



HERE FOR GOOD COLLECTIVE  
APRIL 2024 TO MARCH 2025





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**A heartfelt thank you to all of our volunteers and staff for your time, energy and dedication this year. As you'll see in the pages ahead, we've achieved so much together!**

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(the therapy dog)  
Ruby  
(The Hive office dog)

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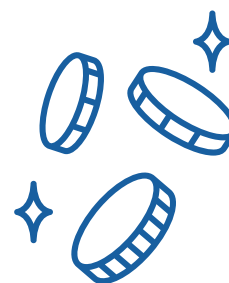
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# Message from our Chair

**Dear friends and supporters,**

In a world that's so rushed it can be hard to find the time to look back. Often it's only when you're forced to reflect that you realise how far you've come. Looking back over the last year, as you'll see in this report, we have so much to celebrate. Although the journey wasn't always easy, I hope you'll find our story as heartwarming as I do.

## **Growth**

It's been so encouraging to see our volunteer and staff team grow throughout the year, in every sense of the word. The local people who choose to give their time and work with us are the lifeblood of Hope St Mellons. I remain in awe of their passion, creativity, and commitment to the idea that, together, we can build on the strengths of our shared community. Our staff team (including our four-legged additions) now has just the right mix of skills and expertise to underpin our work and help us grow. Together, our volunteers and staff live out our shared values each and every day to make sure everyone is welcomed, valued, and heard.

## **Connection**

With everything that happens in and around The Hive each week, it's no wonder that it's fast becoming a place that people trust, a place where they find connection. This is so important in a world that is becoming increasingly divisive. Together we've created spaces for our whole community: spaces for understanding, empathy, togetherness, and some unlikely friendships! What makes these spaces truly special is that they're born from a genuine desire to do things together and a recognition that each one of us brings a unique strength to the mix.

As you'll see in this report, we've worked hard to make sure that every person feels welcome and included, and that people can bring their whole selves. Across our groups and activities we support each other socially, emotionally, and physically. Through our work, people are better able to feed themselves and their families, find outlets for their creativity, access education and training, find connections and new friends, cover unexpected costs, and access other sources of support when they need it. If you have an idea for a new group or activity we'd love to hear from you.

## **Re-birth**

One of our key strategic goals has been to take on ownership of The Hive and to steward it in partnership with our community. Thanks to the generosity of our funders and the support of our community, our building has been through a long overdue transformation this year. The Hive and its grounds are now safer, greener, more accessible, and more welcoming. But more than that, they reflect the fact that our community deserves high-quality, clean, and modern spaces. Our



renovations go way beyond a lick of paint and we're so grateful to everyone who shared their time and ideas to help us get it right. There's still more to do but we've made a great start.

## Thanks

Hope St Mellons only exists because local people came together because they believed in our community. This is still happening each and every day with some amazing results. Many people in St Mellons feel abandoned and overlooked, but by working together we have made our community safer and more connected with more opportunities to thrive. If you're a volunteer, member, or visitor who has shared your time, ideas, energy and skill along the way, thank you!

Thank you also to our wonderful staff and volunteer team for taking such care and joy in what you do, and to our steering group for your wisdom and support this year. Thank you to our partners within and beyond The Hive; we've drawn such encouragement and inspiration from you and we hope we've repaid the favour. We look forward to our continued partnership and deepening our relationships. Thank you also to our funders and supporters whose generosity this year has made so much of our work possible, we look forward to your continued support.

As you read this report I hope you will celebrate with us and be inspired to join us in what comes next.

Warm regards,

Simon Brown

## Our charity — about us

Here for Good Collective — known locally as Hope St Mellons — is a grassroots community development charity. We started as a handful of local volunteers in 2018 looking to run an afterschool children's club. Since then we've navigated the challenges of covid and the cost-of-living crisis and we've grown stronger by working together.

In 2023 we became a registered charity (charity no. 1202371). Our legal name is Here for Good Collective but most people still know us as Hope St Mellons.

We now have a small staff team working alongside more than 50 local volunteers, running a variety of activities that bring people together and support our community.

Together we own and manage The Hive, an independent community centre in St Mellons, Cardiff.

### Vision

A safe, connected, thriving community.

### Mission

We are working together to:  
develop and nurture community,  
create spaces for connection and opportunities for growth,  
push back against social injustice.

### Values

- 1) Local people know their community best.
- 2) We work to be inclusive and intergenerational.
- 3) We value the unique contribution and worth of each person.
- 4) We work from hope and the strengths of our community.
- 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



We are meeting our charitable objects by:

- supporting the leadership of our locally rooted volunteer and staff team,
- delivering our community support projects,
- providing our building for community use, and
- developing partnerships with local groups.

## Our team

Across 2024 we developed our staff team to strengthen our work in the community and support the growth of our organisation.

In April we appointed Nicola Leigh-Robinson as our Cleaner to support the growing needs of our building. We now regularly get comments on how clean the space is and how nice it is to be in. Nicola has made a world of difference to how welcoming the building is becoming.

In October, we appointed Cerys Wert as our Reception and Administration Assistant. This role has supported the growth of our bookings and the increasing busyness of The Hive. Having Cerys present in our refurbished reception guarantees a warm welcome for all visitors.

To support our growing volunteer team — and to offer more support to our volunteers — we employed a Volunteer and Community Development Co-ordinator. We were thrilled to appoint Sarah Griffiths, who we've worked closely with since establishing our charity. We're grateful to The National Lottery Community Fund for enabling us to develop this role through Awards for All funding.

Our staff team now includes:

- Director (Full time)
- Facilities Manager (Full time)
- Volunteer and Community Development Coordinator (Part time: 4 days)
- Reception and Administration Assistant (Part time: 3 days)
- Pantry Manager (Part time: 2.5 days)
- Cleaner (Part time: 1.5 days)
- Wellbeing Workshop Leader (Part time: 0.5 days)

We have developed a steering board of seven local community members to support with the governance of the organisation. This includes our five trustees.

Our volunteer team has also grown across the year and we now have 52 volunteers giving over 7,438 hours a year to running and supporting our 13 community projects. Reflecting their hard work and passion, Hope St Mellons was nominated for Volunteer Group of the Year at the Cardiff Volunteer Awards in November 2024 .

52  
local volunteers

7438  
volunteer  
hours  
supporting our  
community

13  
community-led  
groups and  
projects



## Our activities

### St Mellons Pantry and Pantry Garden

St Mellons Pantry has continued to support local people to access local, affordable food and stretch their household budgets. The pantry team has navigated challenges to food supply — including a reduction in good-quality surplus food. This reflects changes in the UK food system related to Brexit and the cost-of-living crisis. We've been grateful to Greggs Foundation and Community Foundation Wales who have helped us sustain the Pantry through a difficult year. Over the past 12 months the Pantry saved 12,500kg of surplus food from waste. Each weekly Pantry shop provides members with roughly 3 family meals. Based on an average of 35 member visits a week for 48 weeks of the year, we estimate that we save 6,000 meals a year from landfill.





