

HERE FOR GOOD COLLECTIVE
APRIL 2023 TO MARCH 2024



Here For Good Collective 2023/24 Annual Report

Message from our Chair

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As Chair of Trustees for Here for Good Collective, I am delighted to present this summary of our work and achievements over the past year. As you read it, I'm sure you will share my appreciation of our dedicated volunteers and staff, but equally recognise the resilience, creativity, and connectedness of our community. It is only through our collective strength that we can create the lasting change we hope to see.

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At our formation, we came together to develop a shared vision: a safe, connected and thriving community. Our commitment to this vision remains at the heart of all that we do. Over the last year it has helped us to steer a course through the challenges and successes of our work, including the considerable political and social change that has directly impacted the community in which we live and work.

Throughout this report you will see inspiring examples of our progress towards our goal. All of them delivered through partnership with various stakeholders, but only possible through the vibrant, generous and compassionate people in our local community.

Looking ahead

While the past year has seen exciting progress, there is still much to be done. Our priorities for the coming year include:

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- Developing new activities, building on the strengths of our community
- Taking legal ownership of The Beacon Centre, giving us more freedom to support local people and other stakeholders who want to use the building to benefit the community
- Focusing on our long-term sustainability, including diversifying our funding sources
- Continuing to build and strengthen local partnerships to enhance our impact
- Evaluating and improving our activities to ensure they're making a difference
- Developing our model of participation, ensuring that we are led by our community at all levels of the organisation

Thanks and acknowledgments

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all those who have made our progress this year possible. It is thanks to your unwavering commitment, hard work, and generosity that we have been able to achieve so much.

To our staff and volunteers, it has been a privilege to work alongside you and to witness your incredible passion for St Mellons and your dedication to what we are trying to do together. To our funders and donors, without your generous support it simply wouldn't have been possible to establish and grow Hope St Mellons. To my fellow steering group members and trustees, for your wisdom and insight and for holding us to account.

Finally, to every local person who has taken the time to share your hopes, ideas, passions, and questions about the community we share. Thank you for trusting us and for working with us. Thanks to you we have so much to celebrate this year and even more to look forward to. Together, we have made real progress towards our vision of a safe, connected and thriving community. I look forward to continuing this work with all of you in the year ahead.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Warm regards,

Simon Brown
Chair of Trustees

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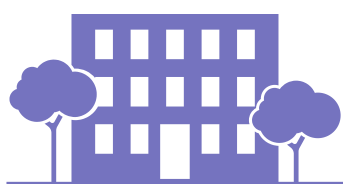
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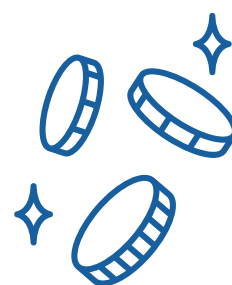
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Our beginnings

Building on Hope St Mellons

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The establishment of Here for Good Collective has allowed us to:

- Grow our volunteer and staff team
- Maintain and develop our community projects and activities (detailed below)
- Develop new community initiatives
- Take on the management of an independent community building

Here for Good Collective is the legal name of our charity but Hope St Mellons remains our working name. The name Hope St Mellons is used through this report to refer to Here for Good Collective.

About us

In 2022 we spent time with our volunteers and group members to decide what was important to us as we looked to register as a charity and set our vision for the future. Across a series of gatherings, and with the support of [Cwmpas](#), we crafted our vision, mission and values statements, which framed our Business Plan and Strategic Plan.

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Mission

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Values

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5) We commit to engaging with and listening to everyone in our community.

Our vision, mission and values determined the selection of our charitable objects:

Objects

Community capacity building

Based on the example objects of Charity Commission for England and Wales, our charitable object is The Promotion of Community Capacity Building: “To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of St Mellons and other areas of Cardiff in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.”

We are meeting our charitable objects through the capacity building of our locally rooted volunteer and staff team, the delivery of our community support projects and the development of our building for community use.

