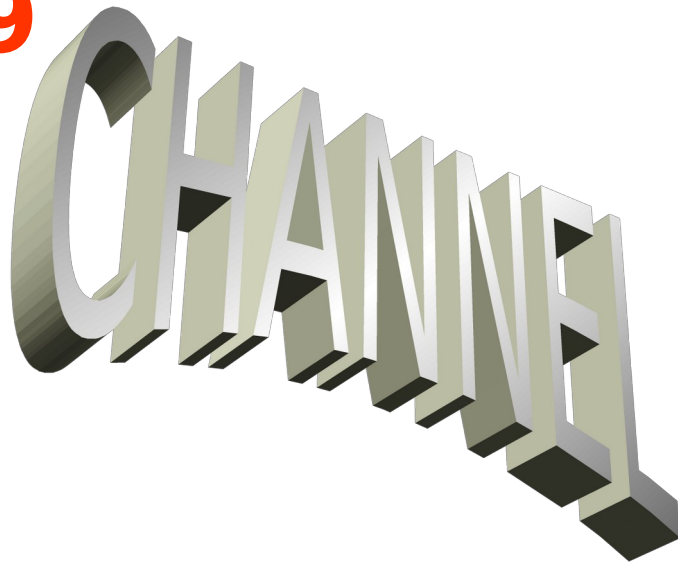


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55th Annual Report

Channel-Supporting Family Social Work on Merseyside

Registered Charity No. 257916

Holding Committee Chair's report for 2023-24

This year has been a busy one for all groups. In all, 220 families were supported, with a total of £12,299.91 being spent. We were able to meet requests for items costing more money due to the receipt of an anonymous gift of over £12,000, including gift aid. We are extremely grateful for this donation.

We received continued excellent support from Everyday Matters, we are grateful for their long -term support together with the faithful contributions provided by individuals.

We have regular meetings of Holding committee, North continues to have a strong committee, South manages referrals via email. Sadly, Channel lost the support of a long- time member of South, Dot Wynne, who died in June 2024. We are often able to use items from the Channel store based in Walton to supplement monetary support to families. We are indebted to Ruth and Shirley for maintaining this very necessary resource. Our thanks to County Methodist Church for the use of their premises.

We continue to be much in debt to Rebecca and Ruth who process referrals speedily and effectively and their involvement in a wide network of organizations brings benefit to Channel. Our thanks to go to Rebecca for her ongoing work as our secretary.

May I, once again, take this opportunity to thank you all for your contributions, through Channel, to the meeting of the ongoing needs in our communities.

Colin Critchley, Chair, November 2024

Channel South Report 2023-24

General

Channel South has continued operating on line, with grants being approved by a small group of committee members (Colin Critchley, Rebecca Black, Amanda Brown, Eve-Marie Evans and Lynne James). This enables us to respond to grant requests immediately they are received, rather than waiting until a monthly meeting. We cover a range of postcodes in South Liverpool; L8, L15 L17, L18, L19, L24, L25 & L26. Some of the postcodes in the north of the city are covered by Channel North, and Channel Holding Committee covers the remainder.

Requests and grants

We have continued to help families with grants. Grants made this year were between £40 - £250 per grant, as thanks to a large donation we have been able to fund some larger items, and this year the total sum paid out in grants increased on last year to £5,612. A large number of grants were given for such items as beds, floor covering, school uniforms and children's clothing, bedding, mattresses, small electrical equipment (kitchen), sensory and developmental toys and baby equipment of various kinds. We have also made larger grants for cookers, washing machines and fridges. We have received grant requests from a range of agencies; Health Visitors; Family Support Workers, Social Workers, Early Help Hubs, CAB's, Children's Centres etc.

Income

Income this year has come from the grants from Skelton Bounty and LCVS Everyday Changes fund, from Joe Monaghan's Sponsored Run and from generous donations from individuals, including those paying regular standing orders.

