

Trustees' Annual Report – Lola's Homeless Ladder CIO
For the Year Ended 28th Feb 2024

Objectives and Activities

The mission of Lola's Homeless Ladder CIO is to provide essential support and resources to vulnerable individuals and families in our community. Through a network of dedicated volunteers and trustees, we aim to offer practical assistance to those in need, promoting dignity, well-being, and resilience.

Achievements and Performance

Supporting Families and Individuals

- **Furniture Donations:** Three new homes were furnished with donated items:
 - A 50+ year-old mother.
 - A 25+ year-old woman with three children.
 - A single male.Deliveries were managed in Newham, Dagenham, and Leyton by trustees and volunteers, including Maureen, Stella, Lorraine, and Cheryl.
- **Support for a Sick Individual:** Clothing was purchased and delivered to a seriously ill male patient at Newham General Hospital to assist with his recovery.
- **Support for Rebuilding Life:** A mother, Joanne, was supported in rebuilding her life. Her flat was fully furnished with essentials, from a toothbrush to a washing machine. Joanne publicly thanked Lola's Homeless Ladder in a social media post.
- **Support for an Elderly Lady:** Essential mobility items, including a walker and commode, were donated to an elderly lady in Plaistow.

Clothing, Emergency, and Seasonal Support

- **Domestic Violence Survivors:** Emergency clothing, including underwear, socks, and knickers, was purchased for a domestic violence survivor in urgent need.
- **Summer Essentials:** Distributed much-needed summer essentials, including sun cream, water, face caps, and wet wipes, to vulnerable individuals.
- **Winter Emergency Packs:** Fifty rucksacks filled with winter essentials were distributed in January to vulnerable individuals.

Food and Household Essentials

- **Christmas Event 2023:** This was a highlight of the year. The event, which supported 216 individuals, including children, mums, homeless individuals, and families, involved:
 - Over £3,000 spent, raised through appeals on Lola's platform.
 - Each individual or family receiving at least two full carrier bags filled with hot food, warm clothing, treats, gifts, and shopping vouchers.
 - Leftover items donated to the Elf Cap Disability Centre, Crisis at Christmas, and Haven House.
- **Food Distribution:** Food donations from Manor Road School, Stratford, and Salisbury School were distributed via Helping Hands to those in need.
- **Household Appliances:** Essential large items such as fridges, freezers, washing machines, cookers, sofas, and armchairs were donated to families. Delivery costs were covered by the charity, including van hire and petrol expenses.

Community Partnerships and Donations

- **Schools' Contributions:**

- Manor Road School organised a Christmas collection of food, toiletries, and cash donations.
- Salisbury School donated their Harvest Festival goods.
- Number Eight donated £300, and Manor School contributed an additional £235.
- **Asian Clothing for Children:** Over 100 brand-new Asian dresses for children were donated and distributed by Stella.

Other Contributions and Activities

- Large items such as dining tables and chairs were distributed to families.
- Tents for two families were donated and delivered by Helen Page.
- Surplus items from garage clear-outs were sent to the Courtney Hotel to aid displaced families from war-affected areas.

Volunteers and Community Impact

Our dedicated volunteers, including Lorraine, Maureen, Stella, Cheryl, and Lilly, played a crucial role in delivering items across Newham and surrounding areas. Their efforts ensured that resources reached the most vulnerable, including individuals in hostels, domestic violence survivors, and families in crisis.

Financial Overview

- **Income:** £36,513.20
- **Expenditure:** £14,849.53
- **Closing Balance:** £37,641.06

The charity remains financially stable, allowing us to continue supporting individuals and families in need.

Plans for the Future

In the coming year, we aim to:

1. Expand our outreach to support more individuals and families across Newham and neighbouring areas.
2. Strengthen partnerships with schools, local organisations, and donors to increase our impact.
3. Develop more sustainable processes for managing donations and deliveries.

Acknowledgements

The trustees extend their heartfelt thanks to all volunteers, donors, and partners who have contributed to the success of our activities this year. Your support has made a tangible difference in the lives of countless individuals.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf,

Himanshu Jain, DL
Chair of Trustees
29 December 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Lola's Homeless Ladder CIO

1195851

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01-Mar-23

To

29-Feb-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					
Donations	16,513	-	-	16,513	15,977
Grants	20,000	-	-	20,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	36,513	-	-	36,513	15,977
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	36,513	-	-	36,513	15,977
A3 Payments					
Admin	473	-	-	473	-
Events	79	-	-	79	-
Operations	3,541	-	-	3,541	-
Volunteer	1,729	-	-	1,729	-
Transportation	928	-	-	928	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,749	-	-	6,749	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Car Purchase	8,100	-	-	8,100	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,100	-	-	8,100	-
Total payments	14,849	-	-	14,849	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,664	-	-	21,664	15,977
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	21,664	-	-	21,664	15,977

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	21,664	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	21,664	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Himanshu Jain	Himanshu Jain	29/12/2024	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Lola's Homeless Ladder CIO

On accounts for the year
ended

29 Feb 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1195851

Set out on pages

(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 **29 / 02 / 2024**.

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 did not exceed £250,000.

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: Dipankar Sarker

Date: 29/12/2024

Name: Dipankar Sarker

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

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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.

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