

# A BETTER FIT - SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1200842

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-10-27

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO RELIEVE POVERTY OR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONG LOCAL FAMILIES WITHIN CARDIFF AND THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN BY WAY OF PROVIDING, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SCHOOL RELATED UNIFORMS, SHOES, COATS, BAGS AND ITEMS RELATING TO EXTRA CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES THAT PARENTS WOULD NORMALLY PROVIDE THEIR CHILDREN WHO ARE IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 11 WITH.

**Activities:** School uniform donation: Collection of school uniform items that benefit children from 2 - 18 years. Re distribution of collected items to users in need. Items are offered free of charge to help alleviate the struggling cost of living.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

## Geography

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- Cardiff
- Vale Of Glamorgan

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees	
2025-01-01		£425	£377	-	-
2024-01-01		£515	£0	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Kathryn Louise Wakeham</b>	Chair	2021-03-01
Kerry - Anne Clarke		2021-03-01
Michael Edward Wakeham		2021-03-01

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# Accounts

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# Trustees Annual Report

2024



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# Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ended 1 January 2025

## Charitable Objectives

The objects of the CIO are to:

1. Promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race, or political, religious or other opinions, by bringing together residents, statutory authorities, and voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of health, social and mental welfare—with the goal of improving quality of life and job prospects.
2. Establish and manage a school uniform and clothing donation, collection, and distribution network (independently or in cooperation with other bodies), involving residents in all aspects of its operation, to build capacity and community engagement.
3. Promote other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

The Charity remains non-party political and non-sectarian. The area of benefit includes Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.

## Review of the Year: Objectives and Achievements

During the year ending 1 January 2025, A Better Fit – School Uniform Donation continued to provide vital support to families with children aged 2 to 18. Our aim remains to ensure that every child can participate fully in school life without the stigma of inadequate clothing.

- We now supply uniforms for every school in Cardiff, including sought-after items such as PE kits.
- Our range of donated items has expanded to meet the growing needs of families facing financial hardship.
- We have partnered with all Cardiff Council Hubs, installing collection bins for public donations and organising regular pop-up events during school holidays to make uniforms accessible to those unable to visit our premises.
- We have built strong partnerships with schools across Cardiff, enabling direct referrals and discreet uniform distribution to families in need.
- We continue to receive referrals from social services, Cardiff Council, the Job Centre, and local support workers, demonstrating the trust and value placed in our service.

Our volunteer base has grown significantly. Volunteers remain central to our success, contributing countless hours to sorting, organising, and distributing clothing. Their dedication enables us to meet the increasing demand across the region.

## Financial Review

Our finances are managed via an Excel-based accounting system, tracking income, expenditure, and any restricted funds from grants or donations.

The financial year resulted in a modest surplus, reflecting prudent management and ongoing community support. This year, our focus was on increasing donations to meet the rising demand for uniforms.

Looking forward, we are actively fundraising for additional storage and sorting facilities to accommodate our growing stock and ensure we can continue to meet community needs efficiently.

## Risk Management

The Trustees actively assess and manage risks to ensure the safety, sustainability, and integrity of the charity's operations.

- Public liability, employer's liability, and contents insurance
- Enhanced DBS checks for all trustees and CRB checks for volunteers working with children and vulnerable people.
- Comprehensive risk assessments for all activities
- ICO registration and data protection training to ensure compliance with GDPR.

## Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

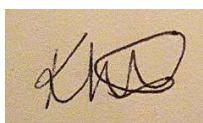
Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities and position. In preparing the accounts, the trustees must:

- Select and apply suitable accounting policies consistently;
- Make reasonable and prudent estimates;
- Prepare the accounts on a going-concern basis unless there is evidence to the contrary.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records, safeguarding the charity's assets, and taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees confirm that the accounts comply with current statutory requirements and the charity's governing document.

