

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:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Freeman', with a stylized, flowing script.

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 & waste collection	1,982	1,306	3,288
Food etc	2,188	2,222	4,410
Van	122	1,010	1,132
Capital purchase	-	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
	Catering 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



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

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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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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:

22/8/2024

Name:

Simon Coleman

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

M. B. A.

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3 Sheraton Park, 7 Milner Road, Bournemouth, BH4 8AD

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.

None