WE ARE HUMANS

England & Wales · Charity number 1201814

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2023-02-02
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	33 Sea Road Boscombe Bournemouth BH5 1DH
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Activities

Objects: THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF POVERTY, ESPECIALLY FOOD POVERTY, BY PROVIDING FOOD, INCLUDING COOKED FOOD, OTHER ESSENTIALS AND SUPPORT AND ADVICE TO THOSE RESIDENTS OF DORSET AND SURROUNDING AREAS WHO ARE HOMELESS AND/OR IN FINANCIAL NEED.

Activities: The prevention and relief of poverty, especially food poverty, by providing food, including cooked food, other essentials and support and advice to those residents of Dorset and surrounding areas who are homeless and/or in financial need.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bournemouth
- Poole

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£31,409	£26,544	-	-
2024-01-31	£29,245	£11,162	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Francis Lesley Talbot	Chair	2023-02-02
Clive Ashley Wingfield		2023-08-29
Karen Elaine Ralph		2026-02-25
Malgorzata Maria Roj		2025-01-29
Paul Francis Feeney		2023-02-02
Stephen Charles Easter		2024-10-30

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WE ARE HUMANS

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Accounts

We Are Humans
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
From 1st February 2024 to 31st January 2025

Charity Name: We Are Humans

Registered charity number: 1201814

Principal/Registered office: 33 Sea Road, Bournemouth, BH5 1DH

Names of Charity Trustees during the period:

Name	Office	Date appointed or resigned
Andrew Talbot	CEO	
Paul Feeney		
Paul Freeman	Treasurer	
Elizabeth Griffin		Resigned 7th October 2024
Debbie Talbot		
Edward Talbot		Resigned 26th September 2024
Clive Wingfield		
Steve Easter		Appointed 30th October 2024
Ellie Lawrence		Appointed 30th October 2024
Maggie Roj		Appointed 29th January 2025

Bankers: HSBC, Crawley, RH10 1UT

Type of governing document: Trust deed

How the charity is constituted: Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods: Appointed by existing Trustees

Objects of the charity: The prevention and relief of poverty, especially food poverty, by providing food, including cooked food, other essentials and support and advice to those residents of Dorset and surrounding areas who are homeless and/or in financial need.

Summary of the main achievements and benefits during the year:
This is We Are Humans (WAH) charity's second annual report. During the year under review, we consolidated the progress made in the previous year and worked to make the organization more robust and adaptable. Responsibility for the various defined functions performed within WAH, e.g., collection of food surpluses, storage, co-ordination of volunteers, has been delegated to named volunteers, and each

project that provides a service to our service users, e.g., Parent's and Kid's Breakfast Club, Community Pantry, is now managed by a named volunteer. Transforming into a "Matrix Organisation" has created clearly delineated areas of responsibility, more ownership, less duplication of effort and greater volunteer satisfaction. Trustees also take part in WAH activities as volunteers, outside of Trustees' meetings.

In the year under review, our cash inflow increased by 7.4%, and the channels through which we received this income underwent a significant change. For the previous year, restricted grants made up 44% of our cash receipts, while this year we received less than 6% of our income in grants, none of which were restricted. Increased awareness of what WAH does, through social media and promotional literature, led to an increase of 79% in donations into our bank account and 93% in cash donations.

Our costs also rose significantly, by 137%. Just over ⅓ of the increase can be accounted for by having made a full year of rent payments for our Base (in the previous year, we paid rent only for the final 2½ months), plus rising utility and waste disposal costs. The balance of the increase in costs reflects an increased demand for our services and food price inflation. However, our spending was more than covered by our income, and our cash reserve increased by 27% and, at year end, represents slightly over 10 months' expenditure.

Demand for our services increased over the year and WAH undertook the following activities in the year to 31st January 2025.

