

Trustees' report for Love Barton 2023/2024  
Charity Number 1200369  
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## **Love Barton Summary**

Love Barton is a Christian charity established on 14th September 2022 to tackle systemic issues keeping people and families in poverty, and to release them to flourish in all areas of life. 2023/2024 was a year of significant growth for Love Barton as we employed a Charity Manager to oversee the day-to-day running of the charity. Together with our trustees, the Charity Manager developed our vision statement to be:

*"Working to see every person in Barton fulfilling their potential and as a result the whole community flourishing."*

We also agreed upon five values to underpin our work. These are: *relational, collaboration, longevity, acceptance and hope.*

We identified three priority areas for our work and were able to restart and initiate a number of projects accordingly.

**Health and Wellbeing:** Working to provide practical and emotional support to those in Barton facing food poverty, isolation and poor mental health.

- Foodbank: In partnership with Community Emergency Foodbank Oxford we ran a twice-weekly foodbank hub. In 2023/2024 we gave out 529 food parcels to individuals and families referred by local organisation.
- Hear4You: In 2023/2024 we re-launched our free listening service Hear4You after a break to provide free emotional support to those facing stress, loneliness, bereavement, isolation and poor mental health. Through this 4 trained volunteer listeners supported 11 individuals through over 40 hours of active listening.

**Youth:** Working to support young people with low self-esteem and/or family challenged to have the confidence to make good choices and work towards their dreams and ambitions

- Know Your Worth: In partnership with Know Your Worth we supported 5 teenage girls through an 8-week self-esteem course. 4 out of 5 of these reported higher self-esteem after

the course using the rosenberg scale while the other participant maintained their level of self-esteem.

- Mentoring: All 5 girls who completed the Know Your Worth course signed up for 6-months of follow-on mentoring with a trained volunteer of which many claimed it made a huge positive impact on their confidence and wellbeing.

**Flourishing Families:** Working to provide practical and pastoral support to families in need, particularly those in crisis, and empower parents to translate the love they have for their kids into experiences and parenting that sees the child flourish.

- Adhoc Courses: In partnership with Christians Against Poverty we supported 5 parents to improve their financial situation by hosting a money-management course.
- We gave away over 200 festive hampers containing essential food, christmas gifts and treats to families in need identified through local schools and community workers.
- We welcomed over 50 individuals from the community to an Easter event where children and families enjoyed crafts, games and a hot meal. We also celebrated our official launch with a community party giving out over 200 burgers and sausages at a free family fun afternoon with a BBQ.

As part of our 2024 fundraising strategy, we hosted a Vision Night in December to unveil our giving campaign focused on securing regular monthly donations. This initiative reflects our commitment to establishing a consistent and reliable income stream through the support of dedicated donors. We have worked diligently to encourage and cultivate a base of regular givers, ensuring financial stability to sustain and grow our mission.

# Financial Activities

01 April, 2023 - 31 March, 2024

	Total	
Income		
Donations		23,890.34
Total Income	£	23,890.34
Total	£	23,890.34
Expenditures		
Advertising/Promotional		888.37
Branding		919.00
Computer Costs		593.99
DBS Checks		38.00
Entertainment / Refreshments		909.39
Insurances		337.30
Legal Fees		888.00
Office/General Administrative Expenses		425.51
Payroll Expenses		
Pension		405.30
Taxes		0.00
Wages		19,750.00
Total Payroll Expenses	£	20,155.30
Phone Costs		173.71
Phone Handset Costs		109.98
Printing, Postage and Stationery		189.40
Subscriptions		532.52
Training Course		180.00
Travel and Accommodation		23.72
Website Subscriptions		138.24
Total Expenditures	£	26,502.43
Net Income/(Expenditure)	-£	2,612.09

## Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2024

	<u>Total</u>
Fixed Asset	
Total Fixed Asset	
Cash at bank and in hand	
Current	19,576.99
Total Cash at bank and in hand	<u>£ 19,576.99</u>
Net current assets	<u>£ 19,576.99</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	
HMRC	920.60
Pension	103.60
Total Payroll Liabilities	<u>£ 1,024.20</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>£ 1,024.20</u>
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>£ 1,024.20</u>
Net current assets (liabilities)	<u>£ 18,552.79</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>£ 18,552.79</u>
Total net assets (liabilities)	<u>£ 18,552.79</u>
Charity funds	
Retained Earnings	12,236.33
Surplus/(Deficit)	6,316.46
Total Charity funds	<u>£ 18,552.79</u>