

HITCHED COMMUNITIES LTD

England & Wales · Charity number 1201541

Details

Other names	HITCHED COMMUNITIES
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	08164822
Registered	2023-01-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: ?TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE ?SOCIALLY EXCLUDED? MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF ONE OF MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: UNEMPLOYMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; YOUTH OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL); SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DEPENDENCY INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS; DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX, RACE, DISABILITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION, BELIEF, CREED, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER RE-ASSIGNMENT; POOR EDUCATIONAL OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN; POOR HOUSING (THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS; CRIME (EITHER AS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY).?

Activities: Hitched Communities, a Wirral based charity, brings communities together to help vulnerable people achieve the change they want in their lives. With community partners, we resource and co-design

person-centred programmes, shaped by those with lived experience so our work can support people to fulfil their potential in society.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£72,250	£41,450	-	-
2023-12-31	£67,900	£61,845	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gary James Wootten	Chair	2012-08-01
David Michael Cutter		2022-07-15
Holly Jane Dixon		2022-07-20
Nicholas Godbehere		2022-07-20
Olivia Mary Higgins		2012-08-01
Sarah Wootten		2012-08-01

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Report and Accounts

31 December 2024

Hitched Communities Ltd

Report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, which also comprises the Directors' Report required by the Companies Act 2006.

Reference and administrative details

The charity name.

The legal name of the charity is:- Hitched Communities Ltd.

The charity is also known by its operating name, Hitched Communities.

The charity's areas of operation and UK charitable registration.

The charity is registered in England & Wales with the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) with charity number 1201541.

The charity does not operate in any overseas jurisdictions.

Legal structure of the charity

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, registered under the Companies Acts . The governing document of the charity is the Memorandum and Articles of Association establishing the company under company legislation.

The governing document is dated 01 August 2012

There are no restrictions in the governing documents on the operation of the Charity or on its investment powers other than those imposed by Charity Law.

By operation of law all, trustees are directors under the Companies Act 2006 and all directors are trustees under Charities legislation and have responsibilities, as such, under both company and charity legislation.

The trustees are all individuals.

The principal operating address, telephone number, email and web addresses of the charity are:-

255 Poulton Road

Wallasey,

Wirral, CH 44 4BT

Telephone +447851693316

Email Address gary@hitched-communities.org Web address www.hitched-communities.org

The registered office of the charity for Companies Act purposes is the same as the operating address shown above.

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The Trustees in office on the date the report was approved were:-

Gary Wootten
Nick Godbehere
Sarah Wootten
Holly Dixon
Libby Higgins
David Cutter

The following persons served as Trustees during the year ended 31 December 2024 :-

The trustees who served as a trustee in the reporting period were as shown above, and there were no changes during the year, or in the period between the year end and the approval of the accounts.

All the trustees are also members of the charity.

Objects and activities of the charity

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society. For the purpose of this clause "socially excluded" means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards; crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).

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The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year.

Made On My Patch

A programme designed to address food poverty and mental health, it involves patch networks (typically 12 households) learning to grow and enjoy fruit and vegetables with the help of a professional gardening coach, resources, onboarding and communications help, and support from local garden centres. The patch network leader receives wrap-around support to help their gardening group thrive. A pilot was evaluated, with plans in 2025 to expand the service to support those in addiction recovery, the international community and foster care.

Street Angels Chester

Hosted by Vineyard 53 and managed by Hitched Communities, the Street Angels Chester pilot was evaluated by University of Chester, and was proved to offer significant potential to prevent negative health impacts, crime and anti-social behaviour. Fully funded, the project responded to recommendations to increase shifts and continue its progress collaborating with night-time economy partners. The evaluation by University of Chester has been used nationally as a key tool by ROC Angels to generate sustainable funds for other Street Angels projects.

Street Angels Birkenhead

In response to the success of Street Angels Chester, Hitched Communities was approached to consider establishing a similar project in Birkenhead. Following successful core funding applications and a co-design period, the service was launched in December. It will be evaluated by University of Chester early in 2025.

The Mountain Pass

This programme was designed in response to people in addiction recovery wanting unstructured intervention work that was peer-led and developed their health and wellbeing. Now established, a range of walk leaders within the recovery community offer weekly walks and quarterly challenge walks for graduates of a substance-addiction recovery academy.

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Professional services

- Sustained a loneliness charity through a mixed funding strategy, securing over £40k. A 230 strong members survey revealed 88% no longer felt isolated or lonely. 84% felt happier with their life. St Anne's, Lancashire
- Developed and are executing a funding plan to maintain a girl (9-14 year olds) focussed mentoring programme for those struggling to fit in and/or have a difficult home life. Mentoring covers 5 ways to wellbeing, action planning and reviews over 6-9 months, through a network of trained mentors. Bradford, West Yorkshire
- Assisted the transfer of over 100 social properties from a variety of third sector providers who support people who would otherwise be homeless. Wellington and Yellow Ribbon, Shropshire.
- Developed and mobilised an impact measurement framework and reviewed a three year corporate strategy for a trust with social programmes in education, sport, health and social inclusion. Fleetwood, Lancashire.
- Developed grants to support a leading youth provider (8 to 19 year olds) of affordable housing, youth programs and community resilience. Darlington, Tees Valley.
- Designed youth programmes, through delivering community research, and then helped secure over £350k for their provision over three years. The first was a youth mentoring programme targeting 11-16 year olds at risk of becoming homeless, as they transition to adulthood, referred via Domestic Violence teams, school attendance officers and early intervention teams. The second targeting young people including single parents aged 18-25 who are moving on from supported housing/presenting as homeless. They will receive support from Navigators to improve landlord relationships and support them stay in employment, education or training and develop a good support network. Fleetwood and Wrye, Lancashire.
- Helped secure a project funding gap of £280k for the sensitive refurbishment/conversion from educational to specialist residential use to help young people particularly at times of hardship and need. Wellington, Shropshire.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in managing the activities of the charity.

