

THE HEART OF MARSTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1204893

Details

Other names THOM - THE HEART OF MARSTON

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-09-25

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1. FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED UP TO 17 IN MARSTON MORETAINE AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS, WITH A FOCUS ON THOSE WHO ARE SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED THROUGH ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF FUNDING TO ACCESS MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND COUNSELLING.2. FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN MARSTON MORETAINE AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS AGED UP TO 17, WITH A FOCUS ON THOSE WHO ARE SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED, PRIMARILY THROUGH PROVIDING FUNDING TO EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS, COMMUNITY GROUPS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS TO ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES, ENHANCED TEACHING SKILLS, RESOURCES, ACTIVITIES AND EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS TO IMPROVE CHILDREN'S LEARNING AND STANDARDS OF EDUCATION.3. TO RELIEVE POVERTY OR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONGST PEOPLE IN MARSTON MORETAINE AND ITS SURROUNDING AREA, PRIMARILY BY ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF ESSENTIAL ITEMS AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES WHICH THEY COULD NOT OTHERWISE AFFORD.

Activities: To promote and protect the physical and mental health of children and young people under 17 living in Marston Moretaine or the surrounding villages through the provision of grant funding to access mental health support and counselling, enable educational settings to enhance the quality of their provision and support families to provide essential items and educational supplies.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Central Bedfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£36,073	£31,441	-	-
2024-04-30	£15,597	£10,904	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jessica Claire Ford		2026-03-18
KATRINA WIDDICKS		2023-09-26
KYLIE STOREY		2023-09-26
MAUREEN BARRETT		2023-09-26

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Trustees' Report and Annual Accounts for the Year End 30 April 2025

Charity Registration Number: 1204893

**The Heart of Marston
Annual Report and Financial Statements**

01 May 2024 - 30 April 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Heart of Marston.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th April 2025 which are set out on pages 8 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of The Heart of Marston you are responsible for the preparation of accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act')

I report in respect of my examination of the The Heart of Marston 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Heart of Marston as required by section 130 of the Act; or*
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or*
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement 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.



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Mr J Cottingham MAAT

72 Broadmead Road

Folkestone

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Section A; Reference and Administrative Details

Name of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for the whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1.	Katrina Widdicks			
2.	Kylie Storey	(Acting Chair) Secretary		
4.	Maureen Barrett			

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Independent Examiner: Mr Joshua Cottingham MAAT

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Section B; Structure, Governance and Management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution
How the charity is constituted	A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation Structure) whose only voting members are its trustees
Trustee selection methods	Appointed by Trustees

Section C: Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objectives of the charity set out in its governing document

The Objects of The Heart of Marston are:

1. For the public benefit, to promote and protect the physical and mental health of children and young people aged up to 17 in Marston Moretaine and its surrounding areas, with a focus on those who are socially and economically disadvantaged through assisting in the provision of funding to access mental health support and counselling.
2. For the public benefit, to advance the education of children and young people in Marston Moretaine and its surrounding areas aged up to 17, with a focus on those who are socially and economically disadvantaged, primarily through providing funding to educational establishments, community groups and other organisations to assist in the provision of facilities, enhanced teaching skills, resources, activities and educational projects to improve children's learning and standards of education.
3. To relieve poverty or financial hardship amongst people in Marston Moretaine and its surrounding area, primarily by assisting in the provision of essential items and educational supplies which they could not otherwise afford.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

1. *to promote and protect the physical and mental health of children and young people aged up to 17 in Marston Moretaine and its surrounding areas, with a focus on those who are socially and economically disadvantaged through assisting in the provision of funding to access mental health support and counselling.*

The charity has been able to support local schools and in particular the school within the village, to provide systematic support for children facing emotional challenges. This has been achieved through the provision of resources within the schools to give dedicated time to emotional well-being.

The charity has also been able to work with a school supporting children with SEND, specifically those with medical needs. We have supported the school through our grant award system and also secured external grants to establish an additional sensory room at the school. We are also now working to raise funds for the school to install much needed air conditioning units throughout the school site.

2. *providing funding to educational establishments, community groups and other organisations to assist in the provision of facilities, enhanced teaching skills, resources, activities and educational projects to improve children's learning and standards of education.*

As a grant awarding charity, we have been able to support schools in a number of ways. From our own fundraising activities, we have continued to provide training in a speech and language support programme. We have funded resources for the outdoor area to ensure that the quality of play during lunchtimes and breaks could be enhanced.

3. To relieve poverty or financial hardship amongst people in Marston Moretaine and its surrounding area, primarily by assisting in the provision of essential items and educational supplies which they could not otherwise afford.

Much of the charity's work has involved support for families in financial need. We regularly provide funds for the purchase of food for the school's Breakfast Project, vital for many of our children to set them up for the school day. We have provided support to a number of families in need through the purchase of mattresses, Christmas presents and on occasion larger items of furniture as need arose.

