

**SOMETHING MORE FOR YOU LTD
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

The trustees have the pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the financial statements and applicable accounting standards, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the charity's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

Objectives and activities

The Objects of the charitable company are:

- The advancement of the Christian faith and in particular but not so as to limit the generality of the foregoing:
 - to promote reconciliation through practical cross-community activity,
 - to build trust, heal division and promote peace in the island of Ireland.
- The relief of financial need and in particular but not so as to limit the generality of the foregoing:
 - the provision of residential accommodation,
 - assisting people who are in financial need to receive training to enable them to earn their own living.
- The relief of sickness and in particular but not so as to limit the generality of the foregoing:
 - the education/training/rehabilitation of people suffering from addiction and mental health problems to enable them to earn their living and develop their full potential as members of society.
- The relief of people suffering from addiction and mental health problems and in particular but not so as to limit the generality of the foregoing:
 - the provision, maintenance and improvement of residential accommodation for such persons on terms appropriate to their means,
 - the alleviation of loneliness and isolation of such people by running day centres and providing recreational and social facilities,
 - providing counselling and support for such people or their families.
- The advancement of the education of the public and in particular but not so as to limit the generality of the foregoing:
 - the education of people who are in need of education so as to develop their full capacities and enable them to become responsible members of society and so that their conditions of life may be improved,
 - the education, training and rehabilitation of persons who through their social or economic circumstances are in need and unable to obtain employment,
 - the advancement of the education of the public by promoting artistic activities including art exhibitions, performances of drama, music, film shows and poetry readings.
- For the general benefit of the public in such manner as may be charitable and in particular but not so as to limit the generality of the foregoing:
 - the promotion of good relations between people of different cultures always provided that in furthering any of the objects the company must act in a manner which is exclusively charitable under charity law.

The objectives of Something More For You Ltd are carried out through various means including:

- charity shop and food bank,
- personal support, counsel and development,
- reconciling trips with educational input,
- events using the arts to communicate our objectives.

The charitable company's activities help the following: addictions (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse), adult training, asylum seekers/refugees, children (5-13 year olds), ethnic minorities, ex-offenders and prisoners, general public, homelessness, men, mental health, specific areas of deprivation, unemployed/low income, victim support, volunteers, women and youth (14-25 year olds).

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Public benefit

The trustees of Something More For You Ltd confirm that they have had due regard for the guidance on Public Benefit by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and are pleased to report that during the year, the charity continued to provide the Public Benefits through programmes and services they offer. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Public benefits:

The Benefits which flow from Something More For You Ltd are:

The direct benefits are:

- practical support bringing help and healing to families in need and at a crisis in their life,
- the discovery of new friends as a result of historic divisions being redressed,
- people have scope to develop in training and job experience in retail and catering,
- the town has Something More and a signal of hope which can be traced in our activities,
- families under pressure have a new menu and a fresh wardrobe of clothes,
- the Christmas list and the social media connections increase in friendship and trust,
- people have dates in their new diary to look forward to and plan their finances around.

Those individuals who benefit include: men and women who are in receipt of benefits, young people on community service, travellers and ethnic minorities.

Activities

Something More For You Ltd has grown out of the activities of Crossfire Trust. This new initiative allows both the existing base to continue and Something More For You to develop independently building on the maturity of local people who have been service users of the Crossfire Trust outreach and members of the recovery programme.

Something More For You Ltd feels strongly that the Peace Process has journeyed and developed and Northern Ireland is a safer place but something more is needed, more effort required perhaps with longer, quieter conversations that enable us all to understand each other better and deeper than present.

Donated and upcycled clothing, and reclaimed furniture is sold in our charity shop to reduce poverty and strengthen the family.

The 1st anniversary in Something More For you was an opportunity to reflect on the progress over twelve months and to enjoy some fine food and chat. It also made us appreciate the space we have, what we do in it and also to renew our efforts to be in a larger premises and host further activity.

The existing kitchen cupboard (our version of a food bank) is restocked several times a week and operates each week with fresh bread and flowers donated from Sainsburys. Other items we purchase. Several people from the town have kindly purchased jars and tins of food for people to select. This service is open to the public and no one needs to apply for a voucher or tell a story of why they require help or benefit from donated food. Just help yourself is the advert and it is being respected by the customers.

The charity shop is open Monday to Friday to the public and the sorting room operated three days per week. We really value our local volunteers who serve in the shop and a very special kind neighbour who pulls in from the porch or street the bags and boxes of goodies which are donated. This avoids anything getting wet or lost! We have limited space for furniture so we sign post customers to Darkley House for the larger item. We are delighted to have the use of the storage container in the courtyard and the courtyard itself provides a relaxed environment for your outdoor coffee and snack. There are plants displayed for sale and a potting area is under development.

Sunday encounters is a weekly event. We pray each Sunday evening at 7pm for blessing on all our customers, healing for anyone sick and comfort for all the issues of addiction. Open to everyone. We launched the branding of the facility, highlighting the role of the Community Hub. The Friday Club is for rural support and responds to isolation with people travelling a fifteen-mile radius creating a cross culture, cross community environment.

