

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

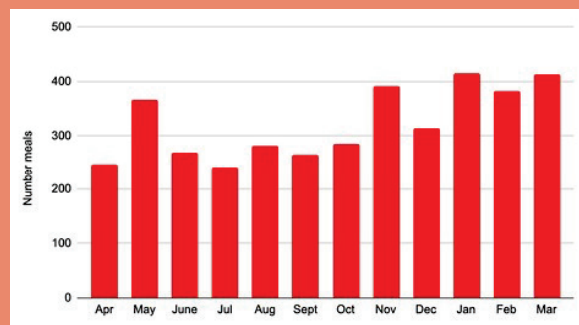
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food distribution session at The
Trinity Rooms.

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.

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 and 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.

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.

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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.

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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.

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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 ended 31 March 2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	
	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


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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

20:01:2026

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.

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