Section D; Achievements and Performance

Over the last year we have held over forty separate events, ranging from coffee mornings, stalls and pop-up sales at local venues, second hand fund raisers, craft fayres, Fun Days to a multitude of Christmas activities.

We have organised one-off events aimed at bringing the community together as well as raising funds. These have included a scarecrow competition, the family fun day and holding events at local coffee mornings.

All of our fundraisers and community events were well attended with positive feedback from many who attended. We have responded to requests to repeat a number of our events, including the Family Fun Day, Scarecrow Competition, Christmas Grotto, Garage Sale Trail and Easter Egg Hunt.

The local community continue to appreciate our events being at a low cost, particularly in comparison to events run by other groups. The low cost means that children can take part in activities that they wouldn't otherwise be able to access.

Section E; Statement of Financial Activities

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity is carrying reserves forward to the 25/26 financial year and these will be used to continue to meet our objectives for public benefit in this period

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

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**Section E - Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year End 30 April 2025**

	NOTES	2025		
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
TOTAL INCOME	2a	27,819	8254	36,073
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Activities	3a	16,820	8254	25,074
Fundraising Expenses	3b	5,935		5,935
Governance and Professional Fees	3c	432		432
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		23,187	8254	31,441
Net Incoming Resources before Transfers		4,632		4,632
Fund Transfers		-	-	
Net Movement in Funds		4,632	-	4,632
Brought forward from 1 May 2024		-	-	
Carried Forward at 30 April 2025		4,632	-	4,632

Continuing Operations

None of the Charities operations were acquired or discontinued during the above financial years.

Total Recognised Gains and Losses

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the income and expenditure for the two above years.

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Section F - Balance Sheet
For the Year End 30 April 2025

		2025		
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Assets	6			
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CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	7	-	-	-
Cash and Bank in Hand		26,300		26,300
		26,300		26,300
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CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors falling due within One Year	8	-	-	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		26,300		26,300
		-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		26,300		26,300
REPRESENTED BY:				
Free Reserves	9	26300		26300
TOTAL FUNDS		26300		26300

This statement of account was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by Kylie Storey, Chair of Trustees

 For and on behalf of the Trustees

 Dated

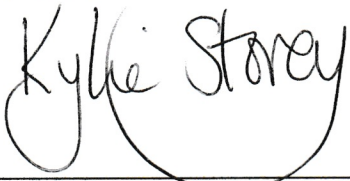

Section G - Notes to the Financial Statement
For the Year End 30 April 2025

NOTES	2025			B/F 30 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Transfers	C/F 30/4/2025
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total						
	£	£	£						
INCOMING RESOURCES									
Charitable Income	22,077		22,077						
Donations	5,742		5,742						
Grants		8,254	8,254						
VOLUNTARY INCOME	27,819	8,254	36,073						
RESOURCES EXPENDED									
Families Work	598		598						
Breakfast Project	3,020		3,020						
Christmas	1,224		1,224						
Easter	330		330						
Mental Health Support for Schools	1,239		1,239						
Grants	8,609	10,054	18,663						
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	15,020	10,054	25,074						
Equipment	614		614						
Stock	2,675		2,675						
Fundraising Expenses	2,646		2,646						
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	5,935	-	5,935						
Finance Costs	432		432						
GOVERNANCE AND PROFESSIONAL FEES	432		432						
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	23,187	8,254	31,441						
CHARITY FUNDS 2025									
FREE RESERVES	19,668	2,781	21,187				6,632		26,300
RESTRICTED RESERVES	2,000	825	10,254						

Section H : Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	13/2/2026
Kylie Storey: Chair	Date:
	13/2/2026
Maureen Barrett: Trustee	Date:

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Charity Information

Trustees Kylie Storey (Acting Chair)
Kathryn Inwood
Katrina Widdicks
Maureen Barrett

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

1. *to promote and protect the physical and mental health of children and young people aged up to 17 in Marston Moretaine and its surrounding areas, with a focus on those who are socially and economically disadvantaged through assisting in the provision of funding to access mental health support and counselling.*

The charity has been able to support local schools and in particular the school within the village, to provide systematic support for children facing emotional challenges. This has been achieved through the provision of resources and training for staff within the schools to give dedicated time to emotional well-being.

2. *providing funding to educational establishments, community groups and other organisations to assist in the provision of facilities, enhanced teaching skills, resources, activities and educational projects to improve children's learning and standards of education.*

As a grant awarding charity, we have been able to support schools in a number of ways. From our own fundraising activities, we have been able to provide training in a speech and language support programme which gave specific support to one child and provided training for staff that would be transferable to their practice going forward. We have

funded resources for the outdoor area to ensure that the quality of play during lunchtimes and breaks could be enhanced.

We were also able to facilitate a digital art project which enhanced the work of the school in providing an ongoing and aspirational love of learning. Children worked with a digital artist who introduced them to readily available art-based software to produce digital art which was displayed and shared with parents.

In addition to grants awarded from our own funds we were able to bid for a local grant which provided a much-needed sensory room for a local special school.

3. To relieve poverty or financial hardship amongst people in Marston Moretaine and its surrounding area, primarily by assisting in the provision of essential items and educational supplies which they could not otherwise afford.