- Cooked food, which was distributed to homeless persons in the centre of Bournemouth on every Saturday and Sunday.
- Cooked food served to homeless persons at our café in Boscombe on every Monday evening.
- Provided a free pensioners' lunch every Tuesday.
- Provided a free children's breakfast on school days. This breakfast is served inside at a table if the child is accompanied by a parent/guardian, or as a packed breakfast to be taken away if not accompanied. We know from asking that most of the children using this service would be going to school without breakfast if it was not provided by WAH.
- Ran our free Community Café every Saturday afternoon and Tuesday afternoon where attendees can have a hot drink and food, play board games or just chat.
- Opened our free food pantry where attendees can select a limited quantity of food. This is held once per week on every Thursday throughout the year.
- Stored food and clothing etc., to be used for those in poverty.
- Stored laundered sleeping bags that are swapped with homeless persons' wet sleeping bags.
- Stored insulated Sleep Pods that are provided on loan to homeless persons as required.
- Gave signposting advice to assist in finding accommodation, employment and to break a substance dependency habit.

During the year, we had an average of 800 interactions per week with our service users, which represents a roughly 30% increase, year on year.

Additionally, we allow two other charities to use our Base, at times when it is not in use by WAH, after they lost their former homes; one charity is concerned with promoting diversity and inclusion, and the other is a men's mental health charity. We are also in discussions with a third charity, who want to use our Base to run twice monthly sessions for financial outreach to those in poverty.

Emergency food parcels/welfare packages were also given out during the year. These are given to persons in immediate desperate need, usually due to a change in circumstances, who are unable to access immediate help elsewhere. For example, someone who has just become homeless or someone just discharged from hospital or prison, without any money and/or without any accommodation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty in the Charities Act to have due regard to guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission

Policy on reserves: The trustees believe that, in the long term, it is prudent to hold unrestricted reserves equivalent to 9 months of expenditure. This is because the trustees recognise that WAH has no regular source of income, and grant funding is fickle as well as usually providing only ring-fenced funding. It is believed that unrestricted reserves equivalent to 9 months of expenditure will give the trustees confidence to continue funding all activities, without putting the charity at financial risk should there be a downturn in income. The trustees are also confident that WAH will be able to continue to provide our services, free of charge at the point of need and without prejudice or judgment.

Future plans: The landlord let WAH move into Base free of charge when the previous tenant went out of business, and they are now charging us rent, admittedly at less than the market rate. It suited the landlord to have the property occupied instead of vacant. Unfortunately, WAH does not have an ongoing right to occupy the property. Our occupation is under a Tenancy at Will, which means that the landlord can ask WAH to leave immediately at any time. The landlord has advised that he intends to sell the property or install a commercial tenant and then sell the property.

Taking all the factors into consideration and recognizing that the Base has become a real community hub during our occupation, the trustees decided to enter into discussions with the landlord in Q3 2024. Initially the approach is with a view to outright purchase of the Base and, at year end, the negotiations were progressing well. If we cannot reach a satisfactory conclusion with regards to buying the Base, we will endeavour to negotiate a long-term lease. In either case, the Trustees' aim is to achieve security of tenure by the end of 2025.

Declaration:

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above on 11th July 2025

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature:

Full name: **S C Easter**

Position: **Trustee**

Date: **11th July 2025**

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
We Are Humans	1201814

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1 February 2024		31 January 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	1,780	-	-	1,780	12,945
Bank donations	22,905	-	-	22,905	12,810
Cash donations	6,724	-	-	6,724	3,490
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	31,409	-	-	31,409	29,245
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,409	-	-	31,409	29,245
A3 Payments					
Rent	5,312	-	-	5,312	1,100
Utilities & waste collection	4,638	-	-	4,638	3,288
Food etc	9,813	-	-	9,813	4,410
Van	868	-	-	868	1,132
Capital purchases	2,985	-	-	2,985	500
Mileage payments	1,175	-	-	1,175	63
Bank & credit card	98	-	-	98	64
Miscellaneous	1,655	-	-	1,655	605
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	26,544	-	-	26,544	11,162
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	26,544	-	-	26,544	11,162
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,865	-	-	4,865	18,083
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,083	-	-	18,083	-
Cash funds this year end	22,948	-	-	22,948	18,083

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	22,902	-	-
	Cash	47	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	22,949	-	-
		Agreement Error	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Catering van		-	2,500
	Transit van		-	12,000
	Catering equipment		6,500	5,500
	Laptop		Nil	350
	Garden equipment		500	200
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
A.C.E.	STEPHEN EASTER	26/2/2025

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A **Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees Charity Name: WE ARE HUMANS.