Our team

In May 2023 we were able to grow our staff team, contributing to the delivery of our objects and the resilience of our organisation. Our staff team now includes:

- Director (1 FTE)
- Facilities Manager (1 FTE)
- Administrator (0.8 FTE)
- Pantry Manager (0.5 FTE)
- Wellbeing Workshop Leader (0.1 FTE)

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Winter Wellness

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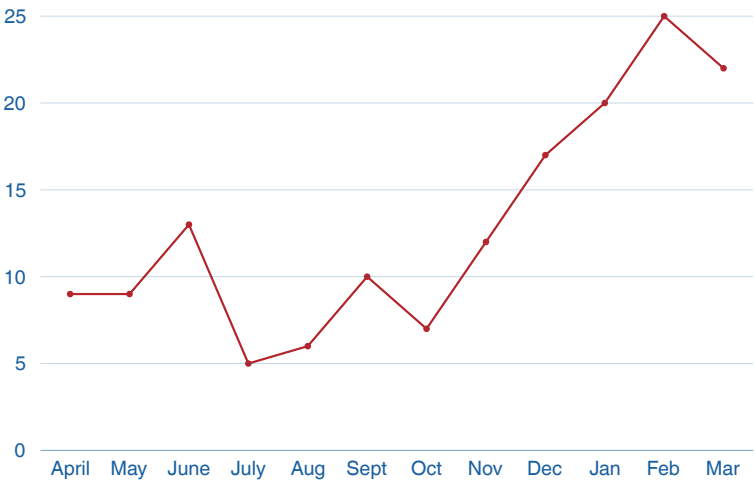
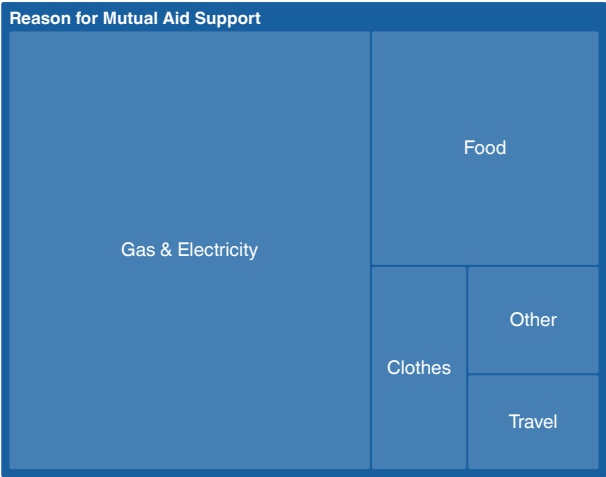
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St Mellons Mutual Aid Fund

St Mellons Mutual Aid Fund continues to offer £35 grants to community members in financial hardship. This is money given by the community for the community. Our administrative panel represents the partnership between Hope St Mellons, Together for Trowbridge and St Mellons, Beacon Centre and Church of the Resurrection. This year we have given 141 grants. The grants have contributed toward: rent, phone bills, utilities, car insurance, petrol, essential house repairs, shoes, school uniforms, warm clothes, urgent travel costs, baby equipment, specialist toys for children with additional needs, and birthday presents. Alongside the small grant, we have referred and signposted recipients to: Cardiff Foodbank, St Mellons Pantry, Speakeasy Law Centre, Citizens Advice, ACE Fuel Voucher Scheme, Women's Aid.

Over 60% of Mutual Aid Support was given towards gas and electricity costs, often where households weren't eligible for a fuel voucher scheme (for reasons such as: their meter was in debt or they had reached their fuel voucher allowance). The need for support with fuel costs was particularly evident during the Winter months where the number of MAF payments more than doubled compared to Summer months.