We've also been pleased to work with Cardiff Council to provide free period products and with Beauty Bank to provide free toiletries and cosmetics through the Pantry. Across a year we (conservatively) estimate that each Pantry member household saves around £720. Across our membership this adds up to £25,200. This is what our members say about the Pantry:

*It's excellent value and helps when you can't make ends meet.*

*I'm usually really nervous with asking for help ... but everyone is really welcoming.*

*I'm recently retired and money is a little bit tight. It comes in handy on a weekly basis.*

*It's been a real lifeline to me and my kids.*

Alongside the Pantry, the team have been running a weekly coffee morning — doubling as a warm space through Winter — offering free refreshments and a warm welcome. We're thankful to our volunteer bakers for their delicious homemade cakes, served free of charge at the coffee morning.



We've been pleased to work with a number of partners to offer drop-in advice and support services alongside the coffee morning, including Welsh Water, Cardiff Into Work Service, and Cardiff Wellbeing Service. In particular we've been pleased to host a weekly drop-in session with Riverside Advice. Matthew, who has been with us every week, has become a valued and familiar presence on our Tuesday mornings, offering consistently high-quality advice and trusted support. This year the drop-in has supported 75 advice appointments, with people accessing help with debt, PIP claims and appeals, housing advice and support accessing benefits and services.

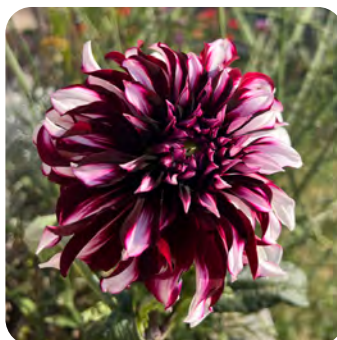
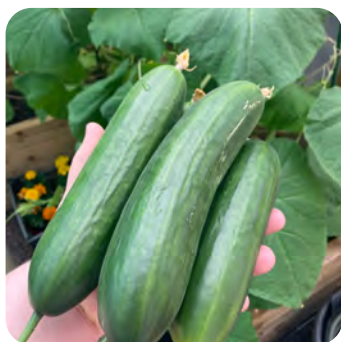
108 hours free advice and support

75 people received specialist support and advice



The Pantry Garden club have worked hard to expand the garden this year. With Shared Prosperity Funding we were able to triple our growing space. With support from Keep Wales Tidy, we've also added a second greenhouse, water harvesting and a native hedgerow to the site.

In September the hard work of the group was recognised at the Tidy Wales Award where the group won the Community Food Growing Award 2024. The Pantry Garden was also awarded a coveted Green Flag award for the second year running. The garden is open 24/7 and is well loved and enjoyed by all ages — a testament to our volunteers' hard work to engage and welcome our local community into the space.





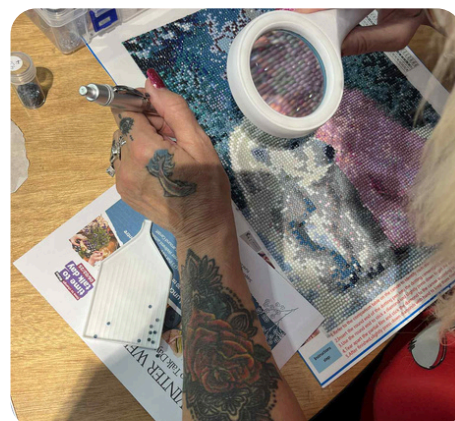
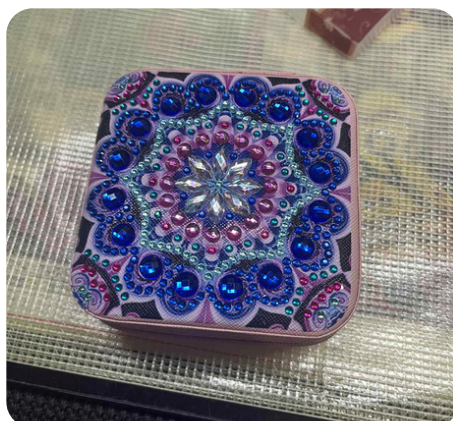
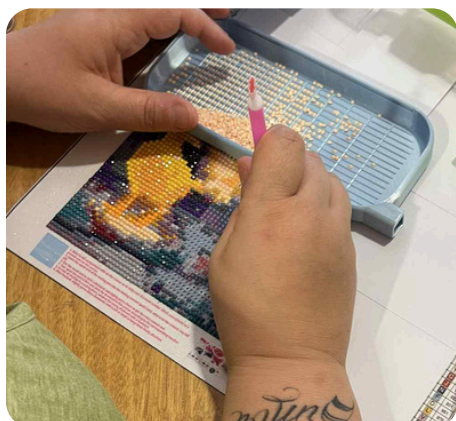
## Crafty Chats



Crafty Chats is a volunteer-led friendship and craft group. The group's youngest member is 18 and oldest member is over 80. The group is free with a £1 donation welcomed to support material costs. The group is a safe space for friendship and provides informal peer-support for those experiencing isolation or poor health. The group has become so popular that it is at max capacity on Tuesdays and has a growing number of members on Wednesdays. Alongside the weekly activities, the group also runs a 'Birthday Club'. Members pay £1 a week and each person's birthday is celebrated with a gift — and "big birthdays" are marked with a party — ensuring everyone feels special and cared for.

## Diamond Art Club

Diamond Art Club is one of our newest groups and it's going from strength to strength. The group provides Diamond Art materials at low cost and offers a welcoming, non-judgemental space to meet others. The activity itself is mindful and relaxing— supporting wellbeing. A growing crowd now come for Crafty Chats in the morning and Diamond Art Club in the afternoon— bringing a packed lunch for the break in-between. It's a great day for crafters to connect at The Hive!



## Step Out Scholarship Programme

Our scholarship programme is funded by community giving. This year the fund supported one local young person to continue their studies in Business Management. The team has begun a process of reviewing the way the programme works — reflecting on what has been learnt since we started the Step Out Fund in 2018. We’ve received support from SPARK (Cardiff University’s Social Science Research Park) through the Third Sector Research Partnership. Their input has helped us understand how Step Out fits within the wider landscape of community-funded scholarships and what lessons can be drawn from historic community-funded movements. The main focus of our review will be to spend time listening to current and former students — learning what they found most helpful and, with hindsight, what could have better supported them. We’re also keen to see what opportunities exist to involve young people in the running of the fund. Watch this space!

## St Mellons Mutual Aid Fund

St Mellons Mutual Aid Fund continues to offer small grants (£25-£50) 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, and Church of the Resurrection. This year we have given 119 grants (£3,890). The grants have contributed toward: rent, gas and electricity, phone top-up, petrol, urgent house repairs, shoes, school uniforms, warm clothes, urgent travel costs, and funeral costs. Alongside the small grant, we have referred and signposted recipients to: Cardiff Foodbank, St Mellons Pantry, Riverside Advice, and Cardiff Council Money Advice Service.

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).



