

# **The Hazel Project (THP) Trustees 2023 Charity Commission Yearly Report**

Our funds are looking healthy, still at more than 2 times our current average yearly spend. It is good to have this money in reserve as we aim to occasionally fund short-term niche rehab places for particularly complex individuals whose needs cannot be met by the normal (and free to us) rehab institutions we refer to. This would require a few thousand pounds for each instance. Giving to us has been unexpectedly generous over the year, mainly from churches, but also some individuals and couples. Our thanks go out to you all. Due to this our funds have risen from £10,017 to £12,806 at years end. A healthy situation.

Total income this year - £7,265 (all via church or individual donation – Gift Aid still to be applied to individual donations)

Total spending this year - £4,475

THP total assets value - £12,807

Spending on our “bread & butter” items this year has been at around expected levels. Slightly more than last year, but less than 2021. Spending on food continues to be our biggest expense as it still is our main tool for initiating contact with the street folks. There seems to have been a slow but steady increase in the number of street folks and homeless in Southampton, and the number of folks wanting our services has seen a constant slow rise. Referrals from other organisations seem to have been more noticeable this year in bringing people to our attention. Our main activity of meeting folks out on Southampton City Centre streets with food and drink, to build relationships & trust and to bless these folks with friendship, guidance and love continues and the volunteers are all incredible people.

There is always a steady need for bibles, christian books and crucifix-based jewellery by the street community and we see continued spending on these themes. We also continue to fund cheap mobile phone communication for selected clients we come to work closer with. Phone contact with us can be a hugely important support medium for them.

The boost in spending on overheads this year is almost entirely down to the payment of our 3 yearly website fees, which although significant every 3 years, seems to be the economical way to do it. Spending on training has gone up this year, and we feel this is a positive sign for a charity. Our service basically is our volunteers and without their skills and insight we cannot do what we do. These things come mainly via experience and training.

The main structural change for THP this year has been that we have registered with the Charity Commission, with the associated charity number (which can be found on our website). The criteria required for achieving registered status potentially gives us some slight extra level of credibility and trustworthiness with those who may interact with us in any capacity. It also allows us to register with HMRC to be able to reclaim gift aid on appropriate donations, which is always a nice bonus. We have also finally set up a genuine THP charity business bank account with appropriate access for 2 of the trustees.

Our registration with the Charity Commission has meant that we now have an official board of trustees (who meet officially 3 x yearly) and the Charity structure is this .....

