

Growing Together

Reports & Accounts

Financial Year Ending 31/08/2025

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Legal & Administrative Details

Charity Name: Growing Together
Charity Number: 1207933
Charity Address: Growing Together
c/o St George's Church
Chesterfield Road
Cambridge
CB4 1LN

Trustees: Andrew James Wilson (Appointed 19/04/2024)
Jeremy Jon Bickerstaffe (Appointed 19/04/2024)
Justin David Agnes (Appointed 19/04/2024)
Maria Berenice Jimenez Rodriguez (Appointed 11/02/2025)
Michael John Staplehurst (Appointed 19/04/2024)
Nicholas John Brook (Appointed 19/04/2024)

Independent Examiner: n/a

Accounts are below the £25,000 threshold for independent examination to be required.

Trustees Report

Objects of the charity

FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, AND OPERATING WITHIN A CHRISTIAN ETHOS, TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF THOSE IN NEED BY REASON OF ILLHEALTH (MENTAL OR PHYSICAL), ISOLATION, DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE BY THE PROVISION OF GROUP SESSIONS AND ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO REDUCE SOCIAL ISOLATION AND REBUILD CONFIDENCE.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

During the reporting period we focused on running our existing three groups (see below) and improving their organisation and delivery. The reporting period represents our first full year of operation after registering as a charity in April 2024 and consequently our team was busy drawing up policy documents and implementing them across our activities.

The Living Room is a social group that includes an art activity and runs most Thursdays during term time. Attendance in this period was typically 7-9 people. We experienced some disruption due to the loss of our venue in September 2024 and used a number of temporary venues over the autumn, before settling into a new venue (East Barnwell Community Centre) in the Spring of 2025.

Reach Boxing is a non-contact boxing group that runs most Fridays. Attendance during this period was typically 5-7 people. The group changed venue just prior to this reporting period and has been settled at St George's church hall since that time.

Real Pizza is a Bible discussion group that meets the first and third Sunday of the month. Attendance during this period has typically been 7-9 people. We tried several venues during this period, alternating between them, but have since settled at the East Barnwell Community Centre. We had a special event in September 2024 to celebrate the formalisation of the charity, where the members of all our groups were invited to a Chinese banquet organised by the charity. It was a successful event, with nearly 30 people attending, including helpers.

The trustees concluded the reporting year with a half day away in late August at which we discussed the challenges and opportunities facing the charity and some goals for the coming year. It was a positive and constructive session and brought to the fore some valuable priorities for the year ahead.

In planning the activities, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial Review

The charity's first financial period covered 16.5 months, from registration on 19 April 2024 to the year end on 31 August 2025. During this period, the charity received total income of £18,081, comprising £8,081 in donations, a one-off £5,000 gift from the Friends of Fulbourn Hospital following that charity's closure, and a £5,000 restricted grant from Cambridge City Council to fund a new activity group in the 2025-26 financial year. After expenditure of £6,912 on delivering its activities, the charity carried forward £6,169 in unrestricted funds and £5,000 in restricted funds, a position comfortably ahead of its reserves policy.

Funds in Deficit

Not applicable

Reserves Policy

We will maintain a cash balance of £1,000 or sufficient to cover at least 3 months operating costs, whichever is greater.

Signature

This report was approved by the trustees, and is signed on their behalf by:

Name MR MICHAEL J STAPLEHURST

Signature 

Date 22 JUNE 2026

Receipts & Payments Statement

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Receipts				
Donations & Legacies				
Donations	5,394	0	5,394	0
Gift Aid	573	0	573	0
Grants	0	5,000	5,000	0
Charitable Activities				
Event Income	1,389	0	1,389	0
Investments				
Bank Interest	0	0	0	0
Trading Activities				
Rental Income	0	0	0	0
Sales	0	0	0	0
Other				
Loans Received	0	0	0	0
Other Income	5,725	0	5,725	0
Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Sale of Investments	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	13,081	5,000	18,081	0
Payments				
Charitable Activities				
Activities	2,511	0	2,511	0
Admin	210	0	210	0
Advertising	572	0	572	0
Bank Charges	0	0	0	0
Event Costs	0	0	0	0
Gifts Given	0	0	0	0
Other Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Premises	2,931	0	2,931	0
Staff Costs	688	0	688	0
Governance Costs				
Governance Costs	0	0	0	0
Other				
Fixed Asset Purchases	0	0	0	0
Loans Repaid	0	0	0	0
Money Invested	0	0	0	0
Total payments	6,912	0	6,912	0
Net Receipts / Payments (before transfers)	6,169	5,000	11,169	0
Fund Transfers In	0	0	0	0
Fund Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Net Movement of Cash Funds	6,169	5,000	11,169	0
Total Cash Funds Brought Forward	0	0	0	0
Total Cash Funds Carried Forward	6,169	5,000	11,169	0
Represented By				
General (Unrestricted)	6,169	0	6,169	0
Making Good Grant (Restricted)	0	5,000	5,000	0

Asset & Liability Statement

Cash Assets

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
General (Unrestricted)	6,169	0	6,169	0
Making Good Grant (Restricted)	0	5,000	5,000	0

Other Monetary Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Gift Aid		0	0	0	0
Stock		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

Investment Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Property		0	0	0	0
Investment Accounts		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

Fixed Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Land & Buildings		0	0	0	0
Music & PA Equipment		0	0	0	0
Computers & IT		0	0	0	0
Furniture		0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicles		0	0	0	0

Liabilities

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Loans Outstanding		0	0	0	0
Pension Payment Owed		0	0	0	0
HMRC Payments Owed		0	0	0	0
Independent Examination Fee Due		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

Signature

These accounts have been approved by the trustees, and are signed on their behalf by:

Name MR MICHAEL J STAPLEHURST

Signature 

Date 22 JUNE 2026

Notes to the Accounts

Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

Transactions to Related Parties

During the year the charity paid a trustee £266 towards the hire of a garage, in respect of storage space used for charity items, and £120 towards the running costs of a vehicle owned by the trustee, used to transport goods for the charity. Both payments were approved by the other trustees, with the trustee concerned declaring an interest and not taking part in the decision.

Movement of Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
Unrestricted					
General (Unrestricted)	0	13,081	6,912	0	6,169
Total	0	13,081	6,912	0	6,169
Unrestricted Total	0	13,081	6,912	0	6,169
Restricted					
Making Good Grant (Restricted)	0	5,000	0	0	5,000
Total	0	5,000	0	0	5,000
Restricted Total	0	5,000	0	0	5,000
TOTAL	0	18,081	6,912	0	11,169

Other

During the period, the charity received a one-off donation of £5,000 from the Friends of Fulbourn Hospital, made on the closure of that charity. This is included within Other Income in the Receipts & Payments Statement.

During the period, the charity received a grant of £5,000 from Cambridge City Council. This grant is restricted for the purpose of funding a new activity group, to be established and run during the 2025-26 financial year. No expenditure had been incurred against this grant by the year end, and the full £5,000 is carried forward as a restricted fund for use in the following financial year.