

STROUD EARTH COMMUNITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1199586

Details

Other names SEC

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-07-07

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR THE USE OF THE INHABITANTS OF STROUD IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, BY PROVIDING FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION INCLUDING USE FOR: (A) MEETINGS, LECTURES AND CLASSES, AND;(B) OTHER FORMS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION, WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE INHABITANTS.

Activities: Stroud Earth Community operates the Trinity Rooms, Stroud, as a community space which supports social, spiritual, environmental, health, and educational activities for the people of Stroud, Gloucestershire.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£145,624	£88,745	-	-
2024-03-31	£82,057	£55,576	-	-
2023-03-31	£41,244	£20,872	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Katharina Child	Chair	2022-09-21
Bella Odigie		2026-02-22
Dr Kevin Ashby		2024-12-01
Frances Christine Mosley		2022-07-09
George Vigileos		2022-07-09
JAMES GEORGE MILLAR		2022-07-09
SARAH ANN FRAZER		2022-07-09
Simon Jacobson		2023-11-13

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TRINITY
ROOMS
COMMUNITY HUB



2024/25 ANNUAL REPORT



The charity that runs
the Trinity Rooms
Reg. Charity number 1199586

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WELCOME MESSAGE

This has been a year of growth, consolidation and deepening community connections for Stroud Earth Community. With the Trinity Rooms now fully established as a thriving community hub, we have seen a significant increase in the number and range of activities taking place, as well as the number of people engaging with the space each week. Through the Trinity Rooms Community Hub, we meet urgent needs with dignity, respect and solidarity at the heart. It's not just a building, it is a living expression of what becomes possible when people come together with compassion and purpose. Connections, singing, dancing, entertainment, eating, talking, help and friendship and solace are all found in this beautiful space.

What makes this work truly special is the people behind it. Our incredible volunteers, core team, staff and trustees give their time, energy and hearts to keep the Trinity Rooms open, alive and growing. We are deeply grateful to everyone who's been part of this journey — whether by cooking a meal, donating food, fixing a tap, welcoming a stranger, or simply showing up. As trustees, we remain committed to keeping this space open, inclusive and rooted in justice. Looking ahead, we're excited to be exploring the opportunity to purchase the Trinity Rooms building, which would secure the hub's long-term future as a community-owned asset, a permanent space for resilience, creativity and care in Stroud. Together, we are not only meeting immediate needs we are planting seeds of long-term change, grounded in care for each other and the planet we share.

CHARITY PROFILE

Stroud Earth Community is a charitable organisation based in Gloucestershire, committed to improving the lives of local people by providing and maintaining a welcoming, accessible community hub — the Trinity Rooms. We operate without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, offering space and support for a wide range of social, educational, environmental, and cultural activities. Guided by a vision of a healthy, connected and resilient community, we work in service to both people and the planet. Our mission is to collaborate with individuals and groups to provide a stable space that meets local needs, strengthens social ties, and upholds the rights of both citizens and nature. The Trinity Rooms Community Hub enables activities that promote physical and mental wellbeing, reduce poverty, foster inclusion, and support low-impact, sustainable living. We provide facilities and services for children, young people, older adults, people with disabilities, marginalised groups, and community organisations — through education, training, recreation, advocacy, and direct support. Our work spans health and wellbeing, environmental conservation, community development and social justice — rooted firmly in Stroud and open to all.



2024/25 IMPACT IN NUMBERS

We are proud of what we have achieved in 2024/25. We provided employment for 5 hard-working staff (2 full time equivalent) on part-time contracts. Our fabulous supporters and volunteers gleaned (collected surplus food), cleaned, cooked, shopped, served, repaired, built, welcomed, planned, raised money and carries out so many other functions that are essential to making Trinity Rooms the warm and welcoming space it is. Here are just a few of our headline numbers -