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Structure, governance and management of the charity

The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees.

This process is followed upon appointing new trustees

- Identify the need for new trustees
- Agree what skills, experience and knowledge are needed, and develop short job description and person specification
- Agree responsibilities and a process for recruitment
- Consider best methods of attracting a diverse range of candidates with the skills the charity needs, eg advertising and brokerage services
- Short-list and interview against agreed criteria, with panel of trustees, following structured questions
- Preferred candidates are identified and invited to join the trustees, subject to references, formal vetting and approval by the full trustee board. Unsuccessful candidates are notified and thanked for their interest.
- Vetting candidates includes potential disqualifications, declaring existing or potential conflicts of interest, potential DBS checks
- Formalise the appointment
- Review charity governing documents to appoint the new trustee legally
- Chair writes to prospective trustees, setting out duties and expectations, and to sign and return a letter.
- Send an information pack to new trustees and arrange induction
- New trustee attends first board meeting and welcomed.

Bankers

Santander, Sunderland, SR43 4FW

Accountants

KBH Accountants Ltd, 255 Poulton Road, Wallasey, CH44 4BT

Financial review

The charity's financial position at the end of the year ended 31 December 2024

The financial position of the charity at 31 December 2024 and comparatives for the prior period, as more fully detailed in the accounts, can be summarised as follows:-

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income	30,800	6,055
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Total Funds	36,856	6,056
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Financial review of the position at the reporting date, 31 December 2024 .

The trustees consider the financial performance by the charity during the year to have been satisfactory.

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024***Policies on reserves.***

No funds are restricted and are available for general use. We run a policy to retain at least three months of operational costs in reserve, reported quarterly and updated in line with risk register.

Availability and adequacy of assets of each of the funds

The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in respect of each fund.

Details of The Independent Examiner

Mrs Tracey Pritchard
Member of Chartered Accountants
255 Poulton Road
Wallasey
Merseyside
CH44 4BT

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Statement of the Directors' and Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, the Trustees determined to interpret this responsibility as requiring them to follow current best practice and prepare the accounts according to the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), .

In particular, the Companies Act 2006 and charity law require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

- to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. 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 are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the Trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that , on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

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Method of preparation of accounts - Small company provisions

The financial statements are set out on pages 11 to 24.

The financial statements have been prepared implementing the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016)

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on _____ 2025.

Gary James Wootten
Director and Trustee

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Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charitable company on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charitable company on pages 11 to 24 for the year ended 31 December 2024 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) as modified by FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) , and under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 15.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner and the basis of the report

As described on page 6, you, the charitable company's Trustees, who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of Company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the memorandum and articles of the charity for the conducting of an audit, and that the accounts do not require an audit in accordance with Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. As a consequence, the Trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under any legal provision, or otherwise, and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

- a) examine the financial statements of the charity under Section 145 of the Act;
- b) follow the applicable procedures in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under s145 of the Act. 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 setting out the duties of an independent examiner in relation to the conducting of an independent examination. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable company and of the accounting systems employed by the charitable company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of charity legislation and that, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures made, the financial statements comply with the SORP.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the Trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries and does not cover all the matters that an auditor would consider in arriving at an opinion. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide

Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

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Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, I have completed my examination: and can confirm that:-

The accounts of this charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006;

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under 145 of the Act and in accordance with Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act which may be applicable;

and that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and Section 130 of The Charities Act 2011;

the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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;

have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Signed:-

Mrs Tracey Pritchard - Independent Examiner

Chartered Accountants

255 Poulton Road

Wallasey
Merseyside
CH44 4BT

This report was signed on _____ 2025

Hitched Communities Ltd - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

Statement of Financial Activities (including the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2024, as required by the Companies Act 2006)

	SORP Ref	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
Income & Endowments from:					
Donations & Legacies	A1	30,000	5,000	35,000	-
Charitable activities	A2	37,250	-	37,250	67,900
Total income	A	67,250	5,000	72,250	67,900
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	B2	41,450	-	41,450	61,845
Other	B3	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	B	41,450	-	41,450	61,845
Net movement in funds		25,800	5,000	30,800	6,055
Reconciliation of funds:-	E				
Total funds carried forward		31,856	5,000	36,856	6,056

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of income set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the Balance Sheet.

A separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as this statement includes all recognised gains and losses.

All the prior year transactions were unrestricted items, and no further analysis is required

All activities derive from continuing operations

The notes attached on pages 15 to 24 form an integral part of these accounts.

Hitched Communities Ltd - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	SORP Ref	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £
Income & Endowments from:				
Donations & Legacies	A1	-	-	-
Charitable activities	A2	67,900	-	67,900
Total income	A	<u>67,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,900</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	B2	61,845	-	61,845
Total expenditure	B	<u>61,845</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,845</u>
Total funds brought forward		1	-	1
Total funds carried forward		<u>6,056</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,056</u>

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The notes attached on pages 15 to 24 form an integral part of these accounts.

The resources applied on fixed assets for charity use represents the cost of additions less proceeds of any disposals.

Movements in revenue and capital funds for the year ended 31 December 2024

Revenue accumulated funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Last year Total Funds 2023 £
Accumulated funds brought forward	6,056	-	6,056	1
Recognised gains and losses before transfers	<u>25,800</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>30,800</u>	<u>6,055</u>
	31,856	5,000	36,856	6,056
Closing revenue funds	<u>31,856</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>36,856</u>	<u>6,056</u>

Summary of funds

	Unrestricted and Designated funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Last Year Total Funds 2023 £
Revenue accumulated funds	31,856	5,000	36,856	6,056

Hitched Communities Ltd - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

The notes attached on pages 15 to 24 form an integral part of these accounts.