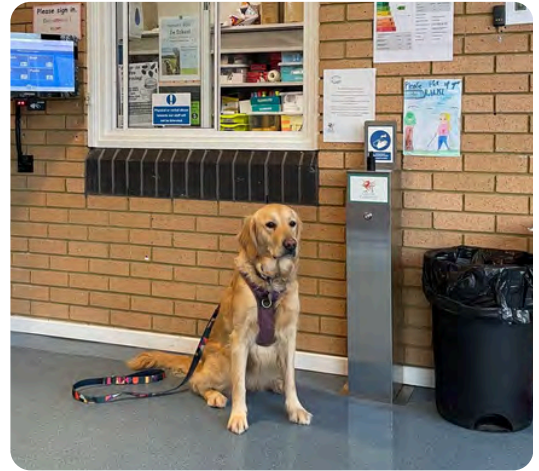
## Tai Chi

We trialled a free Tai Chi class across the year — initially in the evenings and later as an all-age session after school. Unfortunately, uptake was limited. However, the pilot enabled us to build a strong relationship with Wayne, who generously volunteered his skills to lead the sessions. We hope to explore new opportunities to include Tai Chi in future wellness work, as its physical and mental health benefits are well recognised and the exercise is accessible for a variety of abilities.



## Wellbeing Workshops

We continue to work in partnership with Meadowlane Primary School to support children and families with bespoke workshops combining forest school, play and creative activities. This year our newest team member — Tawe, the therapy dog — joined our Wellbeing Worker to support the children. Animal therapy offers numerous benefits, including reduced stress and anxiety, improved social and communication skills, and boosted self-esteem. Tawe is a brilliant addition to the team!



## St Mellons Nature Club

St Mellons Nature Club met monthly over the last year. The group encourages intergenerational engagement with wildlife and natural spaces in our local community. Activities are offered free of charge and have included: bulb lasagna pots, making elder wood jewellery, pond-dipping, and forest craft and outdoor cooking. We're thankful to Evelyn and Reg for another fantastic trip to their 'oasis' in the centre of St Mellons. We also celebrated our youngest volunteers' nomination for Cardiff Young Volunteer of the Year: Congratulations Jack — you're a star!













## Cook and Share



From October to March we ran a short pilot of family cooking sessions, with thanks to The Brown Family Fund and C3SC's Move More Eat Well funding.

Cook and Share was an opportunity to learn some simple recipes and cook together as a family. Through the sessions we all tried new foods and cooking techniques and crafted a menu together. Following the cooking we spent time sharing food together and slowing down to eat at the table and chat.

Children told us that they particularly liked getting to spend time with parents and they all discovered something they really enjoyed eating, including Jambalaya, quiche, and vegetable enchiladas.



## Winter Wellness

Supported by C3SC Shared Prosperity Small Grant Funding we delivered a programme of holistic wellness activities across January to March engaging 92 people. These included: free meditation and movement classes; creative arts; Mental Health First Aid training; and hosting a Time to Talk Day Lunch, tying in with the UK-wide initiative to encourage people to speak about mental health. We're thankful to Judit Péntek for leading us in Sound Therapy and Guided Meditation. These times were very special and valued by all who attended.





## Mess 'n' Tots

The Mess 'n' Tots team has grown this year, welcoming five new volunteers. Mess 'n' Tots meet every Monday and activities include: crafts, games, sensory tuff trays and outdoor play. Each week has a unique theme and the team work hard to integrate activities that support children through their physical, cognitive, social-emotional and language developmental milestones. The team put in many hours of preparation to design sessions that support each child's growth — and, of course, are lots of fun.... and lots of mess!



## Free Christmas Community Shop

This year we were able to offer 250 children and their families brand new gifts for Christmas through our Free Christmas Community Shop. The shop offers parents and guardians who might struggle to afford gifts, the opportunity to choose a present, stocking fillers and chocolates for their children. This is our third year running the shop and again we were supported by donations from our local community, Dunelm's 'Delivering Joy' campaign, Wales & West Housing Association, Together for Trowbridge and St Mellons, St John's College Cardiff, Church of the Resurrection, Cardiff Rivers Group and Redatum Ltd. Naomi, Sarah and their team of volunteers worked incredibly hard over October and November to get everything ready. The shop was a huge success, thanks to the tremendous effort of Naomi and Sarah.



## Our space: The Hive

In February 2025 we officially renamed our building. We're hugely thankful to all who've been involved in the process of choosing our new name. Since Hope St Mellons took on managing the building in 2023, community members have suggested giving the space a new name to signal a fresh start, and now we've done it!

What's even more exciting is that we chose our new name together. Across six months we hosted community meals and pop-up events, engaged local schools in our renaming competition and had countless chats about names. We ended up with over 100 suggestions from across the community. We surveyed to create a shortlist and at community meetings in February we discussed the four most popular names and voted on our favourite.

We're thrilled to announce our building's new name: The Hive!

We're buzzing (!) that the new name reflects what the space is becoming: a hive of activity and productivity, and a community where everyone belongs and everyone's contribution makes a difference.

We plan to celebrate our new name in Summer 2025 when we will have completed the asset transfer to officially take ownership of The Hive. We can't wait until The Hive is in community hands. We believe local ownership is fundamental to securing the long-term future of this amazing resource.





## Renovation

We're grateful to Cardiff Council and Together for Trowbridge and St Mellons for supporting the renovation of our kitchen. When we moved in to The Hive the kitchen was in significant disrepair. A badly constructed extension had damaged the entire kitchen and left it so unsafe we couldn't use it. Unfortunately, we had to demolish the extension and start from scratch. We were really pleased to work with Brecon Beacon Interiors on the refurbishment and are thrilled with the results. We've been able to invest in high quality energy-efficient equipment to support the sustainability of any future cooking initiatives; such as A-grade fridges and freezers and an induction range.

With support from UK Government, Cardiff Council Shared Prosperity Fund and Glamorgan Voluntary Services, we were able to make a number of desperately needed improvements to The Hive this year, including:

- Perimeter lighting
- Carpark lighting
- A new shutter on our carpark entrance
- A new intruder alarm system
- External and internal CCTV
- Renovation of our reception
- Levelling of sunken paving around the building
- Expansion of our food-growing garden
- Repainting the entire of the exterior

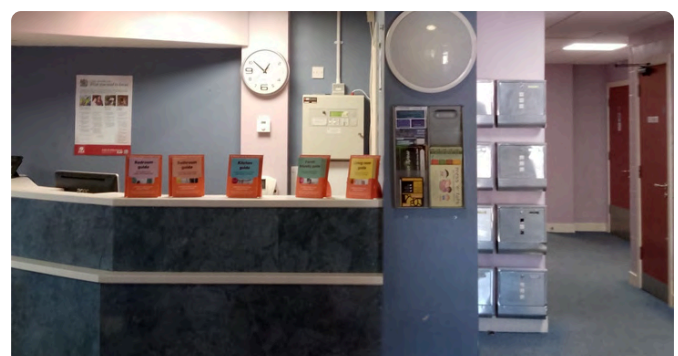
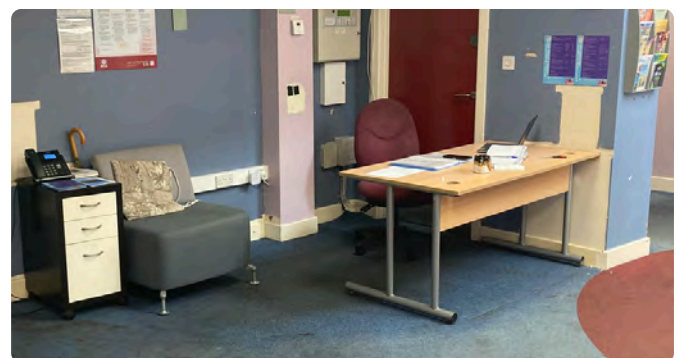
The improvements have transformed the building making it safer, more accessible and much more welcoming and attractive.