Volunteer hours

9299

At national minimum wage this amounts to £113,540 worth of labour

Hours of warm space provided

468

Farmers market surplus food collected

4.3 tons

Stroud District Foodbanks and Trinity Rooms pantry held

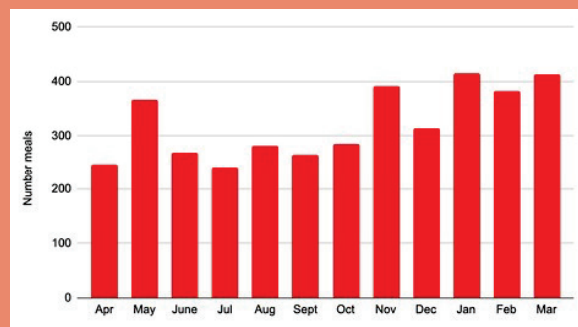
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food distribution session at The Trinity Rooms.

Number of dancing, singing, exercise and cooking classes

864

Meals served in our cafes using large amounts of surplus food



2024/25 IMPACT

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

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In opening up the Trinity Rooms as a community hub we provide a place for activities which benefit the environment, and the health and well-being of local people, that improve social connection, tackle poverty and promote sustainable development.

Lease

Stroud Earth Community are in our third year of a 5-year lease of the Trinity Rooms. The landlords are a trust set up by the Church called Trinity Rooms, Stroud. The trustees of Stroud Earth Community are actively raising funds to purchase the premises within the 5 year term of the lease in order to exercise the right to purchase clause which forms part of the agreement within the lease.

2024/25 IMPACT

Our Staff

We have five part-time members of staff, providing 2 full-time equivalent hours. The centre co-ordinator looks after the bookings and day-to-day liaisons with users of the Trinity Rooms. We have a facilities coordinator on 2 days a week who looks after building, repairs and general maintenance. Two people work 2 days a week each as part of our community development team, looking after the needs of our volunteers. Their wider role is to recruit, onboard and manage volunteers. They also broaden access and develop services for those in our community with the highest level of need. They are planning to start a Youth Club, and special sessions for people with dementia and their carers, volunteer opportunities for people with high levels of need and offering focussed services for homeless people. They also support volunteering in the other hubs in Stroud. We have a kitchen coordinator who manages the various sources of food for the pantry and cafes, ensuring compliance with Health and hygiene regulations and making sure we have a safe, clean and well run facilities.

Volunteers

The Core group, which includes trustees, has a hands-on role managing the Trinity Rooms,

As well as the trustees and core group we have 70 other volunteers, some of whom help out every week with the café, pantry, market collection, upkeep and maintenance of the hall, and some of whom offer more occasional help.

Friday Café

Our community café has been running on a weekly basis since 2022, using mainly surplus food from local suppliers and staffed by volunteers supervised by a professional chef. Payment for food and drink is on a pay-as-you-can basis. The café has grown and by the end of the financial year was very well attended with approximately 75-120 meals consumed per week, plus drinks and snacks.

The café is also a designated Warm Space in winter, supported by the town and district councils. Regular health check sessions run by NHS staff are held alongside the café and offer a service to people in need who may not access services directly through GP services. Sign-posting information is available for people who may have debt problems, addictions, mental health needs and financial hardship.

2024/25 IMPACT

Pantry (food hub)

Food and hygiene products (some donated and some bought in) are available to local people on a pay-as-you-can basis every Monday morning and Saturday afternoon. The food hub is part of a network of hubs in Stroud which support each other and coordinate food surpluses, so that one hub's surplus can be offered to another hub.

The Stroud District Food Bank also has a base at the Trinity Rooms, and runs sessions three times a week, giving food to those most in need.

The Rethink Mental Illness Service, which supports people with their mental health, runs its own weekly café at the Trinity Rooms on Tuesday lunchtimes.

Farmers' Market collections

At the end of Stroud Farmers' Market every Saturday, our volunteers collect surplus food from stall holders, then sort it and distribute it to various voluntary groups including the Friday Café itself, but also Rethink and the Chapel Street Café, another local community hub.

The average weight of food collected varies through the year, from about 45 to 120 kg per week.

