



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

**01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023**

**Charity name:** **The Pill Trust**

**Charity registration number:** **1197441**

### **Aim and Purpose**

The Pill Trust is founded on Christian principles of generosity and justice. We aim to serve alongside others to see a hope-filled and flourishing Pillgwenlly.

The charity was born from a shared Christian faith and passionate desire to work collaboratively with existing local community groups and partnerships, whilst also bringing our energy and experience to help pioneer fresh and creative thinking to the challenges in our community.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The current focus of The Pill Trust is working with children, clothing, and food.

We run a weekly baby group and a weekly toddlers' group, plus a free 'breakfast and boardgames' holiday provision every holidays. We also hosted a big light party at Halloween for the families of the community.

We run a monthly clothing swap shop, where people can donate their clothes for points, which can then be spent on choosing other items from our stock.

Finally, we are starting to do some work in the necessary area of food provision – we delivered 800 food 'bags of hope' to the residents at Christmas (with the aim to increase the number next year) and then worked with the Sudanese community to deliver similar food 'bags of mercy' for Ramadan.

When planning activities for the year, the Trustees consider the Commission's guidance on public benefit and ensure that activities are carried out in line with this.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain a network of volunteers, and these come from St Stephen's church as well as the local community. We also have key links to other organisations in the community and work together with these.

### **Achievements and Performance**

#### *Children*

Our aim for '23 was to start up some play provision for the families of Pill, which has been a great success.

Our baby group consists of about 4-5 faithful mums who have expressed the importance and value they put on the space as somewhere to connect with others and their child.

Our toddler group receives around 25 people each week, always with one or two new faces, and it is more and more reflecting something of the great ethnic diversity of Pill.

We have run our 'breakfast and boardgames' sessions over two holiday periods and have seen even in that short time the numbers grow to about 30 in attendance, and with many families coming every day as a regular feature of their holiday time. Our next holiday provision will be in collaboration with the Newport Youth Academy, who will provide five youthwork trainees to volunteer and help extend our range of available activities. We have also joined Clwb ifor Bach, who will help guide us on our journey to becoming a more established play provision, including helping in our plans to run an afterschool club once we have finished redeveloping the play space that is on site.

We won a £10,000 bid from the Participatory Budget Fund in January, to redevelop a play space that is on our site. Work is now under way to make a safe, green space for the children of the community to play in. Once it is open, we will also start running after-school play sessions.

### *Clothing*

Once a month we open our doors for people to exchange their wardrobes without spending money. Our points system enables you to bring clothing and leave with new items of clothing. The shop opens on a Tuesday for dropping clothes off and is open the same week on the Thursday for browsing and point spending. Refreshments are also served, allowing the community to come together at the same time.

### *Food*

We successfully fundraised, sourced, packed and delivered 800 'bags of hope' for the community in December. The value of the contents of each bag came at around £12.50, and included such things as chocolate, cake, dates, nuts, grapes, oranges – some special treats during a festive season where many had to watch their budget.

## **Financial Review**

Total receipts for the year were £43,692, of which only £366 was unrestricted as most donations were against an appeal for a specific activity.

The principal sources of income are from donations from various benefactors, as well as grants from local sources – Pill Unity (POBL) and Newport City Council. All these were given for specific projects and have therefore been allocated to these funds.

A large proportion of the money received from grants is for the wages for the Outreach community worker and for upgrading the play area at the church to offer a safe space for the Childrens outreach work.

£22,629 was spent during the year, predominantly on several large projects within the community. One of the largest was the Bags of Hope, cost of £9k, covered entirely from donations from individuals or local organisations. The other highest outgoing is the provision of wages, plus employee administration costs for the Outreach worker.

There are then additional spends for administration of the charity.

The net result of the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £21,063 of which all is restricted. Of this, £10k is held for the development of the play area and £7k for the Outreach worker.

One area the charity will be implementing is claiming Gift Aid on donations to increase our income. This will also go towards the increasing administration costs due to current occupation of church space which needs to be rented, plus support for heating and lighting costs.

To continue the work of the charity, there is coverage for the Outreach worker, however additional funding is going to be needed to support the projects that this individual will be introducing or working alongside and we are in the process of reviewing other areas of grants and support that the charity can tap in to.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The method of appointment of the Trustees is set out in the Constitution. Current Trustees consist of the incumbent of St Stephen's, the Outreach worker, the Finance Officer along with other key members of St Stephen's congregation. Future trustees will be selected with preference on residents who reflect the community of Pill and can represent the needs of the community.

The Pill Trust is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

## **Reference and Administrative details**

The Pill Trust is situated in Pill, Newport. The correspondence address is St Stephen's Vicarage, Adeline Street, Newport., Gwent, NP20 2HA.

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Trustees who have served from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Chair:	The Reverend Justin Groves
Elected Trustees:	Valery Ede Chris Edwards

## **Declarations**

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:**

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# Financial Statements for the Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

## The Pill Trust

Financial Statement for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>			
Donations	366	15513	<b>15879</b>
Grants	0	27814	<b>28814</b>
	<u>366</u>	<u>43326</u>	<u><b>43692</b></u>

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Payments</b>			
Admin	362	0	<b>362</b>
Insurance	274	0	<b>274</b>
Hall Rent	267	0	<b>267</b>
Website	170	0	<b>170</b>
Employee	0	10900	<b>10900</b>
Children	0	175	<b>175</b>
Outreach	0	85	<b>85</b>
Bags of Hope	0	9529	<b>9529</b>
Swap Shop	0	867	<b>867</b>
	<u>1073</u>	<u>21556</u>	<u><b>22629</b></u>

Excess of Receipts over Payments	-707	21770	21063
Transfers between funds	1600	-1600	
	<u>893</u>	<u>20170</u>	<u>21063</u>

Bank Current Account 01 Apr	0	0	0
Bank Current Account 31 Mar	<u>893</u>	<u>20170</u>	<u>21063</u>

## Restricted funds Remaining

Bags of Hope	1461
Swap shop	411
Childrens	943
Playarea	10050
Outreach	<u>7306</u>
	<b>20170</b>



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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

THE PILL TRUST

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1197441

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**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.

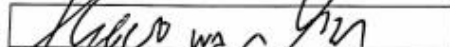
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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:



Date:

18/12/2023

Name:

ROBERT JONES

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

FCCA

Address: 220 STOW HILL, NEWPORT, NP20 4HA

**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.

NOT APPLICABLE