



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

| From | | Period start date | | | To | | Period end date | | |
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| | | Day | Month | Year | | | Day | Month | Year |
| | | 06 | 04 | 2023 | | | 05 | 04 | 2024 |

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

MYPLACE

NORTH STREET

MIDDLESBROUGH

Postcode

TS2 1JP

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 | 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 | | | 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 |
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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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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 by providing such persons with goods or services which they could not otherwise afford through lack of means.

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)

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.

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 Referrals continuing to increase year on year with a variety of different organisation coming to us asking for help with their families. We have again supported over 300 families/individuals by providing a variety of items including beds, bedding, wardrobes, drawers, small household items and food. As the cost of living crisis continues to have an impact on local families, we anticipate the need for our support will continue to grow.

Our 2023 Christmas Hamper Campaign was the largest so far and we had around 1800 families nominated across Middlesbrough, Stockton, Redcar & Cleveland and Hartlepool local authority areas. We have ongoing support with our website and hamper portal and we are extremely grateful for that. Many local business now support us year on year and we could not provide the number of hampers we do without this ongoing financial support.

Our Holiday Hunger Campaigns continue to provide support to local schools by providing food bags for families who struggle to feed their children during the holidays. We support around 30 local schools with either food bags or supermarket vouchers and this number is rising each year.

We continue to fundraise and would like to thank the Endeavour Partnership for choosing us as their Charity of the Year. Their staff have worked tirelessly over the year to fundraise for our Charity and we will be forever grateful for their contribution.

We held 4 fundraising events during the year:

An Afternoon Tea in July 2023 was very well supported and everyone had a lovely afternoon of tea, cake, chat and singing.

Our second Ball was held at Kirkleatham Walled Garden in May 2023. The event was attended by over 200 people and it was a fantastic evening raising lots of much needed funds. We look forward to the next event in May 2024.

In October 2023 we held a fundraising event at North Ormesby WMC. Over 100 people attended. It was a wonderful evening with a very popular local artist providing the entertainment.

Our second Afternoon Tea of the financial year was held in March 2024 and continues to be a very popular fundraising event with the tickets selling out within 2 days. We continue to be supported by Stainton Memorial Hall who allow us to use the venue for free and the local music group provides entertainment, again free of charge. Their continued support is very much appreciated.

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

In December 2023, we began renting a room at MyPlace in Middlesbrough on a month-by-month contract. The Trustees agreed that this was the best way forward with the least risk to the Charity. The room is being used as an office and a small storage area and provides a focus point for the Charity. It is envisaged that as part of the Charity development, some volunteers will be able to undertake further duties and relieve the Trustees of some of the day-to-day tasks. The Trustees continue to give up their time freely and take no remuneration or expenses from the Charity.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash at bank at 05/04/2024 was £43187 in unrestricted funds plus £1290 in gift vouchers. The main financial risk to the charity is loss of donations due to personal financial uncertainty due to the continued current economic crisis. We continue to fundraise but this is only a small part of our income – we rely on local individuals and business for the majority of our income and we continue to pursue the involvement of local businesses.

The funds are held as the Trustees continue to plan priorities for the short, medium and long term future of the Charity. The trustees, who are all volunteers with other work / 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


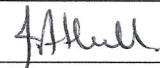
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) |  |  |
| Full name(s) | PATRICIA McBRIDE | JULIE ANN HULL |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | CHAIR | TREASURER |
| Date | 2.7.24 | |



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

CAUSE FOUNDATION

1195836

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
06-Apr-23

To

Period end date
05-Apr-24

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 | 42,342 | 8,902 | - | 51,244 | 34,655 |
| BANK INTEREST | 182 | - | - | 182 | 116 |
| FUNDRAISING | 12,187 | - | - | 12,187 | 4,420 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 54,711 | 8,902 | - | 63,613 | 39,191 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 54,711 | 8,902 | - | 63,613 | 39,191 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| CRISIS REQUESTS | 45,410 | - | - | 45,410 | 29,606 |
| FUNDRAISING | 5,367 | - | - | 5,367 | - |
| HOLIDAY HUNGER & HAMPERS | 1,650 | 8,902 | - | 10,552 | 10,032 |
| OFFICE & STATIONERY | 897 | - | - | 897 | 105 |
| INTERNET & MOBILE | 16 | - | - | 16 | 15 |
| INSURANCE | 382 | - | - | 382 | 275 |
| PAYMENT CHARGES | 168 | - | - | 168 | 86 |
| ROOM RENTAL | 1,020 | - | - | 1,020 | - |
| ADVERTISING & PROMOTIONAL | 210 | - | - | 210 | - |
| Sub total | 55,120 | 8,902 | - | 64,022 | 40,119 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 55,120 | 8,902 | - | 64,022 | 40,119 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 409 | - | - | - 409 | - 928 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 44,886 | - | - | 44,886 | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 44,477 | - | - | 44,477 | 928 |

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 05/04/2024 | 43,187 | - | - |
| | GIFT VOUCHERS 05/05/2024 | 1,290 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 44,477 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
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| B3 Investment assets | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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| | | | - | - |
| B5 Liabilities | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| | | | - | |
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| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval | |
| | JAHull | JULIE ANN HULL | 2.7.24 | |
| | P. M McBride | PATRICIA McBRIDE | 2.7.24 | |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

CAUSE FOUNDATION

On accounts for the year
ended

05/04/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1195836

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2024

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:

Sh White

Date:

04/11/24

Name:

MRS SHARON WHITE

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

ACCA

Address:

UNIT 21 BELASIS COURT

BELASIS HALL TECHNOLOGY Park

BILLINGHAM TS23 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.