Repair and Craft sessions ([full repair cafe annual report here](#))

Atelier, a local repair and crafting organisation, is now an established part of the Trinity Rooms. They run weekly open textile sessions, and hold workshops. Alongside this a repair cafe is held each month with a wide range of skills offering to repair a variety of items.



**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Stroud Earth Community**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Stroud Earth Community (the Trust) for the period ended 31 March 2025.

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 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Paul Cowham

Paul Cowham FCA DChA
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Date 20/01/2026

STROUD EARTH COMMUNITY
Registered charity no 1199586
Receipts and payments accounts
Section A Receipts and payments

	Year ended 31 March 2025			Previous year
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	ended 31 March 2024
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
RECEIPTS				
Atelier	4,115	0	4,115	4,207
Community café receipts	16,025	0	16,025	11,981
Grants	270	40,225	40,495	13,845
Rental receipts	38,183	0	38,183	24,534
Fund raising inc Xmas Day	9,774	0	9,774	7,235
Donations: building purchase	0	26,026	26,026	1,788
Donations: other	8,079	939	9,018	14,741
Other income	280	0	280	3,264
Bank interest	1,708	0	1,708	462
Total income	78,434	67,190	145,624	82,057
PAYMENTS				
Employment costs	19,423	9,145	28,568	1,352
Contractor fees	10,404	3,534	13,938	17,361
Food and kitchen costs	5,278	1,512	6,790	2,844
Rent	1,800	0	1,800	1,800
Utilities	7,381	0	7,381	6,080
Maintenance and cleaning	2,837	1,031	3,868	4,909
Insurance	1,816	0	1,816	1,759
Administration & website	2,040	0	2,040	1,093
Bank Charges	354	0	354	145
Legal and professional fees	1,085	0	1,085	1,850
Fund raising costs	698	0	698	0
Refurbishment and renovation	1,469	7,006	8,475	15,132
New equipment	3,689	8,243	11,932	1,251
Total payments	58,274	30,471	88,745	55,576
Income less exps	20,160	36,719	56,879	26,481
Transfers between funds	-112	112	0	0
Cash funds last year end	33,546	13,307	46,853	20,372
ash funds this year end	53,594	50,138	103,732	46,853


STROUD EARTH COMMUNITY
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Year ended 31 March 2025			Previous year
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	ended 31 March 2024
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	53,594	50,138	103,732	46,853
Total cash funds	53,594	50,138	103,732	46,853
Other monetary assets				
Gift Aid owed to the charity	2,000	968	2,968	4,113
Total Gift Aid owed	2,000	968	2,968	4,113
Liabilities				
Emplmt costs paid after year end	2,064	0	2,064	1,349
Total liabilities	2,064	0	2,064	1,349

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Print Name

Sarah Frazer

Date of approval

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During our third financial year the principal sources of income were grants and donations, room hire receipts and Friday café income. The trustees are very pleased to report a surplus of £56,879 for the year including £26,026 in donations towards the purchase of the building, and are confident Trinity Rooms as a viable concern.

As of 31 March 2025 SEC had total funds of £103,732 of which £50,138 were restricted funds which can only be spent on items specified by the donor. Most of our restricted funds were for staff costs, food or equipment for the community pantry and the café, plus £30,643 for the purchase of the building.

We also held £53,594 in unrestricted funds of which £5,567 were designated for the Christmas Day event. £1,274 was designated for Network of Stroud Hubs which Stroud Earth Community is a member and supporter of. We also held a reserve of £32,000 as to cover our estimated running costs for six months plus a general reserve of £14,752 including a provision to cover replacement costs for the elderly boiler at the Trinity Rooms.

Other optional information

£17,398 was paid as salary to the spouse of a trustee.

MOVING FORWARDS

The priorities for the coming year are to purchase the premises for community ownership, to secure funding to continue employing our staff team and secure the core projects and activities that serve our community. Fundraising is core to these aims, as is maximising on the hire out of our facilities.

