



Cradley Heath Community Link CIO

Registered Charity 1202471

135-142 High Street,
Cradley Heath,
B64 5HJ

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2024

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Legal and Administrative Details

Charitable Status

Cradley Heath Community Link CIO (CHCL) is a charitable incorporated organisation and registered charity with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, number 1202471.

Contact Details

Registered address: 135-142 High Street, Cradley Heath, B64 5HJ.

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Governing Documents

The governing document of CHCL is its Constitution dated 31st October 2022.

Trustees

Trustees who served from 1st January 2024 until the date this report was approved were:

Rev'd Richard Hackett	Priest-in-charge of Dudley Wood & Cradley Heath (ex officio)
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Rev'd Canon David Hoskin	Representative of the Greater Dudley Deanery, Chair of Trustees
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Mr Christopher Ottershaw	Representative of the Greater Dudley Deanery
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Rev Paul Latham

Mrs Jennifer Whitehouse	Secretary
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Mr Roger Whitehouse	Treasurer
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Charitable Objectives

The objects of the CIO are:

- 1) to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in the Greater Dudley area in accordance with the statements of belief appearing in the schedule.
- 2) For the public benefit, the relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age or financial hardship in the Greater Dudley area.
- 3) The prevention or relief of poverty in Greater Dudley by providing: grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

The trustees recognise that CHCL's objects focus on working in the area of the Anglican deanery of Greater Dudley, which includes the Local Authority Districts of Dudley and Sandwell.

Safeguarding

The Trustees have complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Review of 2024

Our Vision

CHCL works in close partnership with the Diocese of Worcester and supports the diocesan vision to grow as Kingdom People, sharing the good news of Jesus' love in Worcestershire & Dudley through worshipping God, making disciples, sharing hope and transforming communities.

Our starting point is God's love for each one of us, expressed most powerfully in the life of Jesus: his care, compassion and self-giving. We look to walk alongside centre users to restore hope and confidence, to equip them to live well in the community, to discover what they need and where appropriate to support them moving into employment. We give opportunity to discover more about the Christian faith whilst endeavouring to treat all with the appropriate respect of an "inclusive" organisation.

Chair's Report

2024 was a good year for the Community Link.

At the end of 2023, the Link took possession of its new rented property. A larger shop on the other side of the road. Thanks are due to the various organisations, along with assistant manager, Tim Ryall, who worked throughout the year to improve the facilities.

The most important of these has been the installation of the kitchen to inspection standard. This has enabled volunteers to receive training in kitchen hygiene etc and for both hot and cold meals, along with hot drinks to be served on a regular basis.

Some of these meals are provided for free, especially to those who come to use the Foodbank, others are priced at a very moderate price which helps to finance the kitchen.

As 2024 drew to a close, there was still work on the building waiting to be done: especially to make the upper level of the shop usable, though office space has already been provided.

"Wednesday Worship" continued to attract an interesting group of people. Some Christians for many years, some newer to faith. Others worshipping in local churches too, some who had become disaffected with their local church or denomination finding a new home. Trustees hope that future work with the "Forge Group" of local Anglican churches can further strengthen the missional outreach of the project, alongside the practical "good works" that are creating such a wonderful community environment.

Feedback from those who support the project both financially and in partnership work, such as Sandwell Cranstoun and Sandwell Family Spokes, is that the Link has created a community that people feel comfortable in and want to be part of. That couldn't have been achieved without the commitment of the Link's many volunteers. Thank you.

Rev'd Canon David Hoskin



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Cradley Heath Community Link CIO

On accounts for the
period

Year ended 31 December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1202471

Set out on pages

1 and 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2024**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

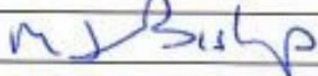
Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

Signed:



Date: 23 / 9 / 2025

Name:

Michael Bishop

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

Address:

23 Dorchester Road

Stourbridge

DY9 0XD

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

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

Cradley Heath Community Link CIO

Financial statements

for the year ended 31st December 2024

M C Hadley Accountancy Services

328 Gayfield Avenue

Brierley Hill

West Midlands

DY5 3JE

Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31st December 2024

	General	Restricted	Total	2023
	£	Funds	£	£
		£		
Income				
Donations	16,245	-	16,245	4,777
Grants	19,863	63,002	82,865	25,754
Interest received	2	-	2	-
	<u>36,110</u>	<u>63,002</u>	<u>99,112</u>	<u>30,531</u>
Expenses				
Wages and salaries	-	24,033	24,033	3,513
Rent and rates	-	21,875	21,875	4,774
Insurance	-	2,028	2,028	476
Heat and light	-	3,515	3,515	-
Telephone	533	-	533	-
Postage and stationery	96	-	96	17
Legal and professional fees	-	-	-	4,414
Repairs and renewals	7,140	5,788	12,928	873
Sundry expenses	3,755	-	3,755	1,362
Bike expenses	-	4,161	4,161	-
	<u>11,524</u>	<u>61,400</u>	<u>72,924</u>	<u>15,429</u>
Surplus for year	24,586	1,602	26,188	15,102
Surplus brought forward	(7,139)	22,241	15,102	-
Surplus carried forward	<u><u>17,447</u></u>	<u><u>23,843</u></u>	<u><u>41,290</u></u>	<u><u>15,102</u></u>

Represented by:

Cash at bank	25,558	13,946
Cash at Building Society	10,852	250
Cash in hand	500	656
Rent deposit	5,250	5,250
PAYE outstanding	(870)	-
Owed to trustees	-	(5,000)
	41,290	15,102

**Restricted funds
for the year ended 31st December 2024**

	British Triathlon Bicycles £	Sandwell Council Warm Spaces £	National Grid Warm Spaces £	Worcester Diocese Wages £	Total £	2023 £
Brought forward	7,034	3,500	10,000	1,707	22,241	-
Income						
Grants	3,500	30,000	-	29,502	63,002	25,754
	3,500	30,000	-	29,502	63,002	25,754
Expenses						
Wages and salaries	-	-	-	24,033	24,033	3,513
Rent and rates	-	16,406	5,469	-	21,875	-
Insurance	-	2,028	-	-	2,028	-
Heat and light	-	1,757	1,758	-	3,515	-
Telephone	-	-	-	-	0	-
Postage and stationery	-	-	-	-	0	-
Legal and professional fees	-	-	-	-	0	-
Repairs and renewals	-	3,015	2,773	-	5,788	-
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	-	0	-
Bike expenses	4,161	-	-	-	4,161	-
	4,161	23,206	10,000	24,033	61,400	3,513
Carried forward	6,373	10,294	-	7,176	23,843	22,241