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**Trustees**

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## **Background and Objectives**

The object of the charity is to support and further all or any of the charitable activities carried out in accordance with the principles and teachings of the Church of England in the area of benefit and particular those relating to

- 1) the education and encouragement of people in the principles of temperance
- 2) the preservation and safeguarding of the health of all persons and in particular people who are in danger of becoming addicted to or dependent upon illegal drugs of any description alcohol solvents and other addictive substances.

Until 2014 6 Crown Street was a property run for the purposes of the Temperance Movement. In July 2014 this property was sold and the proceeds placed in an Endowment Fund.

The Fund is managed by four volunteer trustees, appointed by the Vicar of St Mary's Church, Harrow on the Hill.

## **Chair's Report**

2023 saw further investment in our two main sets of projects as we supported Firm Foundation with £68.8K (2022 £69K) and Young Harrow Foundation with £37.1K (2022 £37.4K). Through the help of our local partners, we have extended our knowledge of the issues of drug abuse in the Harrow Borough.

Our choice of partners in Harrow has been determined by research into local charities who can run projects which deliver our objectives. We have closely followed the Government From Harm to Hope Strategy to tackle drug addictions. This highlighted last year that there are 80,000 people in prison, half of whom have drug problems and 250,000 people on probation who also have drug issues. £900 million has been spent on the combating drugs partnership strategy however drugs and drug deaths cost £20 billion per annum. 42 local authorities have introduced the combating drugs partnerships strategies and some of them have seen a drop of 50% in the issues. The strategy has resulted in 106 new local partnerships across the UK. 1,224 alcohol and drug workers have been recruited. However, there have been shortfalls and there are clear underspends in the supply of people properly trained to deal with drug addicts. There has been some improvement in the disruption of supply of drugs and some expansion of the workforce. It has been admitted that there were some delays in getting the money out to the local authorities. There has been less progress in reducing the demand for drugs that was anticipated. It is deemed that it is a long-term complex problem which requires sustained long-term responses.

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### Impact of our Projects.

The two biggest areas of support are Firm Foundation and the Young Harrow Foundation—we also support 3 other areas which we discuss later.

In 2023 we were able to step up our support for the homeless charity based in Harrow **Firm Foundation**. Firm Foundation were established by a group of local Harrow churches who play an active part in its governance. Firm Foundation is the only organisation who specifically assists those who are 18+ single; under threat of homelessness or rough sleeping in the borough of Harrow.

With this charity we were able to support the first permanent live-in centre in Harrow known as the Ark Centre which operated from 2022 to August 2023. In addition, in 2023 we supported the first Night Shelter since Covid, by providing for the staff at the Night Shelter. Meanwhile, Firm Foundation had been investigating the possibility of a permanent Day Centre—and in 2023 we contributed to the Feasibility Study and in 2024 we have committed to supporting the rent of this Day Centre due to open in September 2024.

Secondly, we continued our collaboration with the **Young Harrow Foundation** who coordinate the work of over 200 charities in Harrow borough and who helped us select three projects. These three projects were **My Yard** providing individual support to young people affected by drugs and alcohol, the **Watford FC Sport and Community Trust** who support and work in Harrow with groups of young people who may be affected by alcohol and drugs and **Mind in Harrow** who have been running a series of workshops in schools. With the help of Young Harrow Foundation, we have also been involved in Harrow council's combating drugs strategy.

**My Yard** successfully employed a committed youth worker. The youth worker developed youth group sessions and continues to hold them regularly for two age groups in South Harrow to date they have engaged with 16 young people aged 10-13 years, nine people aged 14-19 years, two young people aged 17-23 years (mentoring only), twelve families receiving/needing ongoing complex support, thirteen siblings aged 6-11 years requiring regular drop in sessions. **My Yard** were awarded £15,000 for the YOUTH 23 programme. The programme has been devised using the extensive learning from year one and based on young people's input and feedback. The programme is focused on diversion from substance abuse and harm and criminal activity by offering personalised goals and activities to install a sense of achievement and pride in the young people involved. This will include the provision of a 'safe space' for young people to meet with their peers, mentors, and to explore activities and to study. Alongside this there will be a structured programme (built on last years and devised and planned by young people). They will be introducing a partner, BMF (Blue Magpie Foundation), to help and will provide a structured and supportive academic year with a holistic approach focuses on addressing educational needs and creating opportunities for a brighter future. Beneficiaries: 40 Age range: 5 aged 6-12, 15 aged 13-18 and 5 aged 19-25 years old. Project length: 10 months (Oct 23 to July 24)



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**Mind in Harrow** - This project delivered 4 workshops reaching 450 young people. All workshops and requests so far have been for young people aged 15 -19. Feedback indicates positive impact of the work so far. MIND in Harrow (in partnership with COMPASS Elevation) applied for £10,000 Drugs, alcohol & wellbeing co-creation. Towards the end of the project they delivered last year, they started partnering with Compass (Harrow's only drug charity for young people) to deliver workshops & outreach together. They have benefitted from sharing knowledge in their respective specialisms and feel there is scope to develop this relationship. They proposed a multi-phase project with 14-18-year-olds aiming to reduce the risk of young people coming into harm through drugs and alcohol. This will include engaging with schools, youth settings and relevant professionals to gain their buy in and support; and creating promotional material for outreach and through outreach, target and engage the voluntary participation of those young people who would benefit from this support.