We've been privileged to work with Community Foundation Wales and The Brown Family Fund this year to refurbish our youth lounge. After listening to parents of children with ALN, local young people, and youth workers, together we reimagined the space: upgrading the lighting, creating storage so more groups could use the space, improving the audio-visual facilities, and adding acoustic treatments to the wall and ceilings. We were pleased to hear from one of our groups that children who once needed ear defenders to manage sensory overload in the space due to the harsh acoustics, are now able to participate more fully without them. The renovation resulted in a high-spec space that we're all proud of. It's also sparked thinking about further accessible design improvements we could make through the building to support our community.

With support from The Brown Family Fund we've also been able to invest in cooking equipment for family cooking sessions, sewing machines and equipment for our volunteer-led sewing classes, sensory equipment to start our 'pop-up' sensory room and art supplies to pilot an Arts for Wellbeing programme. We're really excited to make use of these resources in the coming financial year. The recognition and support of The Brown Family Fund has been a huge encouragement to us.



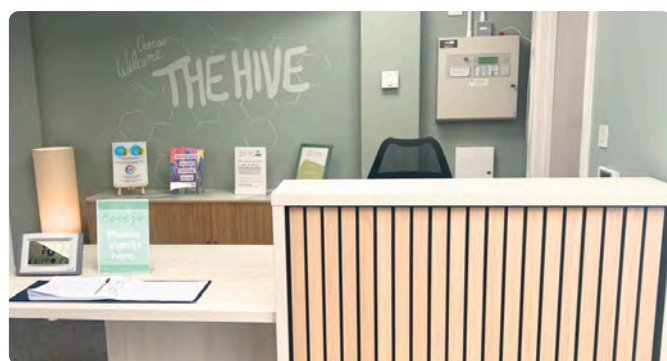
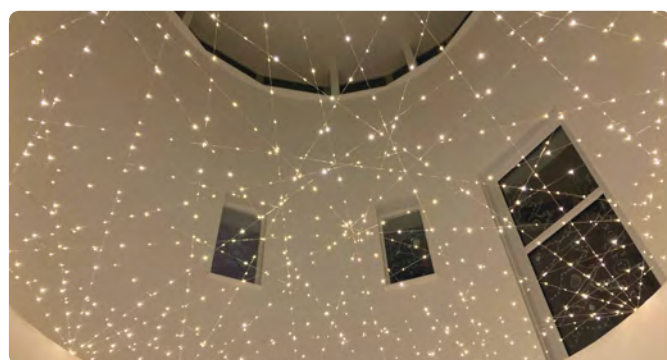
# Before







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# Our partners

## Together for Trowbridge and St Mellons

We continued to work closely with Together for Trowbridge and St Mellons (T4TSM) and Building Communities Trust (BCT) 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 T4TSM are a steering group of local residents and organisations overseeing the £1 million invested in St Mellons and Trowbridge. In November 2022, T4TSM committed multi-year core funding to Here For Good Collective/Hope St Mellons to support us over our first three years. We've worked closely with T4TSM since supporting the delivery of T4TSM's Driving Change Plan and working to engage other local groups and partners.

## Community Anchor Networks

Through the Invest Local Network and the Community Anchor Development Programme — both BCT networks — we've had the opportunity to take part in several learning trips across Wales. We've also invested time in the newly formed Cardiff Community Anchor Network — a group of organisations working together to strengthen the role of Community Anchor Organisations: community-led groups that provide a central point for local activity, leadership, and development.

Community Anchor Organisations play a unique and essential role in our communities. By working collectively, we're aiming to build wider understanding of the value of this work and to encourage funders and our elected representatives to prioritise long-term, sustainable investment in Community Anchor Organisations.



## Supporting community partners at The Hive

This year we've supported the following groups at The Hive by offering free of charge use or affordable hire at our community rate: St Mellons Clean Up, Conservation Volunteers St Mellons and Trowbridge, The Bike Hut St Mellons, In It Together Cardiff, Breastfeeding Peer Support Network, Breakthrough Theatre Arts CIC, Meadowlane Primary School, Cardiff Into Work Service, and Cardiff and Vale College. Next year we hope to build stronger connections with groups at The Hive to see how we can work together with our local community.



## Our network and project partners:

We're grateful for our network and project partners. In particular, we're thankful for the partners who supported our Pantry, Food Growing Garden and Free Christmas Shop through a very challenging year for local households.



Building  
Communities Trust  
Ymddiriedolaeth  
Adeiladu Cymunedau



cadwch keep  
gymru'n wales  
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RIVERSIDE ADVICE



## Our funding partners:



Supported by Kingspan Insulated Panels



Funded by  
UK Government



The Brown  
Family Fund



# Our finances

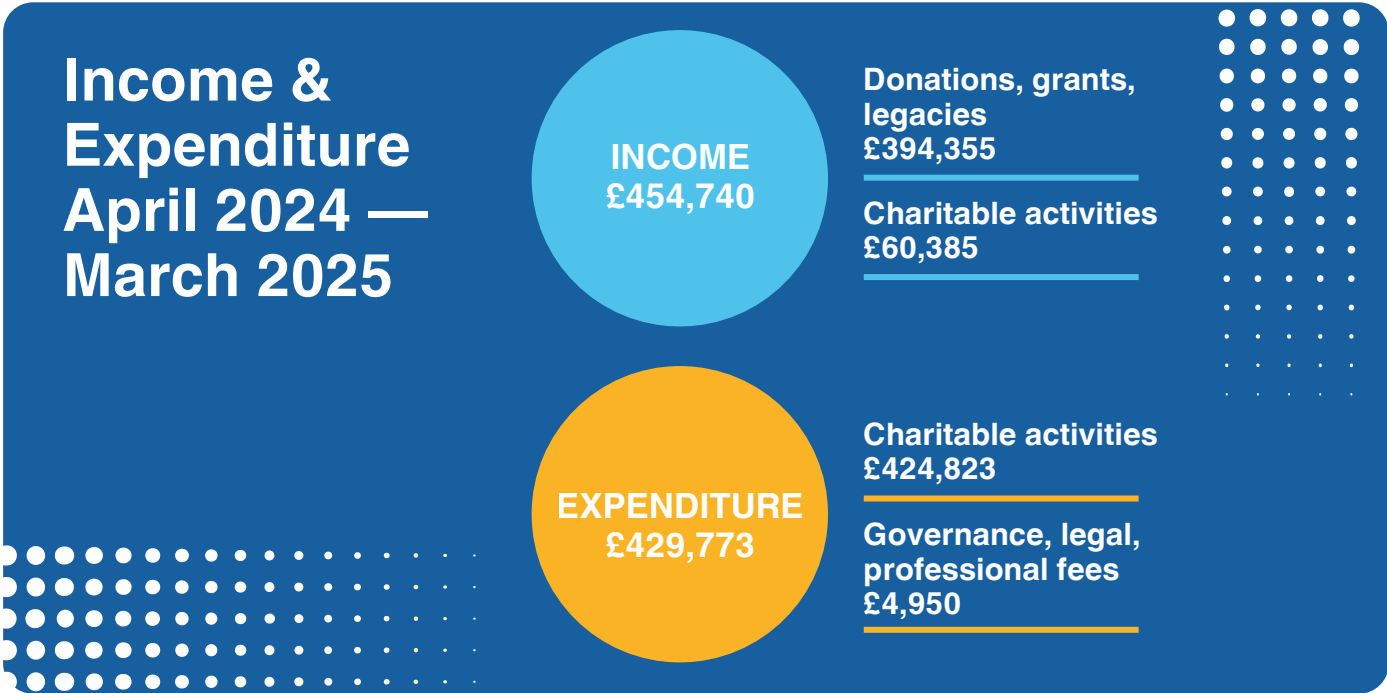
In 2024/25 we secured several significant grants that strengthened our work and supported improvements to The Hive. This included £165,480 for capital projects, with major contributions from the Cardiff Council Shared Prosperity Fund (£74,980) and The Brown Family Fund (£42,000).