Our space: The Beacon Centre

In June 2023, the boards of Beacon Centre Trust (Cardiff) and Here For Good Collective passed reciprocating resolutions conferring management powers to Here for Good Collective/Hope St Mellons. In early 2024 Beacon Centre Trust (Cardiff) engaged Geldard’s law firm to act on their behalf with the Charity Commission and Cardiff Council to support the asset transfer of The Beacon Centre to Here For Good Collective and novate the ground lease respectively. Our local County Councillors have written to Cardiff Council in support of the transfer of the building and lease to Here For Good Collective. We hope to complete this transfer in the 2024/25 financial year.

Taking ownership of the building will support the delivery of our charitable objects and help us to diversify our income generation and become a more sustainable organisation.



Our partners

Partnership working

We've worked closely with Together for Trowbridge and St Mellons and Building Communities Trust over the past year on the [Invest Local project](#). Invest Local is a programme of funding and support investing £1 million in 13 communities across Wales. Building Communities Trust manage the programme and Together for Trowbridge and St Mellons are a steering group of local residents and organisations overseeing the £1 million invested in St Mellons and Trowbridge. In November 2022, Together for Trowbridge and St Mellons committed multi-year unrestricted core funding to Here For Good Collective/Hope St Mellons to support us over our first three years. In November 2023, Together for Trowbridge and St Mellons also awarded Here For Good Collective/Hope St Mellons £40,000 restricted capital funding. This will be used towards the renovation of our kitchen which is scheduled for May 2024.

We remain active partners in the Food Cardiff Community Food Collective and the East Cardiff Youth Action Group, working with Cardiff Youth Service and local partners to support activities like the St Mellons Fun Day.

Supporting community partners

Since taking on the management of the Beacon Centre we've supported the following groups by offering free-of-charge hire or hire at a community rate: The Bike Hut St Mellons, In It Together Cardiff and East Cardiff School of Performing Arts.

Our project partners:

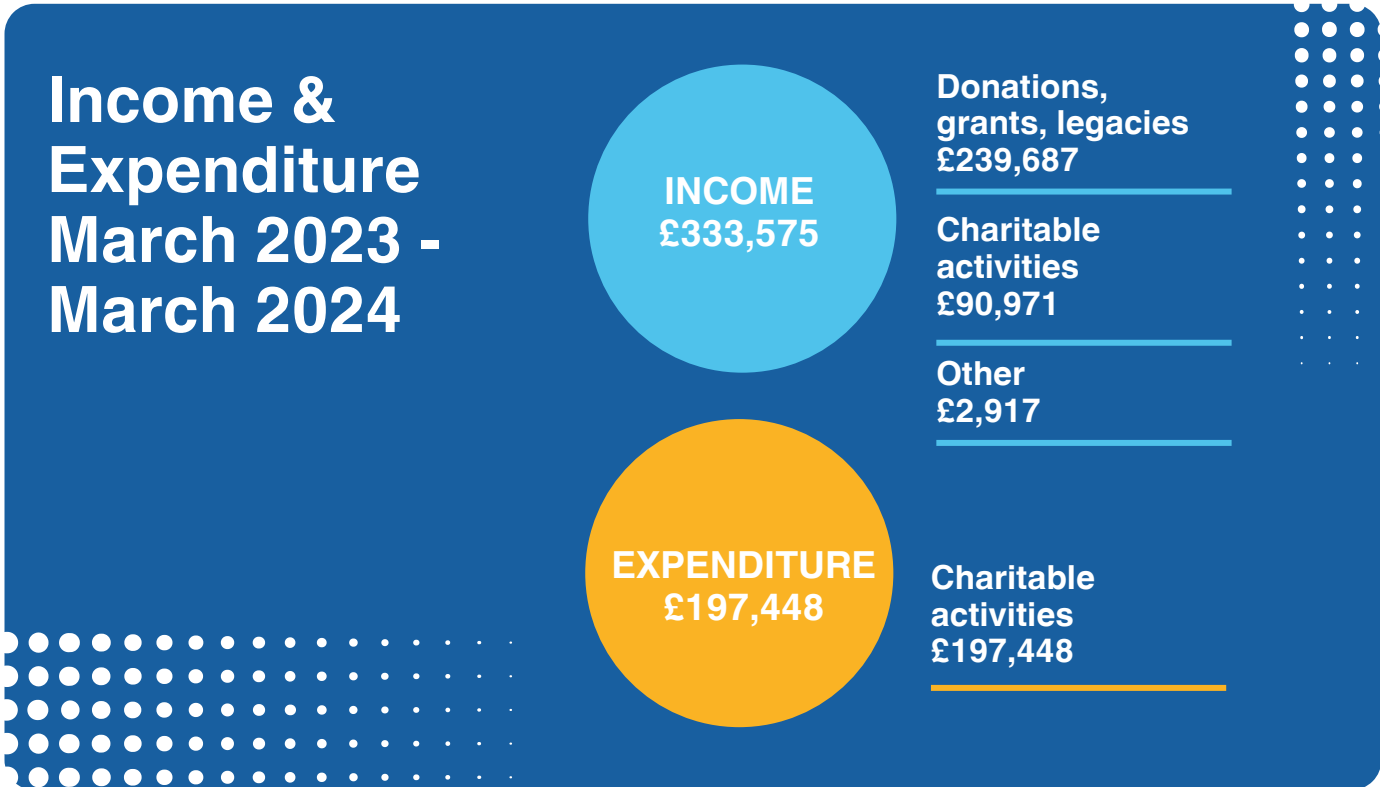


Our funding partners:



Our finances:

Our first annual accounts cover the period 17th March 2023 to 31st March 2024 as we registered with the Charity Commission on 17th March 2023. We had significant income from grants in 2023/24, as shown below. In particular, this reflects the funding from Together for Trowbridge and St Mellons towards our 2023 - 2026 core costs.



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For our Chair contact simon@hopestmellons.org

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**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FIRST PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

**HERE FOR GOOD
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(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1202371

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1202371
WORKING NAMES	Here For Good Collective Hope St Mellons
DATE OF REGISTRATION	17th March 2023
START OF FINANCIAL PERIOD	17th March 2023
END OF FINANCIAL PERIOD	31st March 2024
TRUSTEES AT 31ST MARCH 2024	Simon Brown (Chair) Dr Katherine Browne Carol Ann Falcon Stephanie Rees Elizabeth Cridland (Appointed 18th September 2024) Sam Froud-Powell (Resigned 18th September 2024)
LEGAL STATUS	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	CIO - Foundation Registered 17th March 2023
OBJECTS	To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of St Mellons and other areas of Cardiff in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society.
CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS	The Beacon Centre Harrison Drive St. Mellons Cardiff CF3 0PJ
PRIMARY BANKERS	Metro Bank Plc 507 Newport Rd Cardiff CF23 9AD
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS	Castle View Accounting Ltd Ground Floor Offices 53 High Street Arundel West Sussex BN18 9AJ

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE FIRST PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

Chair's Report

Annual Summary from the Chair of Trustees

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Simon Brown

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)
FOR THE FIRST PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

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- **Friendship Groups** – Like Crafty Chats and Diamond Art Club.
- **Mess n Tots** – Our sensory play group.
- **Coffee Morning and Warm Space** – Hosting partners providing support on advice around mental health and wellbeing, benefit and debt advice, fuel and housing advice.
- **Step Out Scholarship Programme** – A hyper local community-funded scholarship supporting 16 – 25 year olds in education or training.
- **St Mellons Mutual Aid Fund** – A community-led fund supporting local people in crisis.
- **Seasonal Community Support Events** – Trips, community, fun days, Free Christmas Shop, Winter Wellness.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's Aims and Objectives.