Hitched Communities Ltd Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2024 as required by the Companies Act 2006

	2024 £	2023 £
Income		
Income from operations	72,250	67,900
Gross income in the year before exceptional items	<u>72,250</u>	<u>67,900</u>
Gross income in the year including exceptional items	<u>72,250</u>	<u>67,900</u>
Expenditure		
Charitable expenditure, excluding depreciation and amortisation	41,250	61,845
Depreciation and amortisation	200	-
Total expenditure in the year	<u>41,450</u>	<u>61,845</u>
Extraordinary items	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net income before tax in the financial year	30,800	6,055
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	-	-
Net income after tax in the financial year	<u>30,800</u>	<u>6,055</u>
Gift Aid donations made	-	-
Retained surplus for the financial year	<u>30,800</u>	<u>6,055</u>

All activities derive from continuing operations

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, the headings and subheadings used in the Income and Expenditure account have been adapted to reflect the special nature of the charity's activities.

The notes attached on pages 15 to 24 form an integral part of these accounts.

Hitched Communities Ltd - Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	SORP		2024	2023
	Note	Ref	£	£
Fixed assets		A		
Tangible assets		A2	599	-
Total fixed assets			599	-
Current assets		B		
Debtors	7	B2	2,459	7,263
Cash at bank and in hand		B4	34,547	1,342
Total current assets			37,006	8,605
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	C1	(749)	(2,549)
Net current assets			36,257	6,056
Net assets			-	-
The total net assets of the charity			36,856	6,056
The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows:-				
Restricted funds				
Restricted Revenue Funds	11	D2	5,000	-
			5,000	-
Unrestricted Funds				
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	11	D3	31,856	6,056
			31,856	6,056
Total charity funds			36,856	6,056

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of Balance Sheet items as set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the SOFA..

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The charity is subject to Independent Examination under charity legislation, and the report of the Independent Examiner is on page 10.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Gary James Wootten

Trustee

Approved by the board of trustees on _____ 2025

The notes attached on pages 15 to 24 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

Policies relating to the production of the accounts.

Basis of preparation and accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) and 'FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) , and in accordance with all applicable law in the charity's jurisdiction of registration, except that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), in preference to the previous SORP, the SORP 2005, which has been withdrawn, notwithstanding the fact that the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 refer explicitly to the SORP 2005. This has been done to accord with current best practice.

Risks and future assumptions

The charity is a public benefit entity.

Finance could be limited to maintain and grow charitable activities. Assume funding is secured to deliver programmes and retained consultancy fees remain in place to cover charity core costs.

Policies relating to categories of income and income recognition.

Nature of income

Gross income represents the value, net of value added tax and discounts, of goods provided to customers and work carried out in respect of services provided to customers.

Categories of Income

Income is categorised as income from exchange transactions (contract income) and income from non-exchange transactions (gifts), investment income and other income.

Income from exchange transactions is received by the charity for goods or services supplied under contract or where entitlement is subject to fulfilling performance related conditions. The income the charity receives is approximately equal in value to the goods or services supplied by the charity to the purchaser.

Income from a non-exchange transaction is where the charity receives value from the donor without providing equal value in exchange, and includes donations of money, goods and services freely given without giving equal value in exchange.

Income recognition

Income, whether from exchange or non exchange transactions, is recognised in the statement of financial activities (SOFA) on a receivable basis, when a transaction or other event results in an increase in the charity's assets or a reduction in its liabilities and only when the charity has legal entitlement, the income is probable and can be measured reliably.

Income subject to terms and conditions which must be met before the charity is entitled to the resources is not recognised until the conditions have been met.

All income is accounted for gross, before deducting any related fees or costs.

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Policies relating to expenditure on goods and services provided to the charity.

Recognition of liabilities and expenditure

A liability, and the related expenditure, is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, and when it is more likely than not that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and when the amount of the obligation can be measured or reliably estimated..

Liabilities arising from future funding commitments and constructive obligations, including performance related grants, where the timing or the amount of the future expenditure required to settle the obligation are uncertain, give rise to a provision in the accounts, which is reviewed at the accounting year end. The provision is increased to reflect any increases in liabilities, and is decreased by the utilisation of any provision within the period, and reversed if any provision is no longer required. These movements are charged or credited to the respective funds and activities to which the provision relates.

Volunteers

In accordance with the SORP, and in recognition of the difficulties in placing a monetary value on the contribution from volunteers, the contribution of volunteers is not included within the income of the charity.

However, the trustees value the significant contribution made to the activities of the charity by unpaid volunteers and this is described more fully in Note5.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

There are no endowment funds.

2 Liability to taxation

The Trustees consider that the charity satisfies the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively on the specific charitable objects of the charity and for no other purpose. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

3 Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

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4 Staff costs and emoluments

<i>Salary costs</i>	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross Salaries excluding trustees and key management personnel	3,840	44,375
Employer's National Insurance for all staff	117	4,415
Employer's operating costs of defined contribution pension schemes	47	-
Total salaries, wages and related costs	4,004	48,790

<i>Numbers of full time employees or full time equivalents</i>	2024	2023
The average number of total staff employed in the year was	1	1
The average number of full time staff employed in the year was	1	1
The estimated full time equivalent number of all staff employed in the year was	1	1

The estimated equivalent number of full time staff deployed in different activities in the year was:-

Engaged on charitable activities	1	1
The estimated full time equivalent number of all staff employed as above	1	1

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them have received any remuneration from the charity or any related entity, either in the current or prior year.

5 Defined contribution pension schemes

Any liabilities and assets associated with the scheme are shown under debtors and creditors.

6 Remuneration and payments to Trustees and persons connected with them

No trustees or persons connected with them received any remuneration from the charity, or any related entity.

