



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report

01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

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.

Every week during term time we run a toddler group, a baby group and an after-school play session in the garden play space. In the holidays we run a free 2 hour 'holiday games' holiday provision which runs for a minimum 3 days (previously called 'breakfast and boardgames'). 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 give food provision – we delivered 1000 food 'Bags of Hope' to the residents at Christmas, plus 50 small 'Bags of Hope' at a local school fete. We have also set up a small community pantry which can be accessed on an 'as needs be' basis.

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

A big focus of the year has been to redevelop a part of the church land to become a community play garden, which was officially opened in February. The garden has many playful elements and is open to the public. It is used by the public practically every day (weather dependent) and is also used during toddler group and Thursday play sessions.

Our toddler group has over 40 families connected with it via the toddler group WhatsApp, which translates to around 16-20 children plus carers attending each week.

Our baby group stopped for a season as demand dwindled, however it was then requested to be reinstated, and started up again about 3 weeks ago. We so far have 10 mums on the WhatsApp group, with around 2-3 attending each week.

We run Holiday Games every holiday break and receive on average 30 children and their parents/carers each session – our highest was a record breaking 56 children.

Thursday play is an afterschool play session for families where we bring out more play equipment in the garden play space and provide cheese toasties. The number of attendees of children can range from 5-16 children, and families always come, even in the pouring rain!

We have plans going forward to extend our facilities to start a part-time play cafe in the community hall, with a specific sensory area for those with autism.

Clothing

Once a month we open our doors for people to exchange their wardrobes without spending money. We have condensed the running to one day, where people can both drop off and choose new clothes. Refreshments are also served, allowing the community to come together at the same time.

Food

We successfully fundraised, sourced, packed and delivered 1000 'Bags of Hope' for the community in December. The value of the contents of each bag was around £12. It was an incredible coming together of different supporters and volunteers to deliver to all of Pill.

The community pantry has been discreetly running since January and is a resource for those who reach out in need for food support.

Financial Review

This year, total receipts were £42211, in line with receipts from the previous year. Most of these came from grants, our principal sources being Pill Unity (POBL) and GAVO.

Therefore, most of our income is given for specific projects, such as funding our Outreach community worker or for the Bags of Hope project in December. We also received several grants for our Children's work, to fund the holiday and afterschool provisions.

During the year we spent £52623, a significant increase on the previous year.

The main areas of spend were creating the Play Area (£9737) – this money was given in the previous financial year, and the bulk was spent over this year. The other main outgoings were for the Bags of Hope, cost of £14k, 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 deficit of receipts over payments of £10412. However this was predominantly down to the Play Area funding which we received in the previous financial year.

To continue the work of the charity, the committee will be looking for ongoing sources of funding 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, along with V. Ede and C. Edwards. These are supported by the Outreach worker, the Finance Officer along with other key members of St Stephen's congregation and the local community.

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 1st April 2023 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:

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'V Ede', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Financial Statements for the Year ending 31st March 2024

The Pill Trust

Financial Statement for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Receipts			
Donations	573	11032	11605
Grants		30287	30287
Fundraising	319		319
Other			0
	<hr/> 892	<hr/> 41319	<hr/> 42211

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Payments			
Admin	345		345
Insurance	284		284
Hall Rent / Heating		400	400
Website / IT	998		998
Outreach Worker		22275	22275
Play Area		9737	9737
Children		1413	1413
Outreach Other		2808	2808
Bags of Hope / Mercy		14363	14363
	<hr/> 1627	<hr/> 50997	<hr/> 52623

Excess of Receipts over Payments	-734	-9678	-10412
Transfers between funds			
	<hr/> -734	<hr/> -9678	<hr/> -10412

Bank Current Account 01 Apr	<hr/> 751	<hr/> 20312	<hr/> 21063
Bank Current Account 31 Mar	<hr/> 17	<hr/> 10634	<hr/> 10651

Restricted funds Remaining

Bags of Hope	2519
Children	2147
Play Area	733
Salary	4410
Outreach	<hr/> 825
	10634



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Pill Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1197441

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 **31 March 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

16 July 2024

Name:

Gemma Louise Harris

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

ICAEW

Address:

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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.