



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 20 April 2023
Period end date

Period start date To 19 April 2024

Charity name: Bridgeway Mission

Charity registration number: 1195873

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Object of the CIO is the advancement of the Christian faith, in particular (but without limitation) by providing worship, prayer and Christian teaching.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prayer and bible study sessions are offered for those who wish to attend.• Small numbers of refugees and asylum seekers join Sunday services at the local Methodist church from time to time. (7 people).• Monthly socials are held at the same church to provide opportunities for the local Christian and refugee communities to meet. (average 50).• The food pantry has been a lifeline to refugees and asylum seekers living in Colchester during the cost-of-living crisis. (Number of families: 55) Low-cost food is available to other local communities as well.• The charity shop continues to bring in modest funds and donations of clothes and furniture. It also provides opportunity for refugees and asylum seekers to work as volunteers and interact with the public under supervision of the shop manager.• Stitch and Natter sessions continue to be very popular with the Afghani refugee women. Held weekly. Number: 25.• Second -hand bicycles were obtained for male asylum seekers to use.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity	Para 1.18	Bridgeway works to support refugees and asylum seekers from Eastern and Middle Eastern countries as they seek to integrate well into local communities. The area

Commission on public benefit		<p>covered by the charity is England; work generally takes place in Essex.</p> <p>The induction of new trustees includes the requirement to read the guidance “The Essential Trustee”, which includes Public Benefit.</p> <p>The trustees discuss new activities and funding applications, covering the benefits that will come to our communities (refugees and asylum seekers, men, women and children, staff, and potentially to supporters and other local organisations). Difficulties are also assessed to ensure they do not outweigh benefits.</p> <p>Bridgeway gathers anonymous data on all activities.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	During the period 2023/24 Bridgeway had assistance from 31 volunteers. They worked within the activities described in the sections Objectives and Activities and Achievements and Performance.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity’s work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>2023 brought several big changes.</p> <p>An application to the Lottery in the first half of 2023 for funding to run, manage, develop our organisation was successful, and the first 6 months’ funding was received in July 2023.</p> <p>In June 2023 Bridgeway was offered a one-year lease on a second property close to the first, but much larger, and belonging to the same landlord.</p> <p>These two developments meant that more activities could be offered, and for greater numbers of people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Children’s monthly craft sessions and cultural cooking sessions. ○ Asylum seekers living in a hotel on the edge of Colchester could now visit our city and meet at the new premises on certain days. We were given table

		<p>tennis, darts and pool equipment, and we provide snacks and drinks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Used bicycles were donated by the council and University of Essex, 35 bicycles. They were then loaned to the asylum seekers, so they did not have to spend their small income on public transport costs. ○ One of the asylum seekers ran bike workshops to teach the others how to care for and maintain the bikes they used. ○ The new premises bring opportunities for asylum seekers to volunteer. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ up-keep and decoration of the new premises; ✦ reception and security; ✦ cycle maintenance. ✦ Cleaning and tidying <p>Local residents (English and from other ethnic backgrounds) volunteer in the children's craft sessions, the monthly social event, English conversation, and as trustees.</p> <p>During this year refugee families have obtained housing in Colchester under the government's Afghan Relocation and Resettlement schemes. Bridgeway offers continuous help to settle and integrate; also encouragement to refugees to support each other in keeping the culture of the home country whilst adapting to necessary changes.</p> <p>Closure of the hotel in December 2023 coincided with the gradual opening of Wethersfield Camp 15 miles away. The authorities in charge of the camp now provide buses to transport residents to local towns on certain days. Bridgeway provides a safe place on 2 mornings per week, where the asylum seekers can keep warm and dry, relax with games or a film, socialising, and a monthly lunch of Middle Eastern food. English volunteers also attend to offer informal English conversation.</p> <p>The landlord has offered a further period of occupation. We contribute to a busy street of great variety and very few empty properties long term.</p> <p>Links with local churches bring prayer support and donations of money and practical items.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At 19 April 2024 Bridgeway was in a healthy financial position, being close to the end of the first year of a three-year Lottery grant which covers the basic running costs of the charity. From that firm base we have been able to apply for and obtain some small grants for food, equipment and short-term activities.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Our policy is to be able to fund three months' expenditure to pay running costs on our premises, and to pay salaries, while Bridgeway seeks funding to return to full working capacity.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Reserves held: £13,617
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No major concerns for the coming year but the dynamic nature of the work with migrants brings changes which cannot always be foreseen.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		n/a
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution dated 4 August 2021
How is the charity constituted	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation, (CIO - FOUNDATION Registered 21 Sep 2021)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are selected and elected in line with the terms of the constitution which includes a Statement of Faith

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bridgeway Mission
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1195873
Charity's principal address	96 ROBERTS ROAD COLCHESTER CO2 7FW

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	Raied Joseph Ajaj			
2	Elizabeth Alake		21 September 2021 to 21 September 2023	
3	Jonathan Butcher			
4	Susan Jean Wood			

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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Exemptions from disclosure


Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Susan Jean Wood	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Acting Chair	
Date	19/11/2024	



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BRIDGEWAY MISSION

1195873

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
20/04/2023


To

Period end date
19/04/2024

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					
General Funds	99,286	-	-	99,286	51,950
Government	13,260	-	-	13,260	28,224
Unrestricted	32,322	-	-	32,322	15,848
Shop Profit	3,795	-	-	3,795	11,447
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	148,663	-	-	148,663	107,469
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	148,663	-	-	148,663	107,469
A3 Payments					
Insurance	278	-	-	278	329
Stationery	978	-	-	978	1,500
General expenses	19,280	-	-	19,280	8,300
Food for clients	15,029	-	-	15,029	5,454
Utilities	3,451	-	-	3,451	500
Wages	36,784	-	-	36,784	9,600
Social Expenses	2,237	-	-	2,237	1,852
Travel	732	-	-	732	1,500
Equipment	23,468	-	-	23,468	-
Training	149	-	-	149	-
Profetional fee	558	-	-	558	-
Premises	614	-	-	614	-
Sub total	103,558	-	-	103,558	29,035
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment and Fixture	7,823	-	-	7,823	14,108
Sub total	7,823	-	-	7,823	14,108
Total payments	111,380	-	-	111,380	43,143
Net of receipts/(payments)	37,282	-	-	37,282	64,327
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	37,282	-	-	37,282	64,327

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	Current account	2,058	-	-
	Saving Account	95,757	-	-
	Shop Account	3,795	-	-
	Total cash funds	101,609	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Furniture	A4	7,000	-
	Equipments	A4	7,108	-
	Equipments	A4	7,823	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	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	
		Susan Jean Wood	19/11/2024	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Susan Jean Wood

On accounts for the year
ended

19/04/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1195873

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 19/04/2024.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

Signed:

Date:

19/11/2024

Name:

Muhammad Naveed Zahid

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

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(if any):

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Section B	Disclosure
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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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