7 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,550	-
Other debtors	909	7,263
	2,459	7,263

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	749	2,549
	749	2,549

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9 Income and Expenditure account summary

	2024	2023
	£	£
At 1 January 2024	6,056	1
Transfers in for the year	-	-
Prior year adjustments	-	-
At 1 January 2024	<u>6,056</u>	<u>1</u>
Surplus after tax for the year	<u>30,800</u>	<u>6,055</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>36,856</u>	<u>6,056</u>

10 Related party transactions

	2024	2023
	£	£
Hitch Marketing Ltd		
Sarah Wootten and Gary Wootten are directors of Hitch Marketing Ltd.		
Rent of the office	-	7,274
Gary Wootten contracted hours	18,963	-
KBH Accountants Ltd		
Libby Higgins is a director		
Accountancy fees	1,020	1,200

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11 Change in total funds over the year as shown in Note 11 , analysed by individual funds

	Funds brought forward from 2023	Movement in funds in 2024	Transfers between funds in 2024	Funds carried forward to 2025
	£	£	£	£
<i>Unrestricted and designated funds:-</i>				
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	6,056	25,800	-	31,856
Total unrestricted and designated funds	6,056	25,800	-	31,856
<i>Restricted funds:-</i>				
Street Angels Birkenhead	-	5,000	-	5,000
Total restricted funds	-	5,000	-	5,000
Total charity funds	6,056	30,800	-	36,856

12 Analysis of movements in funds over the year as shown in Note 11

	Income	Expenditure	Other Gains & Losses	Movement in funds
	2024	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£
<i>Unrestricted and designated funds:-</i>				
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	67,250	(41,450)	-	25,800
<i>Restricted funds:-</i>				
Street Angels Birkenhead	5,000	-	-	5,000
	72,250	(41,450)	-	30,800

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13 The purposes for which the funds as

Unrestricted and designated funds:-

Unrestricted Revenue Funds

These funds are held for the meeting the objectives of the charity, and to provide reserves for future activities, and , subject to charity legislation, are free from all restrictions on their use.

14 Ultimate controlling party

The charity is under the control of its legal members.

Every member of the charity is obliged to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding **£10** to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

Hitched Communities Ltd

Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2024 as required by the SORP 2015

This analysis is classified by conventional nominal descriptions and not by activity.

15 Donations, Grants and Legacies

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Total Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £
Revenue grants and donations from non public bodies				
Wirral CVS - Step Up	10,000	5,000	15,000	-
Post Code Neighbour	20,000	-	20,000	-
Total private sector revenue grants	30,000	5,000	35,000	-

Revenue grants and donations from non public bodies (Include Gift Aid donations from subsidiaries) - Prior Year analysis

	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £
Prior Year	-	-	-

16 Income from charitable activities - Trading Activities

Current year	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Total Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total funds 2023 £
Primary purpose and ancillary trading				
Sale of goods and services in accordance with the charity's objects	37,250	-	37,250	67,900
Total Primary purpose and ancillary trading	37,250	-	37,250	67,900

Prior year	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £
Primary purpose and ancillary trading			
Sale of goods and services in accordance with the charity's objects	67,900	-	67,900
Total Primary purpose and ancillary trading	67,900	-	67,900

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17 Total Income from charitable activities

<i>Current year</i>	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Total income from charitable trading	37,250	-	37,250	67,900
Income from funders	-	-	-	-
Total from charitable activities A2	37,250	-	37,250	67,900

18 Expenditure on charitable activities - Charitable trading

<i>Current Year</i>	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Cost of services for primary purpose trading - Including movement in stock	33,171	-	33,171	3,386
Travelling expenses	1,751	-	1,751	-
Total charitable trading costs B2b	34,922	-	34,922	3,386

<i>Prior Year</i>	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds	Prior Year Restricted Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£
Cost of services for primary purpose trading - Including movement in stock	3,386	-	3,386
Total charitable trading costs B2b	3,386	-	3,386

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19 Support costs for charitable activities

<i>Current Year</i>	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Salaries - Administrative staff	3,840	-	3,840	44,375
Defined contribution pension cost - administrative staff	47	-	47	-
Employers' NI - Administrative staff	117	-	117	4,415
Premises Expenses				
Rent payable under operating leases	-	-	-	7,274
Administrative overheads				
Telephone, fax and internet	37	-	37	-
Subscriptions to periodicals	167	-	167	518
Software licences and expenses	556	-	556	173
Liability and contents insurance	544	-	544	504
Professional fees paid to advisors other than the auditor or examiner				
Accountancy fees other than examination or audit fees	1,020	-	1,020	1,200
Financial costs				
Depreciation & Amortisation in total for	200	-	200	-
Support costs before reallocation	6,528	-	6,528	58,459
Total support costs - Current Year	6,528	-	6,528	58,459
The basis of allocation of costs between activities is described under accounting policies				
<i>Prior year</i>	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	
	2024	2024	2024	
	£	£	£	£
Employee costs not included in direct costs				
Salaries - Administrative staff	44,375	-	44,375	
Employers' NI - Administrative staff	4,415	-	4,415	
Premises Expenses				
Rent payable under operating leases	7,274	-	7,274	
Administrative overheads				
Subscriptions to periodicals	518	-	518	
Software licences and expenses	173	-	173	
Liability and contents insurance	504	-	504	
Professional fees paid to advisors				
Accountancy fees other than examination or audit fees	1,200	-	1,200	
Support costs before reallocation	58,459	-	58,459	
Total support costs - Prior Year	58,459	-	58,459	

The basis of allocation of costs between activities is described under accounting policies

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20 Total Charitable expenditure

		Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
<i>Current Year</i>		2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
Total charitable trading costs	B2b	34,922	-	34,922	3,386
Total support costs	B2d	6,528	-	6,528	58,459
Total charitable expenditure	B2	41,450	-	41,450	61,845
<i>Prior Year</i>		Prior Year Unrestricted Funds	Prior Year Restricted Funds	Prior Year Total Funds	
		2023	2023	2023	
		£	£	£	
Total charitable trading costs	B2b	3,386	-	3,386	
Total support costs	B2d	58,459	-	58,459	
Total charitable expenditure	B2	61,845	-	61,845	

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023, which also comprises the Directors' Report required by the Companies Act 2006.

Reference and administrative details

The charity name.

The legal name of the charity is:- Hitched Communities Ltd.
The charity is also known by its operating name,
Hitched Communities.

The charity's areas of operation and UK charitable registration.