THANK YOU

to all our supporters. Those who cheer us on with likes and share the work we do on social media , those who generously donate, and those who do the vital work of showing up, sharing fun, food and friendship. You are the community builders, strengthening the vital anchors of community which is so essential as we deal with the uncertain future of the polycrisis we face.

Contact Us

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	01	April	2023	To	31	March	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Stroud Earth Community

Other names charity is known by SEC, Trinity Rooms Community Hub

Registered charity number (if any) 1199586

Charity's principal address Trinity Rooms

Field Road

Stroud, Gloucestershire

Postcode

GL5 2HZ

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	Sarah Frazer	Chair		
2	Frances Mosley	Secretary		
3	Victoria Redstone	Treasurer		
4	Katharina Child			
5	Robin Ellis-Cockcroft			
6	James Millar			
7	George Vigileos			
8	Simon Jacobson		Appointed 13 November 2023	

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Paul Cowham	Withington Works, 30 Burton Road Manchester, M20 3EB

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

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The provision and maintenance of a community centre in Stroud, Gloucestershire with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the town. Stroud Earth Community operates the Trinity Rooms, Stroud, as a community space which supports social, spiritual, environmental, health, and educational activities for benefit of the people of Stroud and the surrounding district.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes.

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Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**Lease**

Stroud Earth Community signed a 5-year lease of the Trinity Rooms in Stroud in February 2023 which includes an option to buy. The landlords are the Trustees of Trinity Rooms, Stroud. Prior to the lease we were operating the Trinity Rooms under a licence arrangement.

Staff/contractors

We have one part-time member of staff, whose employment we have increased from 2 days to 3 days a week. They manage the bookings and day-to-day maintenance of the Trinity Rooms. We also have a part-time cleaner and we pay for a chef once a week to manage the cafes. Apart from these people, who are all self employed contractors, we run entirely on volunteers.

Volunteers

The Core group, which includes trustees, has a hands-on role managing the Trinity Rooms, consisting of 8 people who volunteer their time, and also recruit, onboard and manage other volunteers.

As well as the trustees and core group we have 64 other volunteers, some of whom help out every week with the café, pantry, market collection, upkeep and maintenance of the hall, and some of whom offer more occasional help.

Friday Café

The café started in September 2022 and has continued weekly since then. It mostly uses surplus food from local suppliers, and is staffed by volunteers and the paid chef. Payment for food and drink is on a pay-as-you-can basis. The café has grown and by the end of the financial year was very well attended with approximately 55-90 meals consumed per week, plus drinks and snacks.

The café is also a designated Warm Space in winter, supported by the town and district councils. Regular health check sessions run by NHS staff are held alongside the café and offer a service to people in need who may not access services directly through GP services. Sign-posting information is available for people who may have debt problems, addictions, mental health needs and financial hardship.

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Craft sessions

Atelier, a local repair and crafting organisation, has been incorporated into the Trinity Rooms. They run weekly open textile sessions, and hold workshops and a monthly repair café.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The policy is to hold an unrestricted general reserve of at least £15,000 in our bank account, as this represents the figure needed to cover running costs for the Trinity Rooms Community Hub for six months.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

During our first full financial year the principal sources of income were once again room hire, Friday café income, grants and donations. The trustees are very pleased to report a surplus of £26,481 for the year and are confident that we are generating enough income to keep running the Trinity Rooms as a viable concern.

As of 31 March 2024 SEC had total funds of £46,853 of which £13,307 were restricted funds which can only be spent on items specified by the donor. Most of our restricted funds were for food or equipment for the community pantry and the café, plus £3,518 for the purchase of the building.