Achievements and Performance

2023-24 has been a busy year for Here For Good Collective/Hope St Mellons as we grew from a project of an umbrella social action charity to an independent charity. Some of what was achieved is outlined below:

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St Mellons Mutual Aid Fund continues to offer £35 grants to community members in financial hardship. This is money given by the community for the community. Our administrative panel represents the partnership between Hope St Mellons, Together for Trowbridge and St Mellons, Beacon Centre and Church of the Resurrection. This year we have given 141 grants. The grants have contributed toward: rent, phone bills, utilities, car insurance, petrol, essential house repairs, shoes, underwear, school uniforms, warm clothes, urgent travel costs, baby equipment, specialist toys for children with additional needs, and birthday presents. Alongside the small grant, we have referred and signposted recipients to: Cardiff Foodbank, St Mellons Pantry, Speakeasy Law Centre, Citizens Advice, ACE Fuel Voucher Scheme, Women's Aid.

In June 2023, the boards of Beacon Centre Trust (Cardiff) and Here For Good Collective passed reciprocating resolutions conferring management powers to Here for Good Collective/Hope St Mellons. In early 2024 Beacon Centre Trust (Cardiff) engaged Geldard's law firm to act on their behalf with the Charity Commission and Cardiff Council to support the asset transfer of The Beacon Centre to Here For Good Collective and novate the ground lease respectively. Our local County Councillors have written to Cardiff Council in support of the transfer of the building and lease to Here For Good Collective. We hope to complete this transfer in the 2024/25 financial year. Taking ownership of the building will support the delivery of our charitable objects and help us to diversify our income generation and become a more sustainable organisation.

Risk Management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- A review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces (updated annually);
- The establishment of policies, systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified; and
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

This work has identified that financial sustainability is the major financial risk for the charity. A key element in the management of financial risk is a regular review of available liquid funds, review of monthly management reports, and a targeted income generation and diversification in line with our fundraising strategy.

Attention has also been focused on non-financial risks arising from fire, IT security, health and safety of staff and volunteers, food hygiene. These risks are managed by ensuring accreditation is up to date, having robust policies and procedures in place, and regular awareness training for staff working in these operational areas.

Financial Review

Here For Good Collective/Hope St Mellons is a charity standing in its own right, working with community members to see meaningful change across our community – this is a huge achievement and something our community can feel extremely proud of.

In our first year we have begun to put in place firm foundations, including strong financial policy and effective financial management through 2023-24. Here For Good Collective/Hope St Mellons has been successful in following its strategic plan objective to achieve multi-year Invest Local funding towards core costs and to build on this funding to attract further income from funders and donations.

Here For Good Collective/Hope St Mellons' financial performance and position going forward continues to be healthy. Future years will be more challenging as we look to build on our Invest Local funding and diversify our income. As we look to take on the ownership of The Beacon Centre we hope to strengthen our position as we will be able to make a modest profit on hiring our facilities to community groups and organisations (once increased running costs are taken into account). We will continue to regularly review the level of reserves and adjust accordingly. We will be opening a second account to hold our reserves, utilising an Instant Access Savings Account to take advantage of the increased interest rate while ensuring our funds are not put at risk. In terms of expenditure, we, along with everyone else, have seen our costs increase due to inflation.

Restricted funds are £70,550 while unrestricted and designated reserves are £65,577 as at 31st March 2024.

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Reserves Policy and Going Concern

The Board of Trustees continues to review the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. Our policy aims to establish unrestricted funds not invested in tangible assets at a level equivalent to three months' running costs, which equates to £48,376 as per the budget for 2024/25.

Plans for the Future

Looking forward, through careful planning, creative thinking and community-based delivery we will build on this success. Here For Good Collective/Hope St Mellons will enable community development through the direct provision of our community support projects, the development of community assets and social enterprise. We will access funding to support our work, and will work with people, community groups, organisations and businesses, directing our resources in a sustainable and effective manner.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Here For Good Collective is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales on 17th March 2023.

Appointment of Trustees

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Trustee Induction and Training

All new trustees receive a comprehensive induction pack with essential information and are supported with training and guidance through an induction period of three months.

Organisation

The board of trustees administers the charity. The board normally meets monthly and there are sub-groups and working groups supporting communications, HR and developing our business plan. To facilitate effective operations, the Director has delegated authority, within terms of delegation approved by the trustees, for operational matters including finance, employment and community related activity.

