



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st August 2024 To 30th April 2025

Charity name: Chocolate & Co

Charity registration number: 1209385

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote social inclusion for the public benefit in York and the surrounding area by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society, by providing an environment in which they can benefit from employment and volunteering opportunities, training, mentoring and other necessary support (including but not limited to food, essentials items, counselling and signposting services), designed to enable them to develop the skills, capacities and capabilities needed to secure and retain long term sustainable employment in order to become more integrated into their community and society at large. For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards; crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The organisation benefits people in the York area (UK) who are marginalised, socially disconnected, have a record of unlawful behaviour or an addiction and who struggle to obtain and sustain employment. This is carried out by providing work-based employment opportunities, both paid and voluntary, with one-to-one mentoring to facilitate the Employment. The organisation seeks to offer a person-centred approach around the employment offering the best chance of sustaining it, with the aim to facilitate sustained employment elsewhere which the charity supports the beneficiary in finding.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees of the charity trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance as published by the Charity Commission.

Additional information

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Chocolate & Co has several volunteers, working in various part time roles, ensuring the ongoing viability of the charity. We are incredibly grateful to all they do in this capacity.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The new formation of Chocolate & Co as a separate charity from Our Father's Heart CIO (1175341) was proposed by the Our Father's Heart CIO trustees in January 2025. The new charity was set up in August 2024, and, whilst this has been a fairly lengthy process, it was finalised in May 2025 when the lease of the café was reassigned to the new charity. During this process, the Chocolate & Co charity has continued to operate as a UK project of Our Fathers Heart. This enabled appropriate financial governance of funds paid into Our Father's Heart on behalf of Chocolate & Co and that these funds remained accessible to facilitate the operational running of the café. In the period, there has also been some fundraising directly into Chocolate & Co setting the foundations for the operational activities moving in May 2025. Chocolate & Co have a new trustee board in place bringing great experience from professional services working in addiction and the criminal justice system, as well as business experience and the local community church leadership. We continue to build upon local relationships, working together within our local community, being a source of support for many and we can see the impact the work we are doing is having within this. We are incredibly grateful to all our funders and volunteers who have supported the progress of Chocolate & Co, and we look forward to continuing the work we are doing.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Net incoming resources for the 9 months amounted to £51,101 (2023/24: NIL), and this total has been added to total funds carried forward in the statement of assets and liabilities.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The total reserves held by the charity are £46,413. These consist of a combination of general reserves £22,242 (held as unrestricted funds) and restricted funds £24,171. The general reserves are held to enable the charity to carry out its day-to-day functions. The charity's reserve policy is to hold 3 to 6 months of associated costs for the charity, to allow for any periods of reduced income to facilitate and maintain the charitable purposes for the beneficiaries. It will become clearer in the next financial year what level of general reserves are required. The restricted reserves of £24,171 are held for the purpose of specified purposes for the charity and will be spent during 2025/26.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£46,413
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

Additional information

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The principal sources of funds are grants for specific purposes and charitable donations from individuals and businesses.
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	SORP reference	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees have previously been selected through their interest in the activity of the charity and the commitment they can offer. As we grow, we are identifying areas we require with particular skills and recruiting accordingly

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Chocolate & Co
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1209385
Charity's principal address	4 Mansfield House Lowther Street York YO31 7NB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mrs Rachel Bell		1 st August 2024 to 30 th April 2025	
2	Mr Phillip Elliot		1 st August 2024 to 30 th April 2025	
3	Mr Michael Green	Chair	1 st August 2024 to 30 th April 2025	
4	Rev Alistair Rycroft		1 st August 2024 to 30 th April 2025	
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

n/a

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

Other optional information

n/a

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Michael Green

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

15/12/2025 CHAIRMAN.

Date

R. Bell

RACHEL BELL

15/12/25 TRUSTEE



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

1st August 2024

To

30th April 2025

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary receipts	22,549	28,552	-	51,101	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	22,549	28,552	-	51,101	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	22,549	28,552	-	51,101	-
A3 Payments					
Costs of charitable activities	307	4,382	-	4,689	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	307	4,382	-	4,689	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	307	4,382	-	4,689	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	22,242	24,170	-	46,412	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	22,242	24,170	-	46,412	-

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank accounts	22,242	24,170	-
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	Total cash funds	22,242	24,170	-

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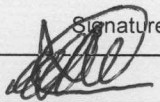
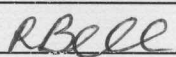
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Michael Green	15/12/25
	RACHEL BELL	15/12/25

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Chocolate & Co, a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) Charity Registration Number 1209385.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Our Father's Heart for the year to 30 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees 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 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.

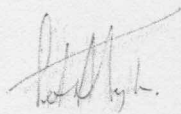
Independent examiner's statement

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 as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:



Name: Peter Taylor, Taylor-Made Accountancy Ltd

Address: 36 Alwyne Grove, Shipton Road, York YO30 5RT

Date: 24 November 2025