

House of Grace Witham - Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Registered charity no: 1199138
Address: 41 Laburnum Way,
Witham
CM8 2NY

Trustees' Report
For the year ending 31st March 2023

The trustees present their annual report together with their financial statement.

Summary of the purposes: prevention of poverty amongst the homeless by provision of temporary accommodation.

Summary of the main activities: create a partnership with the Social Enterprise organisation, Green Pastures with a view to the provision for the public benefit of supported accommodation in Witham for the homeless. (property acquired: 19th January 2024). We also engaged in fundraising to prepare the property. In carrying out the above activities the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

We are very grateful that during the period of preparation we had the skills of ten volunteers, of whom seven are our trustees.

Thank to the work that went on in the preparatory period, we are excited that as of January 2024, we have the property and the hands-on work, fitting it out for our first residents, can begin.

At the end of the period the charity had a balance carried forward of £18,005.00 which will be used in the expected £30,000.00 cost of converting the house for charitable use. At this stage the charity has not evolved a formal reserves policy but will consider this in more detail once the project is up and running.

There is no reason to believe there is any uncertainty about the charity continuing as a going concern since it is likely that the charity's main running costs will be covered by housing benefit receivable respectively of the residents and as at January 2024 fundraising has covered costs of initial conversion of property.

The trustees have identified that the main risk for the charity is failing to fill bed spaces, however given the identified need in Witham and surrounding areas, this is remote.

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation (foundation model) governed by its constitution dated 30th May 2022.

Trustees are selected by the existing trustees on the basis of their skills, experience and knowledge needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Trustees:

Name of Trustee	Date of original appointment	Re-appointed	Term expires
David Brett	17th August 2021	n/a	16th August 2024
Alison Ives	17th August 2021	17th August 2022	16th August 2025
Audrey Kennedy	17th August 2021	17th August 2023	16th August 2026
Martin Andrews	17th August 2021	17th August 2023	16th August 2026
Muriel Heppinstall	17th August 2021	n/a	16th August 2024
Geoffrey Davey	17th august 2021	17th August 2022	16th August 2025
Emmelia van der Walt James	17th August 2021	n/a	16th August 2025

During the period ending 31st March 2023 the charity had no employees.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT - YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Donations	£10999.03	Burns Supper	£236.39
Concerts	£1608.38		
Expenses	£81.85		
Sponsored Walk	£1794.00		
Rocio's Farewell	£246.22		
Quiz	£352.00		
Burns Supper	£767.75		
Gift Aid	£2392.63		
TOTAL	£18241.86	TOTAL	£236.39
BALANCE B/F	NIL	BALANCE C/F	£18005.47
TOTAL	£18241.86	TOTAL	£18241.86

Wendy McWhirr

Treasurer

10 April 2023

Audited and found correct

Mary McKeon

April 2023