Related Parties and Co-operation with other Organisations

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager of the charity with an employee or contractor must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party.

Pay Policy for Staff

All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee received remuneration in the year. Details of trustees' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in note 14 to the accounts.

The pay of the staff is appraised annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings. In view of the nature of the charity, the trustees benchmark against pay levels in other third sector organisations of a similar size run on a voluntary basis.

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Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice GAAP).

The Law applicable to Charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Governing Document requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- 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 CIO will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Governing Document. 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.

Approved by the Trustees on 18th December 2024

Signed on their behalf by Trustee 

Printed Name: Simon Brown

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE FIRST PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023/24 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Donations, Grants & Legacies	3a	171,064	-	68,623	239,687
Charitable Activities	3b	19,553	-	71,419	90,971
Investment Income	3c	-	-	-	-
Other Incoming Resources	3d	2,917	-	-	2,917
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		193,533	-	140,042	333,575
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of Generating Funds					
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	124,433	-	69,492	193,925
Governance Costs	4b	3,523	-	-	3,523
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		127,956	-	69,492	197,448
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		65,577	-	70,550	136,127
Funds Brought Forward		-	-	-	-
Transfer Between Funds	6	(35,000)	35,000	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		30,577	35,000	70,550	136,127

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 30 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-24 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Assets	2	-	-	-
Investments	7	-	-	-
Total Fixed Assets		-	-	-
Current Assets				
Debtors & Prepayments	9	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	8	69,780	70,550	140,330
Total Current Assets		69,780	70,550	140,330
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	4,203	-	4,203
NET CURRENT ASSETS		65,577	70,550	136,127
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		65,577	70,550	136,127
Creditors: Amounts falling due in more than one year	11	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		65,577	70,550	136,127
Funds of the Charity				
General Funds		30,577	-	30,577
Designated Funds	6	35,000	-	35,000
Restricted Funds	5	-	70,550	70,550
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		65,577	70,550	136,127

Approved by the Trustees on 18th December 2024

Signed on their behalf by Trustee 

Printed Name: Simon Brown.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FIRST PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Unrestricted Funds

These funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity as set out in the trustees report. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Restricted Funds

These funds are where the donor has specified a purpose for the donation made. These restrictions often arise as a result of appeals for special offerings for specific purposes.

Designated Funds

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for particular purposes or projects.

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	25% - Straight Line Basis
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2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The CIO held no fixed assets during this initial financial period.

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st March 2024: None

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3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023/24 £
a) Donations, Grants & Legacies					
Gifts & Donations	5	1,046	-	224	1,270
Grants Received	5	170,018	-	68,399	238,417
		171,064	-	68,623	239,687
b) Charitable Activities					
Activities & Events	5	-	-	4,930	4,930
Crafty Chats Project	5	-	-	1,023	1,023
Diamond Art Project	5	-	-	278	278
Garden Project	5	-	-	12,089	12,089
Mess n Tots	5	-	-	958	958
Mutual Aid Fund	5	-	-	8,504	8,504
Nature Club Project	5	-	-	2,198	2,198
Pantry Project	5	19,553	-	18,780	38,333
Step Out Scholarship Programme	5	-	-	8,908	8,908
Wellbeing Workshop	5	-	-	9,128	9,128
Winter Wellness Project	5	-	-	4,624	4,624
		19,553	-	71,419	90,971
c) Investment Income					
Interest		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
d) Other Incoming Resources					
Sundry Income		2,917	-	-	2,917
		2,917	-	-	2,917