We also received the second year of our three-year core funding from Together for Trowbridge and St Mellons (£150,701), as well as our first core grant payment from the Greggs Foundation (£20,000). We're thankful to Greggs Foundation for supporting us with a two-year core costs grant (£40,000) at such a crucial point in our development.

These grants have also enabled us to build our reserves, helping us prepare for an important milestone: taking ownership of The Hive. Ownership will allow us to generate around 35% of our running costs through room hire income but it will also bring new responsibilities such as maintenance, utilities and increased insurance. Strengthening our reserves this year ensures we are ready to meet these future commitments with confidence.

We're so grateful to everyone in our community who gives to Hope St Mellons and The Hive. It makes a massive difference. This year, £17,199 was donated towards our projects. We were genuinely bowled over by this generosity and are incredibly thankful for the trust placed in us.

We're proud to work with C Management Services who continue to support us with independent bookkeeping. We welcome any queries about our finances and how we manage our resources. Our independently examined accounts can be found publicly on the Charity Commission website. If you use the following web address and enter our charity name or number (1202371) you will find our full accounts: <https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search>





## Keep in touch with us

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**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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### LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

<b>CHARITY NUMBER</b>	1202371
<b>WORKING NAMES</b>	Here For Good Collective Hope St Mellons
<b>DATE OF REGISTRATION</b>	17th March 2023
<b>START OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	17th March 2024
<b>END OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	31st March 2025
<b>TRUSTEES AT 31ST MARCH 2025</b>	Simon Brown (Chair) Dr Katherine Browne Carol Ann Falcon Stephanie Rees Elizabeth Cridland
<b>LEGAL STATUS</b>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
<b>GOVERNING INSTRUMENT</b>	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.

<b>CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS</b>	The Beacon Centre Harrison Drive St. Mellons Cardiff CF3 0PJ
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<b>PRIMARY BANKERS</b>	Metro Bank Plc 507 Newport Rd Cardiff CF23 9AD
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<b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS</b>	Castle View Accounting Ltd Ground Floor Offices 53 High Street Arundel West Sussex BN18 9AJ
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## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

### Chair's Report

#### Annual Summary from the Chair of Trustees

Dear friends and supporters,

In a world that's so rushed it can be hard to find the time to look back. Often it's only when you're forced to reflect that you realise how far you've come. Looking back over the last year, as you'll see in this report, we have so much to celebrate. Although the journey wasn't always easy, I hope you'll find our story as heartwarming as I do.

#### Growth

With everything that happens in and around The Hive each week, it's no wonder that it's fast becoming a place that people trust, a place where they find connection. This is so important in a world that is becoming increasingly divisive. Together we've created spaces for our whole community: spaces for understanding, empathy, togetherness, and some unlikely friendships! What makes these spaces truly special is that they're born from a genuine desire to do things together and a recognition that each one of us brings a unique strength to the mix.

#### Connection

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.

As you'll see in this report, we've worked hard to make sure that every person feels welcome and included, and that people can bring their whole selves. Across our groups and activities we support each other socially, emotionally, and physically. Through our work, people are better able to feed themselves and their families, find outlets for their creativity, access education and training, find connections and new friends, cover unexpected costs, and access other sources of support when they need it. If you have an idea for a new group or activity we'd love to hear from you.

#### Re-Birth

One of our key strategic goals has been to take on ownership of The Hive and to steward it in partnership with our community. Thanks to the generosity of our funders and the support of our community, our building has been through a long overdue transformation this year. The Hive and its grounds are now safer, greener, more accessible, and more welcoming. But more than that, they reflect the fact that our community deserves high-quality, clean, and modern spaces. Our renovations go way beyond a lick of paint and we're so grateful to everyone who shared their time and ideas to help us get it right. There's still more to do but we've made a great start.

#### Thanks

Hope St Mellons only exists because local people came together because they believed in our community. This is still happening each and every day with some amazing results. Many people in St Mellons feel abandoned and overlooked, but by working together we have made our community safer and more connected with more opportunities to thrive. If you're a volunteer, member, or visitor who has shared your time, ideas, energy and skill along the way, thank you!

Thank you also to our wonderful volunteer and staff team for taking such care and joy in what you do, and to our steering group for your wisdom and support this year. Thank you to our partners within and beyond The Hive; we've drawn such encouragement and inspiration from you and we hope we've repaid the favour. We look forward to our continued partnership and deepening our relationships. Thank you also to our funders and supporters whose generosity this year has made so much of our work possible, we look forward to your continued support.

As you read this report I hope you will celebrate with us and be inspired to join us in what comes next.

Warm regards,

Simon Brown  
Chair of Trustee



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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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**

Here for Good Collective — known locally as Hope St Mellons — is a grassroots community development charity. We started as a handful of local volunteers in 2018 looking to run an afterschool children's club. Since then we've navigated the challenges of covid and the cost-of-living crisis and we've grown stronger by working together.

In 2023 we became a registered charity. Our legal name is Here for Good Collective but most people still know us as Hope St Mellons.

We now have a small staff team working alongside more than 50 local volunteers, running a variety of activities that bring people together and support our community.

Together we own and manage The Hive, an independent community centre in St Mellons, Cardiff.

Our vision is a safe, connected, thriving community.

Our mission:

We are working together to:

- Develop and nurture community,
- Create spaces for connection and opportunities for growth,
- Push back against social injustice.

Our values:

- 1) Local people know their community best.
- 2) We work to be inclusive and intergenerational.
- 3) We value the unique contribution and worth of each person.
- 4) We work from hope and the strengths of our community.
- 5) We commit to engaging with and listening to everyone in our community.

Our vision and mission reflect the **purposes** of the charity set out in the objects contained in its constitution:

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.