Trustees – Alan Bridges (chairman), Debs Niblett & Linda Bridges

Overall Team lead- Linda Bridges

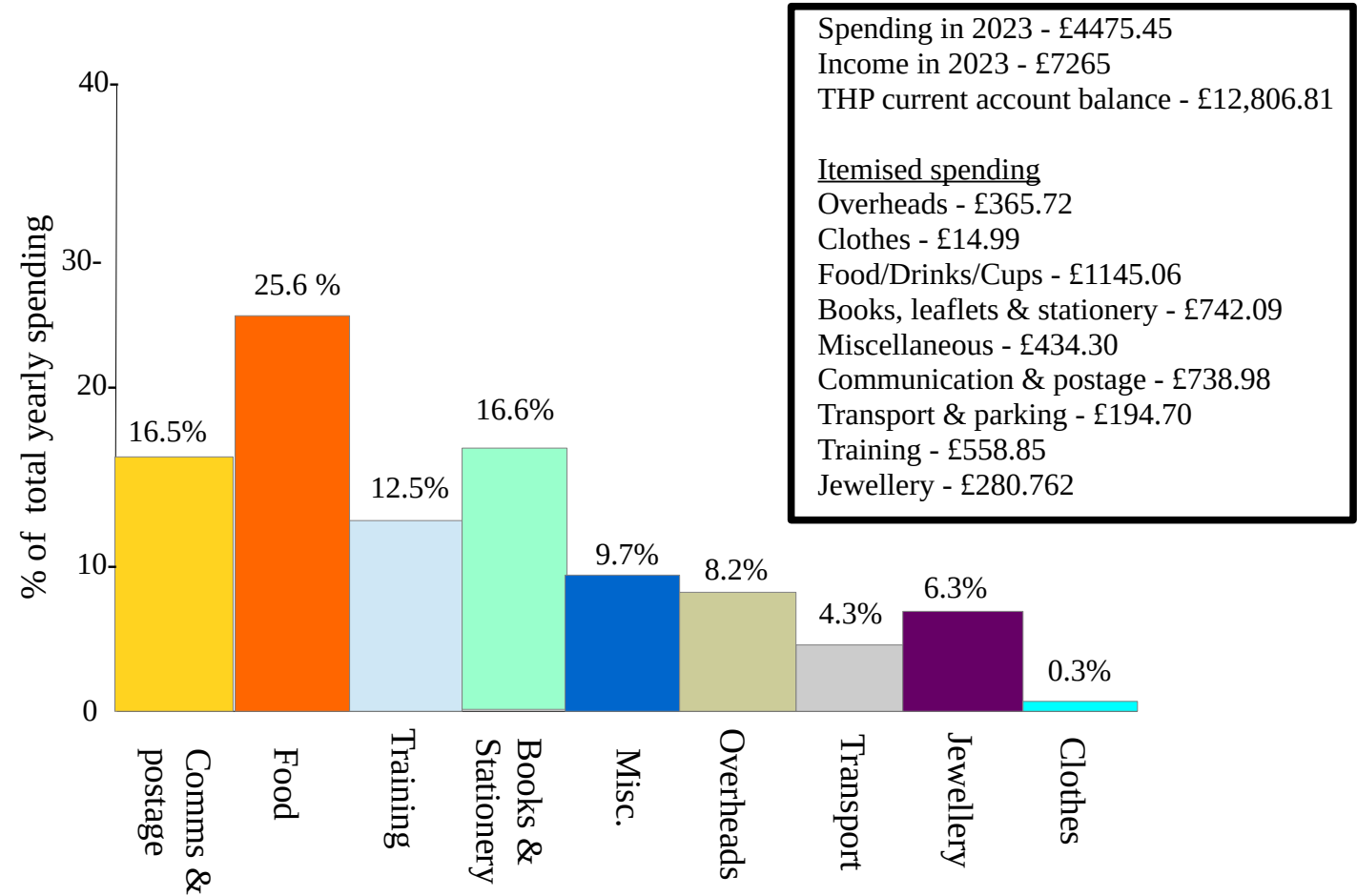
Mentorship lead – Debs Niblett

Treasurer – Alan Bridges

In terms of our services, the mentorship arm of THP continues to function under Deb's helm very effectively, in parallel to the street outreach. A recently started endeavour is a Sunday morning (pre-church) “drinks & porridge” meet up for the street community at a coffee shop in the city centre. Linda leads this with occasional extra volunteer help. Attendance has been fairly small at these events although they have certainly been constructive. It's a much less threatening way to access a small piece of church without the intimidating perception that many of our clients feel about going into a church building.

Several new volunteers have joined the fold – a large % of these from Southampton Lighthouse Church, which is now of course much more aware of THP's activities, as this is Linda & Alan's home church. So we

have enough volunteers to keep our services running, although there is always a need for more, as there is always more we could do with more people. However, in this challenging work especially, it is very much the “right” people who are needed.





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name - The Hazel Project

No 1203665

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/01/23

To

Period end date  
31/12/23

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations – churches	5,050	-	-	5,050	5,169
Donations individuals	2,215	-	-	2,215	490
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	7,265	-	-	7,265	5,659
(see table). none	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	7,265	-	-	7,265	5,659
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Clothes	15	-	-	15	203
Food, drinks & cups	1,145	-	-	1,145	1,025
Books, leaflets & stationery	742	-	-	742	624
Overheads	365	-	-	365	-
Miscellaneous	434	-	-	434	651
Communication & postage	739	-	-	739	439
Transport & parking	195	-	-	195	134
Training	559	-	-	559	487
Jewellery	281	-	-	281	109
<b>Sub total</b>	4,475	-	-	4,475	3,672
<b>A4 Asset and investment</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	4,475	-	-	4,475	3,672
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	2,790	-	-	2,790	1,987
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	10,017	-	-	10,017	8,030
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	12,807	-	-	12,807	10,017

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Account	12,807	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>12,807</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			
	none	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	none		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	none		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	none		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Alan Bridges	Alan Bridges	09/01/24	