



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	06	04	2022		05	04	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

CAUSE FOUNDATION

Other names charity is known by

N/A

Registered charity number (if any)

1195836

Charity's principal address

4 BRIERLEY GREEN

MARTON-IN-CLEVELAND

MIDDLESBROUGH

Postcode

TS7 8NA

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	Patricia McBride	Chair		Board of Trustees
2	Craig Adamson-McRae	Secretary		Board of Trustees
3	Julie Hull	Treasurer		Board of Trustees
4	Marie Kilgallon			Board of Trustees
5	Carol Cross			Board of Trustees
6	Nicholas Mack			Board of Trustees
7	Joanne Connelly		Appointed 14/04/2022	Board of Trustees
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted on 17/09/2021
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at the properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

For the public benefit to relieve poverty or financial hardship among individuals in the Tees Valley and North Yorkshire (TS postcode area) by providing such persons with goods or services which they could not otherwise afford through lack of means.

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustees meetings.

The main activities are Crisis Requests, Holiday Hunger Campaign & Christmas Hamper Campaign.

Our Crisis Request referrals run throughout the year and demand is increasing year on year as we become known to more organisations. We accept referrals from professionals working with the most vulnerable in our area and offer support to those in crisis due to their personal circumstances. This could be due to circumstances such as a bereavement, a relationship breakdown, unemployment, domestic violence etc. Our main support is beds, bedding and food but is not limited. Our bed campaign continues to grow and we have had support from the community to provide much needed beds and bedding. The importance of a clean and comfortable place to sleep cannot be understated. Sleep is vital for maintaining good mental and physical health and helps to repair and restore the brain as well as the body. Children who have a good night's sleep perform better at school thus impacting positively on their educational outcomes.

Our Holiday Hunger Campaign continues to run in the February, Easter and Summer school holidays with more schools requesting food for their families in need. Poverty is rife in our community and our donated food bags are vital to enable parents to feed their children during the school holidays when they don't have access to free school meals or school based food clubs. Basic store cupboard food items are provided as a base for a nutritional meal which can help prevent malnutrition. Children with malnutrition are more susceptible to infection and more likely to access NHS services.

Our Christmas Hamper Campaign continues to grow each year with nominations from our referral partners such as schools, local authority teams and other local charities. We do not accept self-referrals but rely on the professional judgment of our partner agencies targeting those in financial hardship who would not be able to provide food and gifts for their family alleviating some of the stress and having a positive effect on health and well-being. Past recipients of the hampers continue to contact us to support not just our Christmas Hamper Campaign but also with our Crisis Requests reaching out to help those now in need as they were once. The support from our community has been amazing and continues to bind the community together. Local college students continue to volunteer and this year also organised the collection and making of their own hampers to be donated in support of other young people who we support in the community. This has benefited the students to understand the social make up of their community and understand the differing needs of the wider community.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We continue to be well supported by the local community who recognise the value of what we do.

As we reach out using social media platforms, more and more of our community want to be involved and contribute to our campaigns.

Our team of dedicated volunteers are invaluable to us and we hope to develop further the roles within the organisation to involve more people.

We cannot thank our supporters and volunteers enough for their continued support throughout the year.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our Crisis Request referrals continue to rise and we have supported around 320 families/individuals by providing a variety of items including beds, bedding, wardrobes, drawers, small household items and food.

Our 2022 Christmas Hamper Campaign was the largest so far and we had over 1700 families nominated across Middlesbrough, Stockton, Redcar & Cleveland and Hartlepool local authority areas.

With the help of a local business and one of their employees (who was a previous recipient of a Cause hamper more than 20 years ago), we now have a new professional website with ongoing free support. This has enabled us to reach a wider audience in terms of what we do including the hamper campaign where donors can register via the website but also our fundraising events and a means to donate electronically which has increased our income.

We also now have a bespoke hamper portal which has saved much time in the organisation and smooth running of the hamper campaign making it easier for people to sign up and donate which has resulted in us being able to invite more organisations to nominate families in need,

Our Afternoon Tea was held in May 2022 with all the tickets being sold and those attending enjoying a lovely afternoon of food and entertainment. We also held a music evening to raise funds and our second Charity Ball after a long break due to COVID will be held in May 2023.

Our network of volunteers continues to grow with more of the community contacting us. We hope to further expand our network as the charity becomes more well known in the wider community.

The Development Plan has not progressed yet due to unforeseen circumstances but we are hopeful this will be completed within the next reporting year.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash at bank at 05/04/2023 was £44886 in unrestricted funds, slightly down from last year. The main financial risk to the charity is loss of donations due to personal financial uncertainty due to the continued current economic crisis. This has been borne out as our fundraising raised £4420 which if we hadn't been able to do would have meant a reduction in our cash at bank.

The funds are held as the Trustees still plan to undertake work on a Development Plan to set out priorities for the short, medium and long term future of the Charity including if there is a need for the charity to employ staff and/or secure premises. The trustees, who are all volunteers with other personal commitments, continue to support whenever requested and foresee that the need for support will increase as the charity status becomes more prominent in the community.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

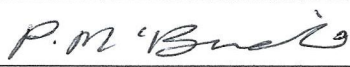
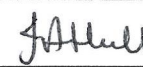
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	PATRICIA McBRIDE	JULIE ANN HULL
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TREASURER
Date	18/12/2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

CAUSE FOUNDATION

1195836

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
06-Apr-22

To

Period end date
05-Apr-23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
GRANTS & DONATIONS	29,715	4,940	-	34,655	46,699
BANK INTEREST	116	-	-	116	73
FUNDRAISING	4,420	-	-	4,420	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	34,251	4,940	-	39,191	46,772
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	34,251	4,940	-	39,191	46,772
A3 Payments					
CRISIS REQUESTS	24,666	4,940	-	29,606	16,519
HOLIDAY HUNGER & HAMPERS	10,032	-	-	10,032	6,204
OFFICE & STATIONERY	105	-	-	105	100
INTERNET & MOBILE	15	-	-	15	313
INSURANCE	275	-	-	275	239
PAYMENT CHARGES	86	-	-	86	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	35,179	4,940	-	40,119	23,375
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	35,179	4,940	-	40,119	23,375
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 928	-	-	- 928	23,397
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	45,814	-	-	45,814	-
Cash funds this year end	44,886	-	-	44,886	23,397

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	CASH IN BANK 05/04/2023	44,886	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	44,886	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	J. Hull	JULIE ANN HULL	18.12.23
	P. McBride	PATRICIA McBRIDE	18.12.23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Cause Foundation

On accounts for the year
ended

05/04/2023

Charity no
(if any) 1195836

Set out on pages

1 - 2

(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 **05/04/2023**.

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

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

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: **SW White**

Date: **24/01/2024**

Name: **MRS SHARON WHITE**

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

ACCA

Address:

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BELASTS HALL TECHNOLOGY PARK
BIRMINGHAM B5 2B 4AZ

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.