A Better Fit – School Uniform Donation

Charity Number: 1200842

Registered Address:
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Trustees' Annual Report for the Period 2 January 2025 to 1 January 2026

1. Charitable Objectives

The charitable objectives of A Better Fit – School Uniform Donation are to:

1. Promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race, or political, religious or other opinions, by bringing together residents, statutory authorities, and voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and provide facilities in the interests of health and social and mental welfare, with the aim of improving quality of life and employment prospects.
2. Establish and manage a school uniform and clothing donation, collection and distribution network, independently or in cooperation with other organisations, involving local residents in its activities to build community capacity and encourage engagement.
3. Promote other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

The charity remains non-party political and non-sectarian. Its area of benefit includes Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.

2. Review of the Year: Objectives and Achievements

Throughout the reporting period, A Better Fit – School Uniform Donation continued to support children and families experiencing financial hardship by providing access to school uniforms and other essential school clothing.

The charity's aim remains to help ensure that every child can attend school feeling comfortable, confident and included, without the additional financial pressure on their families of having to meet the cost of school uniforms.

During the year, the charity continued to develop its services, strengthen community partnerships and improve access to donated school uniforms across Cardiff and the surrounding area.

School Uniform Provision and Pop-Up Events

During 2025, the charity successfully delivered school uniform pop-up events at various schools across Cardiff. These events enabled families to access donated uniforms within their own school communities, making the service more convenient and accessible.

The pop-ups provided families with opportunities to obtain essential uniform items while helping to reduce the financial burden associated with preparing children for school. Some schools have since established regular pop-up arrangements, demonstrating the value of the service and the strength of the charity's relationships with local school communities.

These events remain an important part of the charity's approach to reaching families who may otherwise experience difficulties accessing support.

The charity continues to provide a wide range of donated school uniform items, including essential everyday uniform and PE clothing, helping families meet the practical requirements of school life.

Donation Bins and Cardiff Council Hub Partnerships

A significant achievement during the reporting period has been the establishment of school uniform donation bins across most Cardiff Council Hubs.

These collection points provide convenient and accessible locations for members of the public to donate pre-loved school uniforms and other suitable clothing. The bins are now an established part of the charity's donation network, with regular collections helping to maintain the supply of donated items.

This initiative has strengthened the charity's ability to collect reusable school clothing, encouraged community participation and helped ensure that donated uniforms can be made available to families who need them.

The continued development of this network demonstrates the value of partnership working and provides a practical way for local residents to contribute to the charity's work.

Referrals and Partnership Working

Throughout the year, the charity continued to receive referrals from Cardiff Council, schools and other organisations supporting children and families.

These referrals play an important role in helping the charity reach families experiencing financial hardship and ensuring that support is directed towards those who need it.

The continued involvement of statutory services, educational establishments and community organisations reflects the importance of collaborative working in addressing the cost of school uniforms and reducing barriers to participation in education.

The charity remains committed to maintaining these relationships and ensuring that families can access support in a practical, respectful and timely manner.

Volunteers and Community Support

Community support remains central to the charity's activities. Donations of school uniforms and other suitable clothing, together with the time and commitment of volunteers, enable the charity to continue collecting, sorting, organising and distributing items to families.

This support helps ensure that pre-loved uniforms can be reused effectively, reducing waste while providing practical assistance to families facing financial pressures.

The trustees are grateful to all individuals, volunteers, donors, schools, organisations and community partners who have contributed to the charity's work during the year.

Overall Progress and Future Development

The reporting period has seen continued progress in developing A Better Fit – School Uniform Donation as an accessible, community-based service supporting children and families across Cardiff and the surrounding area.

The successful delivery of school uniform pop-ups, the establishment of donation bins across most Cardiff Council Hubs, regular collection arrangements and continued referrals from partner organisations have strengthened the charity's ability to reach families and respond to local needs.