Support

Our work would not be possible without the loyal and faithful support of our members. Our Treasurer, Colin Critchley has continued to look after our finances. Rebecca Black continues to process the requests and keep the committee informed. My thanks also to our other members, including new members Eve-Marie Evans and Lynne James, who continue to maintain the true spirit of Channel and to our local supporters who are on standby to help with fundraising events and providing items such as children's clothing and bedding when required.

Colin Critchley, Chair, November 2024

Channel North Annual Report 2023-4

This has been another busy year for Channel North with our 7 committee members. Danny McCluskey retired as the Family Support Representative from Social Services at the end of the financial year. Danny has served on the Channel North Committee for many years and has always been a keen advocate and fundraiser for Channel North. We will miss him at our committee meetings but he has promised to continue to support our fundraising efforts. His colleague Paula Carroll has agreed to take his place on the committee and we look forward to working with her. Channel North have met 8 times as a committee at County Methodist Hub. We also have an additional group of people who can be relied on to support us when we have a fund raiser. Applications for assistance have continued to come from Health Visitors, Family Support Workers and Social Workers and voluntary agencies. During the financial year 2023/2024 Channel North has made 98 monetary grants for individual families totalling £3679.96 with some also receiving items from the Channel store. Grants were made available for the following items: baby and toddler equipment especially safety gates, beds, cots, buggies, prams, high chairs, bedding, mattresses, small household items, small electrical goods, general clothing and school uniform. Help was given for specialist equipment for some children with additional needs. Help was also given towards the cost of larger items such as decorating materials, removal costs, floor coverings, furniture, storage items and white goods. The most requested item particularly from the Health Visitors has been for safety gates. At Christmas Channel North supplied £400.00 of ASDA vouchers to the Family Support Workers for distribution to families in need.

We continue to be grateful to County Methodist Hub for the use of a room for Channel's store. The store has been very busy supplying bedding, household items and baby equipment. We are grateful for all donations and to Shirley Oldham for purchasing bedding and other items particularly when we can obtain special offers on baby equipment. We are also grateful to Shirley for frequently delivering items to HVs and SW offices.

Channel North has benefitted from 4 fundraising event this year. Our main fundraiser was the annual Sponsored Walk which was held in September 2023 and raised £1202.00. Sheila Kenny a member of our committee held a table sale from which Channel benefitted by £40.00. She also made up a Christmas Chocolate Raffle which went to Social Services Altcross Children's Services building and this raised £291.00. The Health Visitors from Queen's Drive Clinic also held a Christmas Raffle and raised £149.00 for Channel North.

Channel North has been very fortunate to have benefited from several individual donations which raised a total of £460.00. Channel North has also benefitted from regular giving by 2 people via standing orders which raised £1,400.00

Channel North Committee are looking forward and plan to continue to meet, to fundraise in order to be able to continue to respond to the needs of North Liverpool families.

Ruth D Stirrup (Channel North) November 2024

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Channel

No (if any)
257916

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

1-Apr-23

To

31-Mar-24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Everyday Chnges Grant	6,000	-	-	6,000	-
Individual donations	10,740	-	-	10,740	2,150
Gift Aid	2,500	-	-	2,500	-
Donations from organisations	2,163	-	-	2,163	500
Fundraising	2,798	-	-	2,798	620
Standing orders	3,360	-	-	3,360	4,160
Bank interest	16	-	-	16	4
Returned cheques	250	-	-	250	270
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	27,827	-	-	27,827	7,704
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,827	-	-	27,827	7,704
A3 Payments					
Insurance	241	-	-	241	220
Grants to individuals	12,300	-	-	12,300	13,697
Vouchers	400	-	-	400	400
Equipment for store	2,269	-	-	2,269	1,077
Postage	152	-	-	152	114
Bank charges	96	-	-	96	85
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,458	-	-	15,458	15,592
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,458	-	-	15,458	15,592
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,369	-	-	12,369	- 7,888
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	12,369	-	-	12,369	- 7,888

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	M R Black	Margery Rebecca Black	11/1/2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

CHANNEL

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 2024

Charity no
(if any)

257916

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Denise Reynolds

Date:

28/11/2024

Name:

DENISE REYNOLDS

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	M R Black	Margery Rebecca Black	05/12/2024	