



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st. October 2022 Period start date To 30th. September 2023
Period end date

Charity name: Northwich Community Support

Charity registration number: 1197106

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The prevention or relief of poverty in Northwich and the surrounding area through the distribution and provision of donated surplus food and the provision of linked support, services and advice to individuals and families in financial need.
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	The charity ran 4 hubs, now three from June 2023 in our community for food distribution collected from local supermarkets, thus reducing the amount of usable food going to landfill and helping people with cost of living challenges.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	I can confirm that all Trustees have read the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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	

Other		
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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>Our main achievements in the last year were the operation of 4 (now 3) hubs in different parts of our community that enabled us to reach people through the help of our dedicated unpaid volunteers. We regularly supply surplus food to approximately 200 people in our area every week.</p> <p>Wider usage of our van has enabled us to reduce the number of volunteer car journeys in the transportation of surplus food, reducing our area's CO2 emissions. We have also further streamlined our operation to further reduce waste food going to landfill by increased use of smallholders.</p>

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	The charity had a turnover of £65,516 for the financial year ending 30th. September 2023. Expenditure was £64,640, giving a modest operating profit of £876. However, after applying depreciation of £6566, we had an overall loss of -£5690. We had a carry-over from the previous financial year of £72,288. Our fixed assets after depreciation were £31,267, with a cash position of £37,836 (less £2,506 for creditors to be paid). This means the charity's net fixed assets are £66,598. Due to the closure mid-year of one of our hubs, this impacted our income; accordingly, we reduced our storage costs to counteract the issue.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity holds cash reserves in addition to our planned expenditure of two community projects per year, equivalent to 4 months' expenditure. This is held as a safety buffer and allows the Trustees to react quickly if we suddenly had a further reduction in income.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£12,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	We have no deficits.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The Trustees currently have no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

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		

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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is an unincorporated association.
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	The charity holds an AGM every year where the membership nominates volunteers to be their Trustees and officers of the charity. Only those present at the AGM have a vote, and in order to vote, the voters must be a member of the charity.

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	Northwich Community Support
Other name the charity uses	NCS
Registered charity number	1197106
Charity's principal address	Surestore Northwich, Units 1&2 Chester Way Retail Park Northwich Cheshire CW9 5JF

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	Jo Knight	Trustee	Resigned 6/11/22	
2	Linda Green	Secretary	Resigned 19/11/22	
3	Sam Newey	Trustee	Resigned 19/11/22	
4	Nick Abbott	Trustee	Resigned 19/11/22	
5	Hazel Simpson	Trustee	Resigned 19/11/22	
6	Lee Burstow	Chairman	Resigned 19/11/22	
7	Brian Johnston	Secretary then Chairman	Appointed 19/11/22	
8	Jennifer Johnston	Trustee	Appointed 19/11/22	
9	Louise Sherratt	Trustee then Secretary	Appointed 19/11/22	
10	Gary Williams	Trustee	Appointed 7/12/22	
11	Adam Wordsworth	Chairman	Appointed 7/12/22, resigned 22/9/23	
12	Susan Butters	Trustee	Appointed 4/5/23, resigned 30/09/23	
13	Sarah Beard	Trustee	Resigned 16/06/23	
14	Adrian Morgan	Treasurer	Resigned 1/9/23	

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

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

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	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None


Other optional information

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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)	Brian Johnston	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	

Date	20/06/24
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

NORTHWICH COMMUNITY SUPPORT

On accounts for the year
ended

30/09/23

Charity no
(if any)

1197106

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(to delete - 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 30/09/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (~~other than that disclosed below*~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

Neil Whittaker-Siddall

Date:

14/06/24

Name:

NEIL WHITTAKER-SIDDALL FCA

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

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

See attached report.

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To the members of Northwich Community Support.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2023, which are set out in the attached page.

Respective responsibilities of officers and examiners

The charity's constitution states that they are responsible for the preparation of accounts and that an independent examination of the accounts is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts to ensure that they have been prepared in accordance with the relevant accounting principles and standards.
- state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr Neil P Whittaker-Siddall FCA (1331668)
on behalf of Burton Beavan

10th April 2024

Northwich Community Support
Statement of Financial Activities
for period 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Income from						
Hub Donations	49,042		49,042	53,867		53,867
Company/Organisation	5,071		5,071	35,956		35,956
Individual's Donations	9,231		9,231	6,358		6,358
Government Organisations	0		0	15,243		15,243
Easter/Christmas	2,132		2,132	0		0
Events	40		40	2,729		2,729
TOTAL INCOME			<u>65,516</u>			<u>114,153</u>
Expenditure on						
Legal/Licencing & Insurance	776		776	780		780
Room Hire/Storage	33,289		33,289	12,861		12,861
Easter/Christmas	8,259		8,259	4,292		4,292
Sundry Expenses	6,522		6,522	6,405		6,405
Food & Equipment	6,873		6,873	2,895		2,895
Motor Expenses	5,451		5,451	8,218		8,218
Projects	510		510	9,978		9,978
Misc	0		0	486		486
Courses/DBS checks	1,339		1,339	0		0
Events	1,621		1,621	0		0
Depreciation charge	6,566		6,566	9,458		9,458
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			<u>71,206</u>			<u>55,373</u>
NET INCOME FOR YEAR			<u>-5,690</u>			<u>58,780</u>
NET INCOME BROUGHT FORWARD			72,288			13,508
TOTAL			<u>66,598</u>			<u>72,288</u>
Bank Reconciliation as at 30th September 2023						
Bank balance as at 30th September 2022			37,502			35,633
Hub Floats			180			180
plus Cash to be banked			154			119
less Cheques to clear						-1,478
Balance			<u>37,836</u>			<u>34,454</u>
Trade Creditors			<u>-2,506</u>			<u>0</u>
Fixed Assets						
Plant and Machinery at Cost			8,784			8,362
Less depreciation			-2,432			-1,672
Net Book Value			6,352			6,690
Motor Vehicles at Cost			38,930			38,930
Less depreciation			-14,015			-7,786
Net Book Value			24,915			31,144
Net Book Value of Fixed Assets			<u>31,267</u>			<u>37,834</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>66,598</u>			<u>72,288</u>

I certify that the accounts for Northwich Community Support are accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief

Signed

Paul Billington

Date:

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10.4.24.



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