In accordance with our purposes, our main **activities** during the year have been;

- St Mellons Pantry – a community-led project where members pay £5/week and choose up to £20 worth of food.
- Pantry Garden – a wildlife-friendly food-growing garden and orchard that supplies our Pantry.
- Wellbeing Workshops – emotional literacy projects for families, utilising creative arts and Forest School.
- Nature Club – our monthly intergenerational outdoors club.
- Friendship groups – like Crafty Chats and Diamond Art Club.
- Mess n Tots – our sensory play group.

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- 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

2024-25 has been a busy year for Here For Good Collective/Hope St Mellons as we found our feet as a newly formed charity and embedded our approach to asset-based community development. Some of what was achieved is outlined below:

- Our volunteer team has grown across the year and we now have 52 volunteers giving over 7,438 hours a year to running and supporting our 13 community projects. Reflecting their hard work and passion, Hope St Mellons was nominated for Volunteer Group of the Year at the Cardiff Volunteer Awards.
- We have developed a steering board of seven local community members to support the governance of the organisation. This includes our five current trustees.
- St Mellons Pantry has continued to support local people to access local, affordable food and stretch their household budgets. The pantry team has navigated challenges to food supply — including a reduction in good-quality surplus food. This reflects changes in the UK food system related to Brexit and Covid. We've been grateful to Greggs Foundation and Community Foundation Wales who have helped us sustain the Pantry through a difficult year. Over the past 12 months the Pantry saved 12,500kg of surplus food from waste. Each weekly Pantry shop provides members with roughly 3 family meals. Based on an average of 35 member visits a week for 50 weeks of the year, we estimate that we save 6,000 meals a year from landfill. We've also been pleased to work with Cardiff Council to provide free period products and with Beauty Bank to provide free toiletries and cosmetics through the pantry. Across a year we (conservatively) estimate that each Pantry member household saves around £720. Across our membership this adds up to £25,200.
- The Pantry Garden club have worked hard to expand the garden this year. With Shared Prosperity Funding we were able to triple our growing space. With support from Keep Wales Tidy, we've also added a second greenhouse, water harvesting and a native hedgerow to the site. In September the hard work of the group was recognised at the Tidy Wales Award where the group won the Community Food Growing Award 2024. The Pantry Garden was also awarded a coveted Green Flag award for the second year running. The garden is open 24/7 and is well loved and enjoyed by all ages — a testament to our volunteers' hard work to engage and welcome our local community into the space.
- Across winter our Coffee Morning became a 'Warm Welcome' hub. We've been pleased to work with a number of partners to offer drop-in advice and support services alongside the coffee morning, including Welsh Water, Cardiff Into Work Service, and Cardiff Wellbeing Service. In particular we've been pleased to host a weekly drop-in session with Riverside Advice. This year the drop in has supported 75 advice appointments, with people accessing help with debt, PIP claims and appeals, housing advice and support accessing benefits and services.
- Crafty Chats is a volunteer-led friendship and craft group. The group's youngest member is 18 and oldest member is over 80. The group is free with a £1 donation welcomed to support material costs. The group provides a safe space for friendship and for peer-support for those struggling with loneliness or poor mental health. The group has become so popular that it is now at max capacity on Tuesdays and has a growing number of members on Wednesdays. Alongside the weekly activities, the group also runs a 'Birthday Club'. Members pay £1 a week and each person's birthday is celebrated with a gift — and "big birthdays" are marked with a party — ensuring everyone feels special and cared for.



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- Diamond Art Club is one of our newest groups and it's going from strength to strength. The group provides Diamond Art materials at low cost and offers a welcoming space to meet others. The activity itself is mindful and relaxing. A growing crowd of community members now come for Crafty Chats in the morning and Diamond Art in the afternoon— sharing lunch in between. It's a great day for crafters to connect at The Hive!
- The Mess 'n' Tots team has grown this year, welcoming five new volunteers. Mess 'n' Tots meet every Monday and activities include: crafts, games, sensory tuff trays and outdoor play. Each week has a unique theme and the team work hard to integrate activities that support children through their physical, cognitive, social-emotional and language developmental milestones. The team put in many hours of preparation to design sessions that support each child's growth — and, of course, are lots of fun.... and lots of mess!
- We continue to work in partnership with Meadowlane Primary School to support children and families with bespoke workshops combining forest school, play and creative activities. This year our newest team member — Tawe, the therapy dog — joined our Wellbeing Worker to support the children. Animal therapy offers numerous benefits, including reduced stress and anxiety, improved social and communication skills, and boosted self-esteem. Tawe is a brilliant addition to the team.
- St Mellons Nature Club met monthly over the last year. The group encourages intergenerational engagement with wildlife and natural spaces in our local community. Activities are offered free of charge and have included: bulb lasagna pots, making elder wood jewellery, pond-dipping, and forest craft and outdoor cooking. We're thankful to Evelyn and Reg for another fantastic trip to their 'oasis' in the centre of St Mellons. We also celebrated our youngest volunteers' nomination for Cardiff Young Volunteer of the Year.
- This year we were able to offer 250 children and their families brand new gifts for Christmas through our Free Christmas Community Shop. The shop offers parents and guardians who might struggle to afford gifts, the opportunity to choose a present, stocking fillers and chocolates for their children. This is our third year running the shop and again we were supported by donations from our local community, Dunelm's 'Delivering Joy' campaign, Wales & West Housing Association, Together for Trowbridge and St Mellons, St John's College Cardiff, Church of the Resurrection, Cardiff Rivers Group and Redatum Ltd. Naomi, Sarah and their team of volunteers worked incredibly hard over October and November to get everything ready. The shop was a huge success underpinned by a massive team effort.
- Supported by C3SC Small Grant Funding we delivered a programme of holistic wellness activities across January to March. These included: free meditation and movement classes; creative arts; Mental Health First Aid training; and Time to Talk Day Lunch, tying in with the UK-wide initiative to encourage people to speak about mental health. We're thankful to Judit Péntek for leading us in Sound Therapy and Guided Mediation. These times were very special and valued by all who attended.
- Our scholarship programme is funded by community giving. This year the fund supported one local young person to continue their studies in Business Management. The team has begun a process of reviewing the way the programme works — reflecting on what has been learnt since we started the Step Out Fund in 2018. We've received support from SPARK (Cardiff University's Social Science Research Park) through the Third Sector Research Partnership (TSRP). Their input has helped us understand how Step Out fits within the wider landscape of community-funded scholarships and what lessons can be drawn from historic movements. The main focus of our review will be to spend time listening to current and former students — learning what they found most helpful and, with hindsight, what could have better supported them. We're also keen to see what opportunities exist to involve young people in the running of the fund.
- St Mellons Mutual Aid Fund continues to offer small grants (£25-£50) 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, and Church of the Resurrection. This year we have given 119 grants (£3,890). The grants have contributed toward: rent, gas and electricity, phone top-up, petrol, urgent house repairs, shoes, school uniforms, warm clothes, urgent travel costs, baby equipment and birthday presents. Alongside the small grant, we have referred and signposted recipients to: Cardiff Foodbank, St Mellons Pantry, Riverside Advice, and Cardiff Council Money Advice Service. 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).