The charity is registered in England & Wales with the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) with charity number 1201541.
The charity does not operate in any overseas jurisdictions.

Legal structure of the charity

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, registered under the Companies Acts. The governing document of the charity is the Memorandum and Articles of Association establishing the company under company legislation.

The governing document is dated 01 August 2012

There are no restrictions in the governing documents on the operation of the Charity or on its investment powers other than those imposed by Charity Law.

By operation of law all, trustees are directors under the Companies Act 2006 and all directors are trustees under Charities legislation and have responsibilities, as such, under both company and charity legislation.

The trustees are all individuals.

The principal operating address, telephone number, email and web addresses of the charity are:-

255 Poulton Road Wallasey,
Wirral, CH 44 4BT
Telephone +447851693316

Email: gary@hitched-communities.org

Web: www.hitched-communities.org

The registered office of the charity for Companies Act purposes is the same as the operating address shown above.

The Trustees in office on the date the report was approved were:-

- Gary Wootten
- Nick Godbehere
- Sarah Wootten
- Holly Dixon
- Libby Higgins
- David Cutter

The following persons served as Trustees during the year ended 31 December 2023 :-

The trustees who served as a trustee in the reporting period were as shown above, and there were no changes during the year, or in the period between the year end and the approval of the accounts.

All the trustees are also members of the charity.

Chairperson's Statement (Gary Wootten)

We're delighted to have completed our first year as a registered charity. We have built on our successful track record of collaborating with community-based organisations since 2012, and have continued our rhythm to design, pilot, sustain and scale social innovation for the benefit of individuals and communities.

We have continued to support the Mountain Pass programme, with our partners CGL and Wirral Well, training volunteer walk leaders and commissioning its evaluation, and plan to explore its potential growth in 2024. After meeting with the wider Hitch Marketing team, at the start of the year they commissioned us to develop a food poverty and mental health programme using their Hitch Fund. This is now beginning to take shape after research and stakeholder interviews in the Wirral and Cheshire, and is due to be designed and piloted in 2024.

We were also approached by ROC Angels in the summer to help fund and design a Street Angels project in Chester, which has just got under way, thanks to funding from Safer Streets. Hosted by Vineyard53, we are excited to see how the pilot goes, and hopeful it will grow into an excellent permanent service to help vulnerable people in the night-time economy.

To sustain the charity, whilst programmes develop at an early stage, we have continued to share our skills and know-how with a cohort of small charities with objects similar to our own, which continues to provide significant value.

Moving forwards into 2024, we plan to continue developing both strands of our charitable activities. This will include broadening and embedding existing programmes, and designing at least one new



programme, whilst also developing relationships with academic and community partners in the areas we operate in. We will also look to expand our professional services to develop continuity of service, introduce new services linked to social marketing best practice, and use revenue to contribute to the cost of core services, such as a charity administrator role.

Objects and activities of the charity

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

For the purpose of this clause “socially excluded” means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards; crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year.

The Mountain Pass (TMP)

The Mountain Pass mindfulness walking programme, designed primarily for those with a history of substance misuse, has operated effectively during its first full year of operation. During this time, we have delivered 48 walks using 25 different walking routes covering over 200 miles and facilitating 280 attendances. In total 55 people registered on the programme with 35 (64%) people attending at least once over the year.



Street Angels Chester

Street Angels Chester was established with Vineyard53 (project host) following a successful Safer Streets funding application. We are currently leading the pilot, which involved training and coordinating street roaming teams of volunteers to help vulnerable people in the night-time economy in Chester, including the homeless and those at risk of or affected by sexual harassment. The pilot launched on 2nd December, with 20 trained volunteers and will run over 17 shifts before being evaluated by University of Chester.



Food poverty and mental health programme

Desk research and stakeholder engagement work was undertaken with a view to co-designing and piloting a food poverty and mental health programme in the near future. A garden allotment programme is being designed to reduce health inequalities and improve community cohesion.



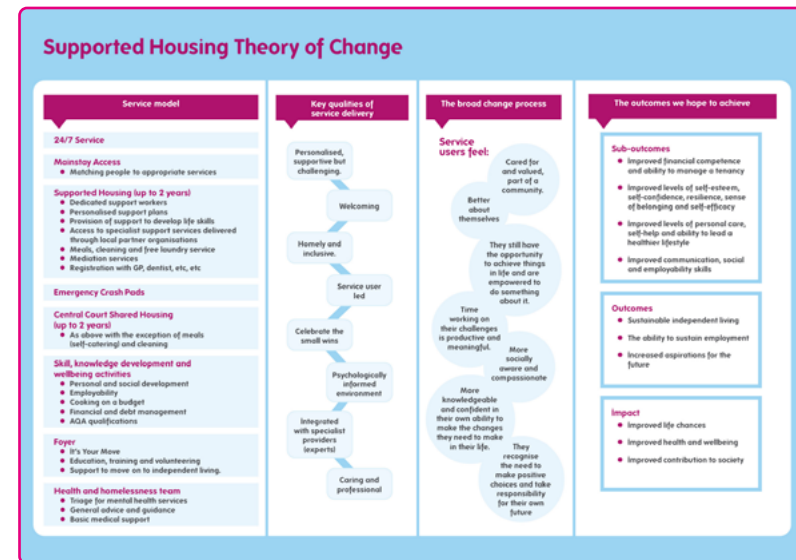
Professional services

We provided consultancy support to eight charity clients, who operate in line with our charity objects. Professional service provision to charities has involved strategy development, theory of change modelling, sustainable fund planning and grant writing. This work has supported the following:

- **Securing core funds to sustain 1-1 wellbeing services** in St Annes, Lancashire
- **Securing funds for an operations manager** to run substance abuse intervention services in Birkenhead, Wirral
- **Securing funds to continue delivering a mental health programme** for girls 10-14 years old in Bradford
- **Securing funds to renovate a college** into transitional housing development for young people in Wellington
- **Developing supported accommodation service** and securing funds for an activity co-ordinator to deliver an activity programme for 100+ residents in St Helens, Merseyside
- **Overseeing successful transfer of social housing properties** in Telford and Wrekin and strategy development for an alternative approach to the provision of support services
- **Securing funds for a Community Hub Manager** in Longsight, Manchester

- **Developing and mobilising an impact measurement framework** and review of corporate strategy for a new three year community strategy in Fleetwood
- **Securing funds for the day-to-day operations of community hubs** across the UK

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in managing the activities of the charity.