With continued support the project will be able to grow, maintain what we have already established and comfortably developed into a fluid mix of stories, need and achievement. In house training is a Wednesday session of 'life coaching', upcycling and debate on social issues – all with the intention of Active Citizenship.

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Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

Some of the funds generated have helped with a residential for people requiring a break, regular professional counselling on a range of issues and food for the kitchen cupboard. Every item for sale at £40 pays for one hour of counsel, advice and support and £70 item helps towards the rent.

I want to thank the long term supporters of Crossfire Trust, the parent company, for sustaining the vision and for willing and skilled Directors along with steering groups through many experiences and different climates to arrive with the people of Crossmaglen with their goodwill at this wonderful junction in community development.

The previous owners of the Community Hub building, The Bank of Ireland, have a policy of acknowledging and supporting People's Interest Groups. This allows the bank to have a lasting input into the community. We now have a business of a different kind and use the currency of relationship where the interest rates bring forth maximum benefit of peace and goodwill to all. We wish to thank the bank of Ireland for the sale of such a strategic and well positioned building and for having a policy that delivers for the people. We will talk about the process for years and we want to thank the ex-bank staff for leaving behind the vault which will give us a safe place to meet!

We also want to highlight the valuable input of the residents of Darkley House who while coping with their own issues and challenges invested many hours of hard work. The photos on the first floor convey the varied tasks and conditions that they worked under and this exhibition had its impact on potential funders.

Why did they help?

- People in recovery know how hard it is to find help.
- How important it is to be heard
- How valued they feel when they are listened to
- How practical and accessible the therapeutic help needs to be
- Why and how it needs to be free

Total income for the year amounted to £34,634 (Period from 01 May 2022 to 31 March 2023: £21,908. Income derived from donations and legacies amounted to £Nil (Period from 01 May 2022 to 31 March 2023: £1,580) and income from charitable activities amounted to £34,634 (Period from 01 May 2022 to 31 March 2023: £20,328).

Total expenditure for the year amounted to £34,608 (Period from 01 May 2022 to 31 March 2023: £12,522). The cost of charitable activities amounted to £34,608 (Period from 01 May 2022 to 31 March 2023: £12,522).

The net income for the year amounted to £26 (Period from 01 May 2022 to 31 March 2023: £9,386).

The trustees are of the opinion that adequate income will continue to be received and that there will be adequate funding for all future activities.

Financial review

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charitable company to maintain free reserves which matches the needs of the trust, both at the current time and the foreseeable future. This provides sufficient funds to cover running costs which include management, administration and support costs. Free reserves are those unrestricted reserves not designed nor invested in fixed assets which are available for general use.

Funding

The principal funding is from shop sales.

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Plans for future periods

People obviously have a lot of memories of the building and its various uses and we would like to capture them in some way as we move forward from the experiences of the past into a better future united together.

This building purchased by donations from the town and country is a unique gift for kindness to flow. It is for everyone. You can be down and out and on the street, also you can be up and out and in a rut. Depression invades every class and creed.

This project is about the family and to have somewhere warm to talk, something nice to eat and someone nice to meet. Having something to do is also helpful. We want the people to be able to come without money and go away fulfilled and happy because of hospitality. We already have the food bank and will develop it further. We will develop our support for further education with the school upcycled uniform rail and develop also confirmation wear. We want to avoid debt and we can do this by sharing together.

We want to develop this building to its full potential and will be working with the local council and councillors and on this point we thank councillor Pete Byrnes for his supportive engagement. We will pursue funds in Stormont or Westminster, Europe or beyond as we believe Crossmaglen border town with its historic place in recent decades deserves a centre of excellence which will promote the spirit of reconciliation, healing and hope.

We have commenced a six month period of consultation with our existing service users to discover who they are and why they regularly attend. We obtained funding and attracted the goodwill and expertise of Stephen McClelland BSc(Hons). DMS. MBA. Regional Co-ordinator Social Entrepreneurship Programme who will spearhead the gathering of information and the production of a 5 year business plan. We will also network via social media, other traders, business community and social enterprises as to how we dove tail into the wider community avoiding overlap and creating a pathway to a new community spirit.

The board of Directors have decided to employ the services of Hall Black Douglas Architects to investigate the best use of the site and to draw up plans for community consultation.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Something More For You Ltd is a charitable company limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital. It was incorporated on 22 April 2021 and registered as a charity with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 8 June 2022.

In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the Year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs P Andrews

Mrs P Bothwell

Miss B Snodgrass

Mr P Andrews

Mrs K Thompson

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees regularly review the requirements of the charity and the possibility of a need for additional trustees. Any new trustees would be appointed by resolution of a meeting of all the trustees passed by a majority of those present. Appropriate training and induction is available to all trustees.

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Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Trust, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate an exposure to major risks. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors. These procedures are periodically reviewed at least annually to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

GDPR policies and procedures are in place and there have been no issues during the year. Limited personal information is stored. There were no safeguarding issues during the year,

Organisational structure

The directors oversee the running of the charitable company. Crossfire Trust and Memory Making Ltd are deemed to be related parties as they each have one trustee who is also a trustee of this charitable company.

Responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees (who are also the directors of Something More For You Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102),
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operating.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mrs P Bothwell
Trustee

18 December 2024