Much of the charity's work has involved support for families in financial need. We regularly provide funds for the purchase of food for the school's Breakfast Project, vital for many of our children to set them up for the school day. We have provided support to a number of families in need through the purchase of hot water bottles, blankets, Christmas presents and on occasion larger items of furniture as need arose.

Over the initial eight months of our charity's work, we have been able to hold over twenty separate events, ranging from stalls and pop-up sales at local venues, second hand fund raisers, to a multitude of Christmas activities.

We have organised one-off events aimed at bringing the community together as well as raising funds. These have included a scarecrow competition, the family fun day and holding events at local coffee mornings.

All of our fundraisers and community events were well attended with positive feedback from many who attended. We had no negative feedback at all. On several occasions we were asked if we'd do a similar event next year, in particular the Family Fun Day, Scarecrow Competition, Christmas Grotto, Garage Sale Trail and Easter Egg Hunt.

The local community appreciated our events being at a low cost, particularly in comparison to events run by other groups. The low cost meant that their children could take part in activities that they wouldn't otherwise been able to access.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity is carrying reserves forward to the 24/25 financial year and these will be used to continue meeting our objectives for public benefit in this period

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

Independent Examiner's Report to The Heart of Marston Trustees

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th April 2023 which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of The Heart of Marston you are responsible for the preparation of accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act')

I report in respect of my examination of The Heart of Marston 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Heart of Marston as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement 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.

.....
Mr J Cottingham MAAT

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Statement of Financial Activities For the Period End 30 April 2024

	NOTES	2024		
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
TOTAL INCOME	2a	13,597	2,000	15,597
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Activities	3a	6,430	2,000	8,430
Fundraising Expenses	3b	2,161	-	2,161
Governance and Professional Fees	3c	313	-	313
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		8,904	2,000	10,904
Net Incoming Resources before Transfers		4,693	-	4,693
Fund Transfers		-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		4,693	-	4,693
Carried Forward at 30 April 2024		4,693	-	4,693

Continuing Operations

None of the Charities operations were acquired or discontinued during the above financial years.

Total Recognised Gains and Losses

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the income and expenditure for the two above years.

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Balance Sheet
As at 30 April 2024

		2024		
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Assets	6	-	-	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	7	-	-	-
Cash and Bank in Hand		19,668	2,000	21,668
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		19,668	2,000	21,668
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors falling due within One Year	8	-	-	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		19,668	2,000	21,668
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		19,668	2,000	21,668
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		19,668	2,000	21,668
REPRESENTED BY:				
Free Reserves	9	19,668	2,000	21,668
TOTAL FUNDS		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		19,668	2,000	21,668

This statement of account was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by Kylie Storey, Acting Chair of Trustees

For and on behalf of the Trustees

Dated

1) Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Accounting

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) 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 (Charities SORP FRS 102).

The Heart of Marston meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for Land and Buildings which is carried at deemed cost under the transitional provisions of FRS

b) Funds

Free reserves represent the funds of the church that are not subject to any regulations regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Charity

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Charity is responsible in law.

c) Incoming Resources

Voluntary Income and Capital Sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the Charity.

Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Funds raised by fetes, garden parties and other similar events are accounted for gross.

Income from Investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (cont.)
For the Period End 30 April 2024

	NOTES	2024		
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		£	£	£
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>				
Charitable Income		12,300	-	12,300
Donations		1,297	-	1,297
Grants		-	2,000	2,000
VOLUNTARY INCOME	2a	13,597	2,000	15,597
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>				
Families Work		2,330	-	2,330
Breakfast Project		1,512	-	1,512
General School Work		3,517	-	3,517
Easter		-	-	-
Christmas		1,070	-	1,070
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	3a	8,429	-	8,429
Equipment		33	-	33
Internal Purchases		-	-	-
Stock		2,113	-	2,113
Van Hire		-	-	-
Fundraising Expenses		16	-	16
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	3b	2,162	-	2,162
Training		63	-	63
Finance Costs		250	-	250
Fundraising Expenses		-	-	-
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	3c	313	-	313
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		10,904	-	10,904

This statement of account was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by Adam Schwalm , Chair of Trustees

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Notes to the Financial Statements (cont.)
For the Period End 30 April 2024

FIXED ASSETS

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	Land & Buildings	F&F	Total
COST / VALUATION			
Balance Brought Forward	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Balance Carried Forward	-	-	-
DEPRECIATION			
Balance Brought Forward	-	-	-
Charge for the Year	-	-	-
Eliminated on Disposal	-	-	-
Balance Carried Forward	-	-	-
NET BOOK VALUE			
As at 25 September 2022	-	-	-
As at 25 September 2023	-	-	-

	B/F 26 September 2023	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Transfers	C/F 30 April 2024
CHARITY FUNDS - 2024						
FREE RESERVES	16,975	13,597	10,904	2,693	-	19,668
RESTRICTED RESERVES	-	2,000	-	2,000	-	2,000