when the charity was started but during 2022, we were able to open a Charity Bank Account.

The current assets are made up of £5289 in the Treasurers Account and in the Charity Account, a balance of £6013.

Total income from membership for the year came in at £12,177. Each member is allocated bags of groceries consisting of bakery items, fruit and vegetables, fridge, and ambient food as well as other essential items if available.

An income of £4617 was funded by grants from Wychavon District Council. Donations and fundraising amounted to £23,338 from main benefactors of Zamann M Suzuki Carry, Centiant International, Socks and Chocs, A Czerniak, A Sealey Foodies and crowd funding campaigns.

Fuel costs of £2901 is for the refueling of the one van doing the collections from suppliers of food and delivering to the Pantry. £2511 was spent to maintain, repair, insure and tax the vehicle.

Sundry items are made up of purchases to support the outreach services of the Pantry, such as serving dishes, cutlery, napkins, tea & coffee, shopping bags and stationary supplies.

Not all food is supplied by donations and this year we saw an increase expenditure of £11,117 spent on supplementing the food packages distributed at the Pantry. This increase against the previous year was because supermarkets have less wastage and not able to provide donations as per previous year. We also spent £2000 on vouchers from Aldi for Christmas.

Premises expenses have increased from £1525 in 21/22 to £6742 this year. Although the unit is rent free, we have costs associated to the unit for the electricity, insurances and equipment, etc.

We have a total cash balance of £15,302 with the intention of offering grants of £250 or £500 to local schools throughout the Droitwich Town Centre and surrounding areas to support school budgets for vulnerable families that are struggling to feed and clothe their children.

We continue to keep a reserve of £5,000 for emergency repairs to the vehicle, cover monthly background costs and food supplies.

The Financial Accounting Services were kindly donated by NJR Accountancy

WORCESTERSHIRE HOMELESS APPEAL
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Motor vehicle cost	17,640	7,194
Motor vehicle depreciation	- 4,410	- 1,799
	<u>13,230</u>	<u>5,395</u>
Current Assets		
Bank current account - 35524768	5,289	11,314
Bank current account - 47318568	6,013	-
Cash account	-	-
Provision for portacabin	4,000	-
	<u>15,302</u>	<u>11,314</u>
Current Liabilities		
	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>28,532</u>	<u>16,709</u>
Represented by:		
Balance brought forward	16,709	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	11,824	16,708
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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	£	£
Income		
Memberships	12,177	15,357
Donations	27,955	19,793
	<u>40,132</u>	<u>35,150</u>
Expenditure		
Fuel costs	2,901	3,932
Vehicle costs	2,511	2,506
Food costs	11,117	4,994
Sundry expenses	1,594	2,462
Clothing/livery	200	851
Telephone and internet	433	374
Premises expenses	6,742	1,525
Donations	500	0
Depreciation	4,410	1,799
(Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed assets	-2,100	0
	<u>28,308</u>	<u>18,441</u>
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Worcestershire Homeless Appeal is a Charity Incorporated Organisation – Foundation, registered on the 1st September 2021. It has powers to do anything which is calculated to further its object(s) or is conducive or incidental to doing so. The income and property are solely applied towards the promotion of the objects.

The current trustee panel are individuals who have supported the charity before it became registered in September 2021.

The charity has appointed 6 Trustees with the following terms:

Ashlea stone – Chairperson (4 years)

Rebecca Ricketts – Treasurer (3 years)

Vanda Warrington – (3 years)

Che Warrington – (3 years)

Kay Ramsden – (3 years)

Nathan Harold – (3 years)



Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee is appointed for a term of 3 years and their appointment is selected for the skills, knowledge and experience needed for effective administration of the charity.

The Trustees all manage the affairs of the Worcestershire Homeless Appeal with a duty to perform their function in the way he or she decides in good faith that would be most likely to further the purposes of the charity. Decisions made by the trustees is in writing (or electronic form) agreed by the majority.

DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full Name(s)		
Position(s)		
Date	ASHLEA STONE	REBECCA RICKETTS
	CHAIR	TREASURER
	26 th June 2024	

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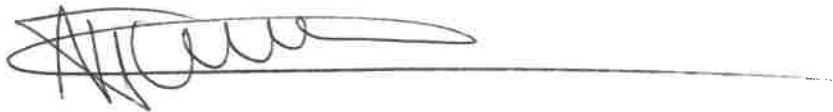
ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

**REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTANTS ON
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF WORCESTERSHIRE HOMELESS APPEAL**

In accordance with instructions given to us, we have prepared without carrying out an audit the annexed Profit and Loss Account from the accounting records of Worcestershire Homeless Appeal and from information and explanations supplied to us.

NJR Accountancy Services Ltd
14 Victoria Square
Droitwich
Worcs. WR9 8DS

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
WORCESTERSHIRE HOMELESS APPEAL

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST AUGUST 2023

Charity no
(if any) 1195682

Set out on pages

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(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 31/08/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

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

Signed:

Date: 24/06/2024

Name:

NICHOLAS ROBINSON

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

N/A

Address: NJR ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES LIMITED
14 VICTORIA SQUARE, DROITWICH, WORCS, WR9 8DS

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.