We also held £33,546 in unrestricted funds of which £2,051 were designated for our Christmas Day event. £2,533 is designated for Network of Stroud Hubs which Stroud Earth Community is a member and supporter of. The general unrestricted fund stood at £28,761 which forms our reserve. We aim to have a reserve of at least £15,000 as this represents our running costs for six months. We also aim to have a further £8,000 in reserve whenever possible to cover replacement costs for the elderly boiler at the Trinity Rooms.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Sarah Frazer</i>	
Full name(s)	Sarah Frazer	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	27.12.2024	

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Date 8/1/25



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name STROUD EARTH COMMUNITY	No (if any) 1199586
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-23	To	Period end date 31-Mar-24
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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 (Jul 22 - Mar 23)
A1 Receipts					
Donations	13,011	3,518	-	16,529	14,706
Grants	325	13,520	-	13,845	9,717
Rental receipts	24,534	-	-	24,534	7,794
Community café receipts	16,188	-	-	16,188	5,332
Fund raising	7,235	-	-	7,235	3,689
Other income	3,264	-	-	3,264	-
Bank interest	462	-	-	462	6
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	65,019	17,038	-	82,057	41,244
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	65,019	17,038	-	82,057	41,244
A3 Payments					
Premises and kitchen costs	15,802	2,841	-	18,643	7,665
Refurbishment and renovation	9,632	5,500	-	15,132	-
Contractor fees	13,779	3,582	-	17,361	9,520
Employment costs	1,352	-	-	1,352	-
Legal and professional fees	1,850	-	-	1,850	2,468
Administration	1,093	-	-	1,093	926
Fund raising costs	-	-	-	-	260
Bank charges	145	-	-	145	33
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	43,653	11,923	-	55,576	20,872
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	43,653	11,923	-	55,576	20,872
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,366	5,115	-	26,481	20,372
A5 Transfers between funds	29	29	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,151	8,221	-	20,372	-
Cash funds this year end	33,546	13,307	-	46,853	20,372

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	Cash at bank	33,546	13,307	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	33,546	13,307	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift aid owed to the charity	3,638	475	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	March 24 employment costs paid April	unrestricted	1,349	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Sarah Frazer		

STROUD EARTH COMMUNITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1199586

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	07	July	2022	To	31	March	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Stroud Earth Community

Other names charity is known by SEC, Trinity Rooms Community Hub

Registered charity number (if any) 1199586

Charity's principal address Trinity Rooms

Field Road

Stroud, Gloucestershire

Postcode

GL5 2HZ

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	Frances Mosley	Chair		
2	Katharina Child		Appointed 21 Sep 2022	
3	Robin Ellis-Cockcroft		Appointed 21 Sep 2022	
4	Sarah Frazer			
5	James Millar			
6	Victoria Redstone		Appointed 21 Sep 2022	
7	George Vigileos			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The provision and maintenance of a community centre in Stroud, Gloucestershire with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the town. Stroud Earth Community operates the Trinity Rooms, Stroud, as a community space which supports social, spiritual, environmental, health, and educational activities for the people of Stroud, Gloucestershire.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

Stroud Earth Community operates the Trinity Rooms, Stroud, a former church hall, as a community centre supporting social, spiritual, environmental, health, and educational activities. The Trinity Rooms Community Hub is an accessible, safe and welcoming space where people can come together to eat, work, learn, and enjoy themselves.

Stroud Earth Community directly runs a weekly community café and Food Hub at the Trinity Rooms, and provides space and support to other groups including the local Food Bank, a community craft organisation. The Trinity Rooms Community Hub is also available to other local groups and individuals for hire at reasonable or no cost for events, meetings, activities and recreational purposes.

In opening up the Trinity Rooms as a community hub we provide a place for activities which benefit the environment, and the health and well-being of local people, that improve social connection, tackle poverty and promote sustainable development.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

[Empty box for optional information]

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**Lease**

Stroud Earth Community signed a 5-year lease of the Trinity Rooms in Stroud in February 2023 – this includes an option to buy. The landlords are the Trustees of Trinity Rooms, Stroud. Prior to the lease we were operating the Trinity Rooms under a licence arrangement.

Staff/contractors

We have one part-time member of staff, who manages the bookings and day-to-day maintenance of the Trinity Rooms. We also have a part-time cleaner and we pay for a chef once a week to manage the cafes. Apart from these people, who are all self employed contractors, we run entirely on volunteers.

