



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.

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)

Frances Mosley

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

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Green Fish Resource Centre
46 – 50 Oldham Street
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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
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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
		Frances Mosley	Frances Mosley	26/01/2024