Structure, governance and management of the charity

The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees.

This process is followed upon appointing new trustees

- Identify the need for new trustees
- Agree what skills, experience and knowledge are needed, and develop short job description and person specification
- Agree responsibilities and a process for recruitment
- Consider best methods of attracting a diverse range of candidates with the skills the charity needs, e.g. advertising and brokerage services
- Short-list and interview against agreed criteria, with panel of trustees, following structured questions
- Preferred candidates are identified and invited to join the trustees, subject to references, formal vetting and approval by the full trustee board. Unsuccessful candidates are notified and thanked for their interest.
- Vetting candidates includes potential disqualifications, declaring existing or potential conflicts of interest, potential DBS checks
- Formalise the appointment

- Review charity governing documents to appoint the new trustee legally
- Chair writes to prospective trustees, setting out duties and expectations, and to sign and return a letter.
- Send an information pack to new trustees and arrange induction
- New trustee attends first board meeting and welcomed.

Bankers

Santander, Sunderland, SR43 4FW

Accountants

KBH Accountants Ltd, 255 Poulton Road, Wallasey, CH44 4BT



Financial review

The charity's financial position at the end of the year ended 31 December 2023

The financial position of the charity at 31 December 2023 and comparatives for the prior period, as more fully detailed in the accounts, can be summarised as follows:-

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income	6,055	-
Total funds	6,056	1

Financial review of the position at the reporting date, 31 December 2023.

The trustees consider the financial performance by the charity during the year to have been satisfactory.

Policies on reserves.

No funds are restricted and are available for general use. We run a policy to retain at least three months of operational costs in reserve, reported quarterly and updated in line with risk register.

Availability and adequacy of assets of each of the funds

The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in respect of each fund.

Details of The Independent Examiner

Olivia Higgins
Member of Chartered Certified Accountants
255 Poulton Road, Wallasey
Merseyside CH44 4BT

Statement of the Directors' and Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

Notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, the Trustees determined to interpret this responsibility as requiring them to follow current best practice and prepare the accounts according to the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP).

In particular, the Companies Act 2006 and charity law require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

- to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. 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 are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the Trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

Method of preparation of accounts - Small company provisions

The financial statements are set out on pages 12 to 21.

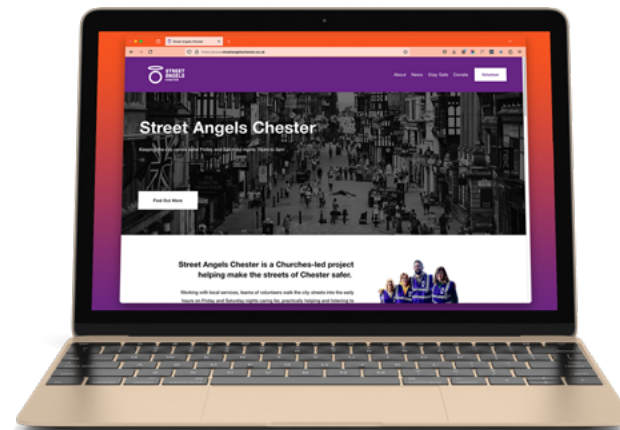
The financial statements have been prepared implementing the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016)

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006, applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on

..... 2024.

Gary James Wootten
Director and Trustee



Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charitable company on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charitable company on pages 10 to 21 for the year ended 31 December 2023 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) as modified by FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) , and under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 14.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner and the basis of the report

As described on page 6, you, the charitable company's Trustees, who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of Company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the memorandum and articles of the charity for the conducting of an audit, and that the accounts do not require an audit in accordance with Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. As a consequence, the

Trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under any legal provision, or otherwise, and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

- a. examine the financial statements of the charity under Section 145 of the Act;
- b. follow the applicable procedures in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under s145 of the Act. 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 setting out the duties of an independent examiner in relation to the conducting of an independent examination.

An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable company and of the accounting systems employed by the charitable company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of charity legislation and that, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures made, the financial statements comply with the SORP.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the Trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries and does not cover all the matters that an auditor would consider in arriving at an opinion. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide

Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, I have completed my examination: and can confirm that:-

The accounts of this charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006;

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under 145 of the Act and in accordance with Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act which may be applicable;

and that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and Section 130 of The Charities Act 2011;
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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;
- have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Signed:-

Olivia Higgins - Independent Examiner
Chartered Certified Accountants
255 Poulton Road, Wallasey, Merseyside CH44 4BT

This report was signed on

..... 2024.

Hitched Communities Ltd - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

Statement of Financial Activities (including the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2023, as required by the Companies Act 2006)

	Sorp Ref	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior year Total Funds 2022 £
Income & Endowments from:					
Charitable activities	A2	67,900	-	67,900	-
Other trading activities	A3	-	-	-	66,559
Total Income	A	67,900	-	67,900	66,559
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	B2	61,845	-	61,845	-
Other	B3	-	-	-	66,559
Total Expenditure	B	61,845	-	61,845	66,559
Net movement in funds		6,055	-	6,055	-
Reconciliation of funds:-	E				
Total funds carried forward		6,056	-	6,056	1

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of income set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the Balance Sheet.

A separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as this statement includes all recognised gains and losses.

All the prior year transactions were unrestricted items, and no further analysis is required All activities derive from continuing operations.

The notes attached on pages 16-21 form an integral part of these accounts.