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4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023/24 £
a) Cost of Charitable Activities					
Activities & Events	5	-	-	5,154	5,154
Advertising & Publicity		398	-	-	398
Crafty Chats	5	-	-	1,023	1,023
Diamond Art Project	5	-	-	278	278
Equipment Costs		5,347	-	-	5,347
Garden Project	5	-	-	9,220	9,220
Insurance Costs		2,335	-	-	2,335
License & Subscriptions		59	-	-	59
Mess n Tots	5	-	-	489	489
Mutual Aid Fund	5	-	-	5,005	5,005
Nature Club	5	-	-	1,308	1,308
Office Costs		641	-	-	641
Pantry Project	5	8,858	-	5,285	14,143
Repairs & Maintenance	5	12,058	-	21,947	34,005
Staff Costs	5 & 13	88,869	-	14,773	103,642
Staff Welfare Costs		1,859	-	-	1,859
Step Out Scholarship Programme	5	-	-	210	210
Sundry Expenses		1,423	-	-	1,423
Telephone Costs		223	-	-	223
Training Costs		1,631	-	-	1,631
Travel & Hospitality		620	-	-	620
Volunteers Expenses		111	-	-	111
Wellbeing Workshops	5	-	-	177	177
Winter Wellbeing	5	-	-	4,624	4,624
		124,433	-	69,492	193,925
b) Governance Costs					
Independent Examiners Fees	10	1,140	-	-	1,140
Legal & Professional Fees		2,383	-	-	2,383
		3,523	-	-	3,523

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5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 17-Mar-23	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31-Mar-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Activities & Events	-	5,154	4,964	-	190
Capital Projects Fund	-	68,399	21,947	-	46,452
Crafty Chats	-	1,023	1,023	-	-
Diamond Art Project	-	278	278	-	-
Mess n Tots	-	958	489	-	469
Nature Club	-	2,198	1,308	-	890
Pantry Garden Project	-	12,089	9,410	-	2,679
St Mellons Mutual Aid Fund	-	8,504	5,005	-	3,499
St Mellons Pantry Project	-	18,780	17,884	-	896
Step Out Scholarship Programme	-	8,908	210	-	8,698
Wellbeing Workshops Fund	-	9,128	2,351	-	6,777
Winter Wellbeing Fund	-	4,624	4,624	-	-
	-	140,042	69,492	-	70,550

The restricted funds held are wholly represented by the CIO's cash reserves and are to be expended as specified above.

6. DESIGNATED FUNDS

	Balance 17-Mar-23	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31-Mar-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Reserve Fund	-	-	-	35,000	35,000
	-	-	-	35,000	35,000

The designated funds held are wholly represented by the CIO's cash reserves and are to be expended as specified above.

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7. INVESTMENTS

The CIO held no fixed assets investments during this initial financial period.

8. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-24 £
Cash at Bank & in Hand	69,780	70,550	140,330
	69,780	70,550	140,330

9. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-24 £
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-
	-	-	-

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-24 £
Independent Examiners Fees	1,140	-	1,140
PAYE & N.I	756	-	756
Sundry Creditors	2,307	-	2,307
	4,203	-	4,203

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The CIO held no long term liabilities during this initial financial period.

12. NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-24 £
Fixed Asset Investments	-	-	-
Net Current Assets	65,577	70,550	136,127
Long Term Liabilities	-	-	-
	65,577	70,550	136,127

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13. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	TOTAL 2023/24 £
Gross Wages, Salaries & Fees	97,385
Employer's National Insurance Costs	2,922
Pension Contributions	3,336
	<hr/> 103,642 <hr/>

Employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:

	TOTAL 2023/24
Charitable Activities	5

The Charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all members of employed staff and no employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

14. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

15. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

16. RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the CIO's needs. This is based on the CIO's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the CIO will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

17. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The CIO acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the CIO has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the CIO should undertake.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/ members of Here For Good Collective on the accounts for the first period ended 31st March 2024 set out on pages 28 to 36.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

I conducted my examination in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales in relation to the conducting of an independent examination, referred to above. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and of the accounting systems employed by the Charity 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 the Charities legislation and that the financial statements comply with the SORP, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

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 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.

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Accounting Technicians.

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 obtain written assurances from the trustees of all material matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 20th December 2024