Beneficiaries: 562 Age range: All aged between 13-18 years old. Project length: 1 year (Oct 23 to Oct 24)

**Watford FC Sport and Community Trust**- They delivered nine sessions of which six police task force workshops held at Cedars Community Centre- 4 held at youth club on a Monday and 2 held during our free school meal camp. 2 Impressionable Minds dangers of drug and alcohol workshops- one at youth club Cedars and one at Vaughan primary school. One first aid in emergency situations at Vaughan primary school. They engaged 182 young people aged 9 -12 and 39 young people aged 13 - 18. In 2023 Watford FC Community Sports and Education Trust applied for £8,800. Building on last year's funding they plan to continue using workshops to educate young people about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. In addition, they will introduce a targeted Intervention programme to aid 6 young people, who may be or are already involved in Drugs and Alcohol, through mentoring. They have noted the lack of up take from girls from last year's work and will be having 2 girls only workshop groups with their partner Impressionable Minds. They will be using their Youth Engagement Officer who mentors young people in the Harrow area to help them with a Targeted Diversion away from Drugs. They will use their Youth Voice sessions for discussion work and to focus on the topic of drug and alcohol.

Beneficiaries: 250 Age range: 125 aged 6-12 and 125 aged 13-18 years old. Project length: 1 year (Oct 23 -Oct 24)

Thirdly, we work with **Ignite Youth** who work with young people affected by drugs issues. At the beginning of the year their youth workers noticed a concerning increase in the amount of alcohol consumed by some of the most vulnerable young people, due to increased levels of anxiety and stress experiences during the pandemic. Increased alcohol and cannabis consumption functioned as a coping strategy for young people. Their reports showed how that while consumption has decreased over time, alcohol and cannabis consumption remains an issue among young people in the local community. They have focused on prioritising a reduction in drug consumption during their mentoring sessions and have increased efforts to provide more meaningful alternative activities. Overall, their records showed a positive impact on young people and appear to decrease reports of drug consumption.

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Also during 2023 we supported **Harrow Street Pastors**, a volunteer branch who help the homeless on the streets of Harrow. We also resumed our support for the rental cost of meeting rooms at **Trinity Church, Harrow** to support Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings.

**Financial report**

The full value of our investment funds are held within the CCLA's COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund. In 2023 the value improved by £92k (2022 declined by £150K) as the unit price of our fund improved from 2.74 at the beginning of the year to 3.01 at the end. We sold the equivalent of £90K investment units to support the work with the Young Harrow Foundation and Firm Foundation. Our dividend income of £31.4K was fully distributed to the portfolio of projects we are running. We continue to work with the CCLA to ensure that our investments are managed to the best possible return. Whilst the value of investments can go up or down, the Trustees are comfortable with maintaining a value which does not fall below £700K.

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**Financial Statement for the year ending 31 December 2023**

Income & Expenditure		
	2023	2022
Income	£	
COIF Income	31,480	32,594
Bank Interest	283	28
Total Income	31,763	32,622
Expenditure		
		-
Charitable Donations	(124,144)	(106,607)
Total Expenditure	(124,144)	(106,607)
Net Income/(Deficit)	(92,380)	(73,985)

*JS Campbell, FCMA.*

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<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
CCLA Investments	1,030,427	1,026,388
Nat West Business Reserve	8,607	10,988
Nat West Current Account	200	200
Total Assets	1,039,234	1,037,576
Liabilities	-	-
Net Assets	1,039,234	1,037,576
Represented by		
Funds brought forward	1,037,576	1,262,390
Net Income/(expenditure) for year	(92,380)	(73,985)
Increase/(Decrease) in Value of Investments	94,039	(150,829)
Funds carried forward	1,039,234	1,037,576



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**Donations in 2023**

1,600	Harrow Street Pastors	
8,900	Firm Foundation Feasibility Study	
11,488	Ignite Youth Project 2023	
24,976	Firm Foundation Ark Funding March to Aug 2023	
	Young Harrow Foundation Oct 23	
37,180	to Sept 24 Portfolio	
	Mind in Harrow	10,000
	Cedars Community	8,800
	My Yard	15,000
	YHF Facilitation	3,380
35,000	Firm Foundation staff of the Winter Night Shelter	
5,000	Trinity AA	
124,144		

£	Donations in 2022	£
	Young Harrow Foundation Oct	
37,455	22 to Sept 23	
	Mind in Harrow	10,000
	Cedars Community	9,050
	My Yard	15,000
	YHF Facilitation	3,405
30,000	Firm Foundation	
39,152	Firm Foundation Part 2	
106,607		