Hitched Communities Ltd - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Sorp Ref	Prior year Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Prior year Restricted Funds 2022 £	Prior year Total Funds 2022 £
Income & Endowments from:				
Other trading activities	A3	66,559	-	-
Total Income	A	66,559	-	66,559
Expenditure on:				
Other	B3	66,559	-	66,559
Total Expenditure	B	66,559	-	66,559
Total funds brought forward		1	-	1
Total funds carried forward		1	-	1

All activities derive from continuing operations.

The notes attached on pages 16-17 form an integral part of these accounts.

The resources applied on fixed assets for charity use represents the cost of additions less proceeds of any disposals.

Movements in revenue and capital funds for the year ended 31 December 2023

Revenue accumulated funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Last year Total Funds 2022 £
Accumulated funds brought forward	1	-	1	1
Recognised gains and losses before transfers	6,055	-	6,055	-
	6,056	-	6,056	-
Closing revenue funds	6,056	-	6,056	-

Summary of funds

	Unrestricted and designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Last year Total Funds 2022 £
Revenue accumulated funds	6,056	-	6,056	-

The notes attached on pages 16-21 form an integral part of these accounts.

Hitched Communities Ltd - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2023 as required by the Companies Act 2006

	2023 £	2022 £
Income		
Income from operations	67,900	66,559
Gross income in the year before exceptional items	67,900	66,559
Gross income in the year including exceptional items	67,900	66,559
Expenditure		
Charitable expenditure, excluding depreciation and amortisation	61,845	-
Other expenditure	-	66,559
Total expenditure for the year	61,845	66,559
Extraordinary items		
Net income before tax in the financial year	6,055	-
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	-	-
Net income after tax in the financial year	6,055	-
Gift Aid donations made	-	-
Retained surplus for the financial year	6,055	-

All activities derive from continuing operations.

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, the headings and subheadings used in the Income and Expenditure account have been adapted to reflect the special nature of the charity's activities.

The notes attached on pages 16-21 form an integral part of these accounts.

Hitched Communities Ltd - Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Note	SORP Ref		2023 £		2022 £
Current assets		B				
Debtors	7	B2	7,293		9,063	
Cash at bank and in hand		B4	1,342		15,303	
Total current assets			8,605		24,366	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	C1	(2,549)		(24,365)	
Net current assets				6,056		1
Net assets				-		-
The total assets of the charity				6,056		1
The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows:-						
Unrestricted funds				6,056		1
				-		-
Total charity funds				6,056		1

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of Balance Sheet items as set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the SOFA..

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The charity is subject to Independent Examination under charity legislation, and the report of the Independent Examiner is on page 9.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006, applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Gary James Wootten

Trustee

Approved by the board of trustees on

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The notes attached on pages 16-21 form an integral part of these accounts.

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting policies

Policies relating to the production of the accounts.

Basis of preparation and accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) and 'FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) , and in accordance with all applicable law in the charity's jurisdiction of registration, except that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), in preference to the previous SORP, the SORP 2005, which has been withdrawn, notwithstanding the fact that the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 refer explicitly to the SORP 2005. This has been done to accord with current best practice.

Risks and future assumptions

The charity is a public benefit entity. Finance could be limited to maintain and grow charitable activities. Assume funding is secured to deliver programmes and retained consultancy fees remain in place to cover charity core costs.

Policies relating to categories of income and income recognition.

Nature of income

Gross income represents the value, net of value added tax and discounts, of goods provided to customers and work carried out in respect of services provided to customers.

Categories of Income

Income is categorised as income from exchange transactions (contract income) and income from non-exchange transactions (gifts), investment income and other income.

Income from exchange transactions is received by the charity for goods or services supplied under contract or where entitlement is subject to fulfilling performance related conditions. The income the charity receives is approximately equal in value to the goods or services supplied by the charity to the purchaser.

Income from a non-exchange transaction is where the charity receives value from the donor without providing equal value in exchange, and includes donations of money, goods and services freely given without giving equal value in exchange.

Income recognition

Income, whether from exchange or non exchange transactions, is recognised in the statement of financial activities (SOFA) on a receivable basis, when a transaction or other event results in an increase in the charity's assets or a reduction in its liabilities and only when the charity has legal entitlement, the income is probable and can be measured reliably.

Income subject to terms and conditions which must be met before the charity is entitled to the resources is not recognised until the conditions have been met.

All income is accounted for gross, before deducting any related fees or costs.

Policies relating to expenditure on goods and services provided to the charity.

Recognition of liabilities and expenditure

A liability, and the related expenditure, is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, and when it is more likely than not that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and when the amount of the obligation can be measured or reliably estimated..

Liabilities arising from future funding commitments and constructive obligations, including performance related grants, where the timing or the amount of the future expenditure required to settle the obligation are uncertain, give rise to a provision in the accounts, which is reviewed at the accounting year end. The provision is increased to reflect any increases in liabilities, and is decreased by the utilisation of any provision within the period, and reversed if any provision is no longer required. These movements are charged or credited to the respective funds and activities to which the provision relates.

Volunteers

In accordance with the SORP, and in recognition of the difficulties in placing a monetary value on the contribution from volunteers, the contribution of volunteers is not included within the income of

the charity. However, the trustees value the significant contribution made to the activities of the charity by unpaid volunteers and this is described more fully in Note 5.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. There are no endowment funds.

2. Liability to taxation

The Trustees consider that the charity satisfies the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively on the specific charitable objects of the charity and for no other purpose. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

3. Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

4. Staff costs and emoluments

Salary costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Gross Salaries excluding trustees and key management personnel	44,375	-
Employer's National Insurance for all staff	4,415	-
Total salaries, wages and related costs	48,790	-

Numbers of full time employees or full time equivalents

	2023	2022
The average number of total staff employed in the year was	1	1
The average number of full time staff employed in the year was	1	1
The estimated full time equivalent number of all staff employed in the year was	1	1

The estimated equivalent number of full time staff deployed in different activities in the year was:-

Engaged on charitable activities	1	1
The estimated full time equivalent number of all staff employed as above	1	1

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them have received any remuneration from the charity or any related entity, either in the current or prior year.