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- From October to March we ran a short pilot of family cooking sessions, with thanks to C3SC's Move More Eat Well funding. Cook and Share was an opportunity to learn some simple recipes and cook together as a family. Through the sessions we all tried new foods and cooking techniques and crafted a menu together. Following the cooking we spent time sharing food together and slowing down to eat at the table and chat. The children told us that they particularly liked getting to spend time with parents and they all discovered something they really enjoyed eating, including Jambalaya, quiche, veggie enchiladas, and mac-and-cauliflower-cheese.

- In February 2025 we officially renamed our building. We're hugely thankful to everyone who's been involved in the process of choosing our new name. Since Hope St Mellons took on managing the building in 2023, community members have suggested giving the space a new name to signal a fresh start, and now we've done it. We plan to celebrate our new name in Summer 2025 when we will have completed the asset transfer to officially take ownership of The Hive. We can't wait until The Hive is in community hands. We believe local ownership is fundamental to securing the building's long-term future.

- We're grateful to Cardiff Council and Together for Trowbridge and St Mellons for supporting the renovation of our kitchen. We were really pleased to work with Brecon Beacon Interiors on the refurbishment and are thrilled with the results. We've been able to invest in high quality energy-efficient equipment to support the sustainability of any future cooking initiatives; such as A-grade fridges and freezers and an induction range.

- With support from UK Government, Cardiff Council Shared Prosperity Fund and Glamorgan Voluntary Services, we were able to make a number of desperately needed improvements to The Hive this year, including:

- Perimeter lighting.
- Carpark lighting.
- A new shutter on our carpark entrance.
- A new intruder alarm system.
- External and internal CCTV.
- Renovation of our reception.
- Levelling of sunken paving around the building.
- Expansion of our food-growing garden.
- Repainting the entire of the exterior.

The improvements have transformed the building making it safer, more accessible and much more welcoming and attractive.

- We've been privileged to work with Community Foundation Wales and The Brown Family Fund this year to refurbish our youth lounge. After listening to parents of children with ALN, local young people, and youth workers, together we reimagined the space: upgrading the lighting, creating storage so more groups could use the space, improving the audio-visual facilities, and adding acoustic treatments to the wall and ceilings. The renovation resulted in a high-spec space that we're all proud of. It's also sparked thinking about further accessible design improvements we could make through the building.

- With support from The Brown Family Fund we've also been able to invest in cooking equipment for family cooking sessions, sewing machines and equipment for our volunteer-led sewing classes, sensory equipment to start our 'pop-up' sensory room and art supplies to pilot an Arts for Wellbeing programme. We're really excited to make use of these resources in the coming financial year. The recognition and support of The Brown Family Fund has been a huge encouragement to us.

- We continued to work closely with Together for Trowbridge and St Mellons (T4TSM) and Building Communities Trust (BCT) 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 T4TSM are a steering group of local residents and organisations overseeing the £1 million invested in St Mellons and Trowbridge. In November 2022, T4TSM committed multi-year unrestricted core funding to Here For Good Collective/Hope St Mellons to support us over our first three years. We've worked closely with T4TSM since supporting the delivering of T4TSM's Driving Change Plan and working to engage other local groups and partners.



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- Through the Invest Local Network and the Community Anchor Development Programme — both BCT networks — we've had the opportunity to take part in several learning trips across Wales. We've also invested time in the newly formed Cardiff Community Anchor Network — a group of organisations working together to strengthen the role of Community Anchor Organisations: community-led groups that provide a central point for local activity, leadership, and development. Community Anchor Organisations play a unique and essential role in their communities. By working collectively, we're aiming to build a wider understanding of the value of this work and to encourage funders and our elected representatives to prioritise long-term, sustainable investment in Community Anchor Organisations.

- This year we've supported the following groups at The Hive by offering free of charge use or affordable hire at our community rate: St Mellons Clean Up, Conservation Volunteers St Mellons and Trowbridge, The Bike Hut St Mellons, In It Together Cardiff, Breastfeeding Peer Support Network, Breakthrough Theatre Arts CIC, Meadowlane Primary School, Cardiff Into Work Service, and Cardiff and Vale College. Next year we hope to build stronger connections with groups at The Hive to see how we can work together with our local community.

#### 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 second year we have built on firm foundations, strengthening financial management through 2024-25. 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 £55,390 (2023/24:£70,550) while unrestricted reserves are £105,703 (2023/24:£65,577).

#### 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' core running costs, which equates to £48,376 as per the budget for 2024/25.

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#### Plans for the Future

Looking forward, through careful planning, creative thinking and community-based delivery we will build on our 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. Through moving towards the asset transfer of the building we manage - The Hive - we hope to strengthen our self-generated income and support our long-term sustainability. We also believe community ownership through Here For Good Collective/Hope St Mellons will ensure the building is maintained for the long-term benefit of our community.

#### 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 strategic 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, contractor, must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. In the current year no such related party transactions were reported.

##### 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. We remained a committed Real Living Wage employer and renewed our accreditation during the year.



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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 WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY 2026

Signed on their behalf by Trustee 

Printed Name: SIMON BROWN

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024/25 £	TOTAL 2023/24 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
<b>Incoming Resources from Generated Funds</b>						
Donations, Grants & Legacies	3a	2,154	-	392,200	394,355	239,687
Charitable Activities	3b	-	-	60,385	60,385	90,971
Investment Income	3c	-	-	-	-	-
Other Incoming Resources	3d	-	-	-	-	2,917
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>2,154</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>452,585</b>	<b>454,739</b>	<b>333,575</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>						
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>						
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	881	-	423,942	424,823	193,925
Governance Costs	4b	-	-	4,950	4,950	3,523
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>881</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>428,892</b>	<b>429,773</b>	<b>197,448</b>
<b>NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>		<b>1,273</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,693</b>	<b>24,966</b>	<b>136,127</b>
Funds Brought Forward		30,577	35,000	70,550	136,127	-
Transfer Between Funds	6	(27,755)	-	27,755	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>4,096</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>121,997</b>	<b>161,093</b>	<b>136,127</b>

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 42 to 49 form part of these financial statements.