Report approved by the Trustees on 30 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Kathryn Wakeham  
Treasurer

# Income Statement

**A Better Fit School Uniform Donation**  
**27/10/2022 to 01/01/2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Notes
<b>Revenue</b>				
<b>Income from Charitable Activities</b>				
Cash For Clothes	-	-	-	
Amazon Donation	-	-	-	
Misc Donations	425	-	425	
Other Income	-	-	-	
Grants/Funding	-	-	-	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>425</b>	
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>				
Stock	-	-	-	
Packaging	-	-	-	
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Gross Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>425</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>				
Advertising	-	-	-	
Dues and Subscriptions	-	-	-	
Insurance	137	-	137	
Legal and Professional Fees	-	-	-	
Licenses and Fees	-	-	-	
Health & Safety	-	-	-	
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	
Charitable Activities	-	-	-	
Office Expense	-	-	-	
Postage	-	-	-	
Repairs and Maintenance	-	-	-	
Cleaning Supplies	60	-	60	
Telephone	180	-	180	
Travel	-	-	-	
Rental Exp	-	-	-	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>377</b>	
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>				
-	-	-	-	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48</b>	

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## **A Better Fit – School Uniform Donation**

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 01 January 2024

### **OBJECTS**

The objects of the CIO are to:

- (1) promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the statutory authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of health, social and mental welfare, with the object of improving the conditions of life and job prospects for the said inhabitants;
- (2) establish, or secure the establishment of, a school uniform and clothing donation, collection and distribution network and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any statutory authority or other person or body) in furtherance of the Objects. In furtherance of this object, to involve individuals from the locality in all aspects of the running of the network and to build capacity whilst doing so;
- (3) promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

The Charity shall be non-party in politics and non-sectarian in religion. The area of benefit shall be Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan, and the neighbourhood together defined by the districts set out by these council bodies.

### **THE YEAR: ITS OBJECTIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

During the year ending 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 A Better Fit – School Uniform Donation helped families with children of school age, between 2 and 18 years of age, clothe their children in order to help them integrate into school life with out the stigmatism of being left out. We have provided pre loved school uniform free of charge for people in financial difficulty, saving them hardship. We are now able to provide uniform for every school in the Cardiff area, including sought after items such as PE kit. We are now able to offer a full and inclusive range of uniform to all that are in need.

We have linked with every Council Hub within Cardiff, placing donation bins for members of public to drop off their unwanted uniform, and arranging collection of these items to be taken back and be sorted for redistribution. We have organised pop-up sessions at various Hub's throughout Cardiff, where we set up stock in the form of a shop, to enable people that can't make it to our building to have access to free school uniform and our services. These events usually take place in half term and end of term times.

We have communicated to all schools in Cardiff about the services we offer and have built very good working relationships with many. This enables the school to refer families and pupils to us directly, or work with the school to send uniform items direct to them for the school to distribute discreetly. We have organised similar pop-up sessions at various schools throughout Cardiff to offer the service at a more convenient location for the end user.

We are receiving referrals from various organisations such as social services, Cardiff Council, the job centre and support workers. We are also on the list of Cardiff Council recommended facilities for support. This has seen high demand and we continue to expand our service volume to keep up.

Our volunteers are exceptional and continue to work tirelessly to further benefit the community and help A Better Fit – School Uniform Donation grow. Our volunteer base has grown and we have seen an increase in people coming into the building offering their services as a volunteer to help further a good cause.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The finances for the year are run on an Excel spreadsheet with a separate accounts sheet to manage spends against any grants or funding that may be received.

The year resulted in a small gain for A Better Fit – School Uniform Donation. This year we have focused on increasing uniform donations for the charity as we continually need to increase the volume of stock and services, we offer due to growing demand. We are also trying to raise money to provide storage and sorting facilities for the ever growing stock and demand for school uniform.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

We have public liability insurance; employers' liability insurance and buildings and contents cover.

All trustees have undergone an enhanced DBS check to offer security and safety in the services provided.

We create Risk assessments of our activities.

We have undergone data protection training and now hold all the relevant ICO certification.

We now require CRB checks for volunteers working with children and vulnerable people.

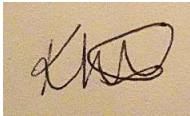
## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

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- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Adjust and estimate information that is reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Acts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees confirm that the accounts comply with current statutory requirements and those of the Charity's trust deed.

This report was prepared on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024 for the Trustees of A Better Fit – School Uniform Donation and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light brown background, appearing to read 'K Wakeham'.

Kathryn Wakeham  
Treasurer