5. Defined contribution pension schemes

Any liabilities and assets associated with the scheme are shown under debtors and creditors.

6. Remuneration and payments to Trustees and persons connected with them

No trustees or persons connected with them received any remuneration from the charity, or any related entity.

7. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	7,263	9,063
Total	7,263	9,063

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	2,549	24,365
Total	2,549	24,365

9. Income and Expenditure account summary

	2023 £	2022 £
At 1 January 2023	1	1
Transfers in for the year	-	-
Prior year adjustments	-	-
At 1 January 2023	1	1
Surplus after tax for the year	6,055	-
At 31 December 2023	6,056	1

10. Related party transactions

	2023 £	2022 £
Hitch Marketing Ltd	7,274	-
Sarah Wootten and Gary Wootten are directors of Hitch Marketing Ltd. Rent of the office		
KBH Accountants Ltd	1,200	-
Libby Higgins is a director Accountancy fees		

11. The purposes for which the funds as

Unrestricted and designated funds:-

Unrestricted Revenue Funds	These funds are held for the meeting the objectives of the charity, and to provide reserves for future activities, and , subject to charity legislation, are free from all restrictions on their use.
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12. Ultimate controlling party

The charity is under the control of its legal members.

Every member of the charity is obliged to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £10 to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2023 as required by the SORP 2015

This analysis is classified by conventional nominal descriptions and not by activity.

13. Income from charitable activities – Trading Activities

Current year

	Current year Unrestrict-ed Funds 2023 £	Current year Restrict-ed Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior year Total Funds 2022 £
Primary purpose and ancillary trading Sale of goods and services in accordance with the charity's objects	67,900	-	67,900	-
Total Primary purpose and ancillary trading	67,900	-	67,900	-

14. Total income from charitable activities

Current year

	Current year Unrestrict-ed Funds 2023 £	Current year Restrict-ed Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior year Total Funds 2022 £
Total income from charitable trading	67,900	-	67,900	-
Income from funders	-	-	-	-
Total from charitable activities A2	67,900	-	67,900	-

15. Income from other, non charitable, trading activities

	Current year Unrestrict- ed Funds 2023 £	Current year Restrict- ed Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior year Total Funds 2022 £
Non-charitable trading activities	-	-	-	66,559
Total from other activities A3	-	-	-	66,559

Income from other, non charitable, trading activities

- Prior Year analysis

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Prior Year	66,559	-	66,559

16. Expenditure on charitable activities - Charitable trading

Current year

	Current year Unrestrict- ed Funds 2023 £	Current year Restrict- ed Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior year Total Funds 2022 £
Cost of services for primary purpose trading - Including movement in stock	3,836	-	3,836	-
Total charitable trading costs B2b	3,836	-	3,836	-

17. Support costs for charitable activities

Current year

	Current year Unrestrict- ed Funds 2023 £	Current year Restrict- ed Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior year Total Funds 2022 £
Employee costs not included in direct costs				
Salaries - Administrative staff	44,375	-	44,375	-
Defined contribution pension cost - administrative staff	-	-	-	-
Employers' NI - Administrative staff	4,415	-	4,415	-
Training and welfare - staff	-	-	-	-
Travel and subsistence - staff	-	-	-	-
Premises expenses				
Rent payable under operating leases	7,274	-	7,274	-
Administrative overheads				
Subscriptions to periodicals	518	-	518	-
Software licences and expenses	173	-	173	-
Liability and contents insurance	504	-	504	-
Professional fees paid to the Auditor or Independent Examiner in addition to audit and examination fees.				
Professional fees paid to advisors other than the auditor or examiner.				
Accountancy fees other than examination and audit fees	1,200	-	1,200	-
Support costs before reallocation	58,459	-	58,459	-
Total support costs - Current Year	58,459	-	58,459	-

The basis of allocation of costs between activities is described under accounting policies -

18. Other Expenditure - Governance costs

Current year

	Current year Unrestrict- ed Funds 2023 £	Current year Restrict- ed Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior year Total Funds 2022 £
Independent Examiner's fees	-	-	-	-
Total Governance costs	-	-	-	-

19. Total Charitable expenditure

Current year

	Current year Unrestrict- ed Funds 2023 £	Current year Restrict- ed Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior year Total Funds 2022 £
Total charitable trading costs B2b	3,386	-	3,386	-
Total support costs B2d	58,459	-	58,459	-
Total charitable expenditure B2	61,845	-	61,845	-

20. Other trading expenditure unrelated to fundraising or charitable activities

	Current year Unrestrict- ed Funds 2023 £	Current year Restrict- ed Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior year Total Funds 2022 £
Non-charitable trading expenditure	-	-	-	66,559
Non-charity expenditure B3b	-	-	-	66,559

Other trading expenditure unrelated to fundraising or charitable activities - Prior Year analysis

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Prior Year	66,559	-	66,559

21. Total of other expenditure

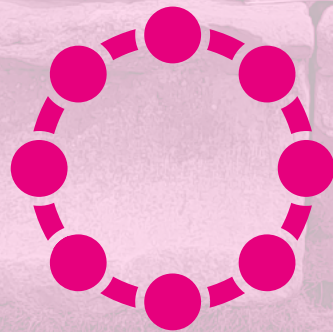
Current year

	Current year Unrestrict- ed Funds 2023 £	Current year Restrict- ed Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior year Total Funds 2022 £
Non charity expenditure	-	-	-	66,559
Total other expenses and costs	-	-	-	-
Total taxation costs	-	-	-	-
Total other expenditure B3	-	-	-	66,559

All the expenditure in the prior year was unrestricted

Prior year

	Prior year Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Prior year Restricted Funds 2022 £	Prior year Total Funds 2022 £
Non charity expenditure	66,559	-	66,559
Total other expenses and costs	-	-	-
Total taxation costs	-	-	-
Total other expenditure B3	66,559	-	66,559



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