On accounts for the year ended 31 JANUARY 2025 **Charity no (if any)** 1201814

Set out on pages 1 & 2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended .

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete* [ ] *if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: **Date:** 2/4/2025.

Name: SIMON COLEMAN

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body M.B.A.

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

WE ARE HUMANS

England & Wales - Charity number 1201814

Accounts

We Are Humans
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
From 2nd February 2023 to 31st January 2024

Charity Name: We Are Humans

Registered charity number: 1201814

Principle/Registered office: 33 Sea Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH5 1DH

Names of Charity Trustees during the period:

Name	Office (if any)	Dates appointed or resigned in the year
Andrew Talbot	CEO	Appointed: 2/2/2023
Elizabeth Griffin		Appointed: 2/2/2023
Paul Feeney		Appointed: 2/2/2023
Edward Talbot		Appointed: 2/2/2023
Debbie Talbot		Appointed: 2/2/2023
Paul Freeman	Treasurer	Appointed: 2/2/2023
Lynn Hart		Appointed: 25/7/2023 Resigned: 17/9/2023
Clive Wingfield		Appointed: 29/8/2023

Bankers: HSBC, Crawley, RH10 1UT

Type of governing document: Trust deed

How the charity is constituted: Charity Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods: Appointed by existing Trustees

Objects of the charity: The prevention and relief of poverty, especially food poverty, by providing food, including cooked food, other essentials and support and advice to those residents of Dorset and surrounding areas who are homeless and/or in financial need.

Summary of the main achievements and benefits during the year:

We Are Humans (WAH) became a registered charity on 2nd February 2023, so this is the charity's first annual report. However for over 10 years prior to January 2023 WAH existed as a collection of volunteers undertaking several street feeds each week for homeless persons, and also helping others in poverty in the Boscombe

area. Food for the street feeds was cooked in the small residential accommodation occupied by the volunteers and the food was predominantly supplied by the generosity of these volunteers. This limited the quantity of food that could be provided, particularly the quantity of cooked food. It also meant that it was not possible to provide the other services that have been offered since January 2023.

In January 2023 WAH moved into 33 Sea Road Boscombe (Base). Base is an ideal property for WAH for several reasons, not least its location, which is in the centre of Boscombe, close to areas of entrenched deprivation (according to Indices of Deprivation 2019 produced by Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government). Base used to be a small café / restaurant, so it is equipped with a commercial kitchen, as well as a small dining area. All food, both for street feeds and on premises eating, is now cooked in this kitchen. It also has a basement which is used to store food, clothing and sleeping bags etc.

Using the facilities at Base and the additional income that registered charity status provided, the trustees were able to expand the services offered to homeless persons and those in financial need. WAH undertook the following activities in the year to 31st January 2024.

Cooked food for street distributions to homeless persons in the centre of Bournemouth on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the year. 5049 meals served in total.

Cooked food for street distribution to homeless persons in the centre of Boscombe (more recently served at Base) on Monday evenings throughout the year. 1319 meals served in total.

Provided a free pensioners' lunch on Tuesdays starting in March. 1259 meals served in total.

Provided a free children's breakfast on school days starting in March. This breakfast is served inside at a table if the child is accompanied by a parent/guardian, or as a packed breakfast to be taken away if not accompanied. We know from asking that most of the children using this service would be going to school without breakfast if it was not provided by WAH. 3113 breakfasts served in total.

At the beginning of December we started a free 'warm spaces' event twice a week throughout the winter where attendees can have a hot drink or soup, play board games or just chat.

In September we started a free food pantry where attendees can select a limited quantity of food. This is held once per week on a Thursday throughout the year.

Storage of food and clothing etc to be used for those in poverty.

Storage of laundered sleeping bags that are swapped with homeless persons' wet sleeping bags.

Storage of warm/dry sleeping pods that are lent to homeless persons as required.