Looking ahead, the trustees intend to build on this progress by maintaining and developing relationships with schools and community partners, encouraging further donations and improving access to school uniforms for families experiencing financial hardship.

The charity will continue to focus on making effective use of donated resources, supporting the reuse of clothing and ensuring that its activities remain aligned with its charitable objectives.

3. Financial Review

A Better Fit – School Uniform Donation continues to operate primarily on an in-kind basis, with valuable support from Rumney Forum helping to sustain the charity's activities and keep operating costs to a minimum.

During the reporting period, the charity received £425 in income from client donations and a small grant fund. The charity continues to rely on donated school uniforms, community contributions, volunteer support and in-kind resources to deliver its services.

The trustees remain committed to managing the charity's resources responsibly and ensuring that its activities continue to support children and families experiencing financial hardship across Cardiff and the surrounding area.

The detailed financial position for the reporting period is set out separately in the charity's annual accounts.

4. Risk Management

The trustees recognise the importance of identifying and managing risks to protect the charity, its beneficiaries, volunteers and assets. Appropriate measures are in place to support the safe, effective and responsible delivery of the charity's activities.

These measures include:

- **Insurance:** The charity maintains appropriate insurance cover for its activities and assets.
- **Safeguarding:** Appropriate safeguarding measures and checks are in place to help protect children, young people and other individuals who may benefit from the charity's services.
- **Risk assessments:** Risk assessments are undertaken for relevant activities, including school uniform pop-up events, clothing collection, storage and distribution.
- **Data protection:** The charity is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and maintains appropriate data protection arrangements to support compliance with applicable data protection legislation.
- **Ongoing oversight:** The trustees remain responsible for overseeing the charity's activities and reviewing relevant risks to help ensure that its services continue to operate safely and effectively.

The trustees are committed to maintaining these arrangements as the charity continues to develop its services and partnerships across Cardiff and the surrounding area.

5. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the charity's annual report and accounts in accordance with applicable charity law, relevant accounting requirements and the charity's governing document.

In preparing the accounts, the trustees are responsible for:

- Selecting suitable accounting policies and applying them consistently.

- Making reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates where necessary.
- Preparing the accounts on an appropriate basis, including the going-concern basis where applicable.
- Maintaining adequate accounting records to show and explain the charity's financial transactions and disclose its financial position with reasonable accuracy.
- Safeguarding the charity's assets and taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts comply with the charity's applicable statutory obligations and governing document.

The trustees continue to oversee the charity's activities and finances to ensure that its resources are applied in furtherance of its charitable purposes.

6. Approval of the Report

This report was approved by the trustees of A Better Fit – School Uniform Donation on 21 October 2026.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Kathryn Wakeham
Treasurer
A Better Fit – School Uniform Donation 1200842

Income Statement

A Better Fit School Uniform Donation
02/01/2025 to 01/01/2026

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Notes
Revenue				
Income from Charitable Activities				
Cash For Clothes	-	-	-	
Amazon Donation	-	-	-	
Misc Donations	225	-	225	
Other Income	-	-	-	
Grants/Funding	200		200	
Net Income	425	-	425	
Cost of Goods Sold				
Stock	-	-	-	
Packaging	-	-	-	
Cost of Goods Sold	-	-	-	
Gross Profit (Loss)	425	-	425	
Expenses				
Advertising	-	-	-	
Dues and Subscriptions	-	-	-	
Insurance		-	-	
Legal and Professional Fees	-	-	-	
Licenses and Fees	-	-	-	
Health & Safety	-	-	-	
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	
Charitble Activities	-	-	-	
Office Expense	-	-	-	
Postage	-	-	-	
Repairs and Maintenance	-	-	-	
Cleaning Supplies		-	-	
Telephone		-	-	
Travel	-	-	-	
Rental Exp	-	-	-	
Total Expenses	-	-	-	
Net Operating Income	425	-	425	
Other Income				
-	-		-	
	-	-	-	
Total Other Income	-	-	-	
Net Income (Loss)	425	-	425	