Volunteers

The Core group, which includes trustees, has a hands-on role managing the Trinity Rooms, consists of 8 people who volunteer their time, and also recruit, onboard and manage other volunteers.

As well as the trustees and core group we have many other volunteers, some of whom help out every week with the café, pantry, market collection, upkeep and maintenance, and some of whom offer more occasional help.

Friday Café

The café started in September 2022 and has continued weekly since then. It mostly uses surplus food from local suppliers, and is staffed by volunteers and the paid chef. Payment for food and drink is on a pay-as-you-can basis. The café has grown and by the end of the financial period was well-attended with approximately 30-50 meals consumed per week, plus drinks and snacks. The café is also a designated Warm Space in winter, supported by the town and district councils.

Pantry (food hub)

Food and hygiene products (some donated and some bought in) are available to local people on a pay-as-you-can basis every Monday morning and Saturday afternoon. The food hub is part of a network of hubs in Stroud which support each other and coordinate food surpluses, so that one hub's surplus can be offered to another hub.

The Stroud District Food Bank also has a base at the Trinity Rooms, and runs sessions three times a week, giving food to those most in need.

The Independence Trust, which supports people with their mental health, runs its own weekly café at the Trinity Rooms.

Farmers' Market collections

At the end of Stroud Farmers' Market every Saturday, our volunteers collect surplus food from stall holders, then sort it and distribute it to various voluntary groups including the Friday Café itself, but also the Independence Trust, the Chapel Street Café and the Salvation Army. The average weight of food collected varies through the year, from about 35 to 90 kg.

Craft sessions

A local craft collective, Atelier, runs weekly open textile sessions, hosts workshops and a monthly repair café.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The policy is to hold an unrestricted general reserve of at least £12,000 in our bank account, as this represents the figure needed to cover running costs for the Trinity Rooms Community Hub for 6 months.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

During the first financial period the principal sources of income were donations, fund-raising events, grant funding, room hire, and Friday café income. SEC generated a surplus of £20,372 during the period.

As of 31 March 2023 SEC had a total of £20,372 at the bank, of which £8,221 was restricted funds which can only be spent on items specified by the donor. Unrestricted funds totalled £12,151 of which £467 were designated for the Warm Space to be spent on heating in April and May. The undesignated general fund balance of £11,684 meant that we had nearly reached our target for reserves after only 9 months of becoming a registered charity.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Frances Mosley</i>	
Full name(s)	Frances Mosley	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	26/01/2024	

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Stroud Earth Community**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Stroud Earth Community (the Trust) for the period ended 31 March 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 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Paul Cowham

Paul Cowham FCA DChA
Green Fish Resource Centre
46 – 50 Oldham Street
Manchester
M4 1LE

26 January 2024
Date



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
STROUD EARTH COMMUNITY

No (if any)
1199586

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 07-Jul-22	To	Period end date 31-Mar-23
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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					
Donations	14,706	-	-	14,706	-
Grants	467	9,250	-	9,717	-
Rental receipts	7,794	-	-	7,794	-
Community café receipts	5,332	-	-	5,332	-
Fund raising	3,689	-	-	3,689	-
Bank interest	6	-	-	6	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	31,994	9,250	-	41,244	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,994	9,250	-	41,244	-
A3 Payments					
Premises and kitchen costs	6,636	1,029	-	7,665	-
Contractor fees	9,520	-	-	9,520	-
Legal fees	2,468	-	-	2,468	-
Administration	926	-	-	926	-
Fund raising costs	260	-	-	260	-
Bank charges	33	-	-	33	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	19,843	1,029	-	20,872	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	19,843	1,029	-	20,872	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,151	8,221	-	20,372	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	12,151	8,221	-	20,372	-

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	Cash at bank	12,151	8,221	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	12,151	8,221	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	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)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	
	<i>Frances Mosley</i>	Frances Mosley	26/01/2024	