Signposting advice to assist in finding accommodation, employment and to break a substance dependency habit.

Also Citizens Advice asked WAH if they could use Base as an outreach centre for them to meet with the citizens of Boscombe requiring advice. A total of 397 persons attended four sessions.

30 emergency food parcels/welfare packages were given out during the year. These are given to persons in immediate desperate need, usually due to a change in circumstances, who are unable to access immediate help elsewhere. For example someone who has just become homeless or someone just discharged from hospital or prison, without any money and/or without any accommodation to go to.

WAH has recently been given the use of a disused and overgrown garden. It is intended that this will be cleared and turned into an allotment for growing vegetables and fruit. This project will be undertaken by local volunteers. The aim is to develop a sense of community around the allotment, as well as being educational and providing food for our target beneficiaries. Work to clear the garden is already underway and it is intended that planting will start in March/April 2024.

Policy on reserves: The trustees believe that long term it is prudent to hold unrestricted reserves equivalent to 9 months of expenditure. This is because the trustees recognise that WAH has no regular source of income, and grant funding in particular is fickle, as well as usually providing only ring fenced funding. It is believed that unrestricted reserves equivalent to 9 months of expenditure will give the trustees confidence to continue funding all activities, without putting the charity at financial risk should there be a downturn in income.

However at the moment WAH is seeking to raise about £100,000 to purchase the property that we currently occupy (see future plans below). Therefore as well as applying for specific grants to purchase the property, WAH is also accumulating funds to be used for the purchase.

Future plans: The landlord let WAH move into Base free of charge when the previous tenant went out of business. It suited the landlord to have the property occupied instead of vacant. Unfortunately WAH does not have an ongoing right to occupy the property. Our occupation is under a Tenancy at Will, which means that the landlord can ask WAH to leave immediately at any time. The landlord has advised that he intends to sell the property or install a commercial tenant and then sell the property. WAH has been advised that once one of these scenarios happens we will be asked to leave.

As a result WAH has launched an appeal to raise the funds to purchase Base from the landlord. Funding in the region of £100,000 will be required. This is now the major focus of all activity outside of providing our regular services to homeless persons and those in poverty.

Declaration:
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above on 27th March 2024

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature:

Full name: **Paul Freeman**

Position: **Trustee**

Date: **28th March 2024**

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name: We Are Humans

Charity No. 1201814

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Start date	End date
	2 February 2023	31 January 2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds
	to the nearest	£	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
Receipts				
Grants	-		12,945	12,945
Bank donations	12,810		-	12,810
Cash donations	3,490		-	3,490
	-		-	-
	-		-	-
	-		-	-
	-		-	-
	-		-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	16,300		12,945	29,245
Total receipts	16,300	#	12,945	29,245
Payments				
Rent	1,100		-	1,100
Utilities & wast collection	1,982		1,306	3,288
Food etc	2,188		2,222	4,410
Van	122		1,010	1,132
Capital puchase	-		500	500
Mileage payment	-		63	63
Bank & credit card	12		52	64
Miscellaneous			605	605
	-		-	-
Sub total	5,404		5,758	11,162
Total payments	5,404	#	5,758	11,162
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,896		7,187	18,083
Cash funds this year end	10,896		7,187	18,083

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	9,617	8,369
	Cash	97	-
	Total cash funds	**9,714**	**8,369**

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-	-

	Details	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	None	-	-

	Details	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional) approximate
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Van	Nil	2,500
	Caterping Equipment	6,500	7,500
	Laptop	Nil	500
	Garden equipment	500	500

	Details	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	None	-	

Signed by a trustee on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Date of approval
		16 Feb 2024

Notes

During the year the CIO did not have a loan in place and:

- no one agreed to pay a loan if the CIO could not ('under guarantee')
- no loan was secured against the CIO's assets

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	We Are Humans		
On accounts for the year ended	31st January 2024	**Charity no (if any)**	1201814
Set out on pages	1 & 2		

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Independent examiner's statement

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		**Date:**	22/8/2024
Name:	Simon Coleman		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	M.B.A.		
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Section B	Disclosure
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