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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 31-Mar-25 £	TOTAL 31-Mar-24 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	2	-	-	-	-
Investments	7	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors & Prepayments	9	-	7,439	7,439	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	8	39,096	123,718	162,814	140,330
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>39,096</b>	<b>131,157</b>	<b>170,252</b>	<b>140,330</b>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	10	-	9,160	9,160	4,203
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		39,096	121,997	161,093	136,127
<b>TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities</b>		<b>39,096</b>	<b>121,997</b>	<b>161,093</b>	<b>136,127</b>
<b>Creditors: Amounts due in more than one year</b>	11	-	-	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>39,096</b>	<b>121,997</b>	<b>161,093</b>	<b>136,127</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
General Funds		4,096	-	4,096	30,577
Designated Funds	6	35,000	-	35,000	35,000
Restricted Funds	5	-	121,997	121,997	70,550
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>		<b>39,096</b>	<b>121,997</b>	<b>161,093</b>	<b>136,127</b>

Approved by the Trustees on WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY 2026

Signed on their behalf by Trustee 

Printed Name: SIMON BROWN

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

### 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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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

### 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 or the financial period.

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

31st March 2025: None

31st March 2024: None

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

### 3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024/25 £	TOTAL 2023/24 £
<b>a) Donations, Grants &amp; Legacies</b>						
Gifts & Donations		2,154	-	-	2,154	1,270
Grants Received		-	-	392,200	392,200	238,417
		<b>2,154</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>392,200</b>	<b>394,355</b>	<b>239,687</b>
<b>b) Charitable Activities</b>						
Activities & Events		-	-	7,109	7,109	4,930
Cook & Share		-	-	2,500	2,500	-
Crafty Chats Project		-	-	1,282	1,282	1,023
Diamond Art Project		-	-	603	603	278
Garden Project		-	-	1,320	1,320	12,089
Mess n Tots		-	-	57	57	958
Mutual Aid Fund		-	-	6,744	6,744	8,504
Nature Club Project		-	-	680	680	2,198
Pantry Project		-	-	26,406	26,406	38,333
Step Out Scholarship Programme		-	-	6,901	6,901	8,908
Wellbeing Workshop		-	-	1,793	1,793	9,128
Winter Wellness Project		-	-	4,990	4,990	4,624
		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,385</b>	<b>60,385</b>	<b>90,971</b>
<b>c) Investment Income</b>						
Interest		-	-	-	-	-
		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>d) Other Incoming Resources</b>						
Sundry Income		-	-	-	-	2,917
		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,917</b>



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

### 4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024/25 £	TOTAL 2023/24 £
<b>a) Cost of Charitable Activities</b>						
Activities & Events		-	-	7,197	7,197	5,154
Advertising & Publicity		-	-	1,003	1,003	398
Bank Charges		-	-	247	247	-
Capital Projects		-	-	212,042	212,042	-
Cook & Share		-	-	1,661	1,661	-
Crafty Chats		471	-	1,317	1,788	1,023
Diamond Art Project		-	-	248	248	278
Equipment Costs		-	-	2,164	2,164	5,347
Garden Project		-	-	1,775	1,775	9,220
Insurance Costs		-	-	2,425	2,425	2,335
License & Subscriptions		-	-	283	283	59
Mess n Tots		-	-	344	344	489
Mutual Aid Fund		-	-	3,890	3,890	5,005
Nature Club		-	-	817	817	1,308
Office Costs		-	-	958	958	641
Pantry Project		-	-	13,731	13,731	14,143
Repairs & Maintenance		(15)	-	12,708	12,693	34,005
Staff Costs	13	-	-	142,999	142,999	103,642
Step Out Scholarship Programme		-	-	2,220	2,220	210
Sundry Expenses		-	-	4,484	4,484	1,423
Telephone Costs		-	-	354	354	223
Training Costs		-	-	1,628	1,628	1,631
Travel & Hospitality		-	-	1,219	1,219	620
Volunteer & Staff Welfare Costs		425	-	2,508	2,933	1,859
Volunteers Expenses		-	-	410	410	111
Wellbeing Workshops		-	-	722	722	177
Winter Wellbeing		-	-	4,590	4,590	4,624
		<b>881</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>423,942</b>	<b>424,823</b>	<b>193,925</b>
<b>b) Governance Costs</b>						
Independent Examiners Fees	10	-	-	1,800	1,800	1,140
Legal & Professional Fees		-	-	3,150	3,150	2,383
		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,950</b>	<b>4,950</b>	<b>3,523</b>

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### 5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

#### CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Apr-24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Mar-25 £
Activities & Events	190	7,109	7,169	-	130
Awards for All	-	19,999	11,613	-	8,386
BC Running Costs Fund	-	5,280	5,280	-	-
Capital Projects Fund	46,452	175,480	211,656	-	10,276
CC Warm Spaces	-	2,500	2,500	-	-
Cook & Share	-	2,500	2,500	-	-
Crafty Chats	-	1,282	962	-	319
Diamond Art Project	-	603	248	-	354
Garden Project	-	1,320	2,235	2,679	1,764
Greggs Foundation Fund	-	8,242	8,242	-	-
Mess n Tots	469	57	344	-	182
Nature Club	890	680	817	-	753
Pantry Garden Project	2,679	-	-	(2,679)	-
St Mellons Mutual Aid Fund	3,499	6,744	3,890	-	6,354
St Mellons Pantry Project	896	26,406	30,449	9,373	6,226
Step Out Scholarship Programme	8,698	6,901	2,220	-	13,379
VWMG Grant	-	29,998	-	-	29,998
Wellbeing Workshops Fund	6,777	1,793	3,565	-	5,004
Winter Wellbeing Fund	-	4,990	4,990	-	-
Yr1 T4TSM Core	-	-	18,382	18,382	-
Yr2 T4TSM Core	-	150,701	111,829	-	38,872
	<b>70,550</b>	<b>452,585</b>	<b>428,892</b>	<b>27,755</b>	<b>121,997</b>

#### PREVIOUS FINANCIAL PERIOD

	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	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>140,042</b>	<b>69,492</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70,550</b>

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



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#### 6. DESIGNATED FUNDS

	<b>Balance 01-Apr-04</b> £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	<b>Balance 31-Mar-25</b> £
Reserve Fund	35,000	-	-	-	35,000
	<b>35,000</b>	-	-	-	<b>35,000</b>

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

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 or the financial period.

### 8. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 31-Mar-25 £	TOTAL 31-Mar-24 £
Cash at Bank & in Hand	39,096	123,718	162,814	140,330
	<b>39,096</b>	<b>123,718</b>	<b>162,814</b>	<b>140,330</b>

### 9. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 31-Mar-25 £	TOTAL 31-Mar-24 £
Sundry Debtors	-	7,439	7,439	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>7,439</b>	<b>7,439</b>	<b>-</b>

### 10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 31-Mar-25 £	TOTAL 31-Mar-24 £
Independent Examiners Fees	-	1,800	1,800	1,140
PAYE & N.I	-	3,655	3,655	756
Sundry Creditors	-	3,705	3,705	2,307
	<b>-</b>	<b>9,160</b>	<b>9,160</b>	<b>4,203</b>

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

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

### 12. NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 31-Mar-25 £	TOTAL 31-Mar-24 £
Fixed Asset Investments	-	-	-	-
Net Current Assets	39,096	121,997	161,093	136,127
Long Term Liabilities	-	-	-	-
	<b>39,096</b>	<b>121,997</b>	<b>161,093</b>	<b>136,127</b>



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**13. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS**

	<b>TOTAL 2024/25 £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2023/24 £</b>
Gross Wages, Salaries & Fees	132,506	97,385
Employer's National Insurance Costs	6,537	2,922
Pension Contributions	3,957	3,336
	<b><u>142,999</u></b>	<b><u>103,642</u></b>

Employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:

	<b>TOTAL 2024/25</b>	<b>TOTAL 2023/24</b>
Charitable Activities	8	5

The Charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all members of employed staff and no employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2023/24:None).

**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 year ended 31st March 2025 set out on pages 40 to 49.

### 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: 26th January 2026