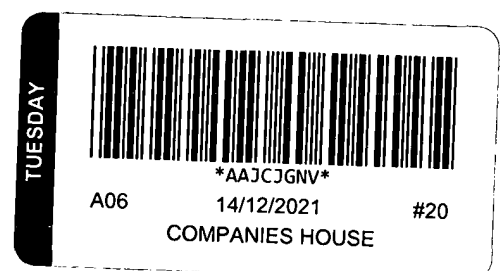


The Gate at Westminster

Annual Report and Accounts

01 May 2020
to 30 April 2021



Charity Registration Number
1150470
Company Registration Number
08316442 (England and Wales)

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Trustees	<p>Mrs Frances Miles (resigned 31 December 2020)</p> <p>Miss Grace Stafford</p> <p>Ms Harriet Weaver</p> <p>Miss Rebecca Womersley (appointed 2 June 2020)</p>
Management Board	<p>Joshua Lee (to 2 September 2020)</p> <p>Beatrice Lovell</p> <p>Sarah Mason</p> <p>Kathleen Needham (to 11 January 2021)</p> <p>Hillary Su</p>
Key Management Personnel	<p>Those in charge of planning, directing, controlling, running and operating the Charity, including those members of staff who are the senior management personnel to whom the trustees have delegated significant authority or responsibility in the day-to-day running of the charity, are the Trustees and Centre Manager Fiona Baikie, who is supported by the Management Board.</p>
Registered office	<p>The Gate</p> <p>Westminster Chapel</p> <p>Buckingham Gate</p> <p>London, SW1E 6BS</p>
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Trustees' Report 30 April 2021

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of Company Law, present their report with the accounts of the charitable company for the year from 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 8 of the attached accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, applicable laws and have been prepared in the format prescribed by the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2019 (FRS102)) and the Financial Reporting Standard 102. The legal and administrative information set out earlier in this document forms part of this report.

Introduction

The Gate at Westminster, also known as The Gate (Charity Number 1150470 Registered in England and Wales, Company Number 08316442 (England and Wales)), is the successor of the unincorporated charitable trust, The Gate (Charity Number 1118530). The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee. In the event of the charitable company being wound up the members would be required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 each.

The governing document for the charity is the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 3 December 2012 and charity registration was obtained on 14 January 2013. The charity took over the activities of The Gate, the successor trust, under a Transfer Agreement dated 1 May 2013.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Objects for which the charity is established are:

(A) The advancement of education in the subject of pregnancy and the termination of pregnancy and into the effects thereof upon women whether physical, medical or psychological;

(B) The preservation and protection of women's health;

(C) The provision of advice, counselling and assistance to women and their partners and families who are suffering from any physical or mental illness, distress or poverty during or as a result of pregnancy or following an abortion, miscarriage, cot death, still birth, loss of a child or sexual abuse; and

(D) The promotion of such other charitable purposes which may conveniently be carried on in connection with the above objects.

In establishing the aims and objectives of the charity, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The Gate at Westminster has been set-up to provide support to women living or working in Westminster who may be facing a crisis pregnancy, or who are struggling emotionally due to a previous termination of pregnancy. The Gate offers free, confidential counselling, free pregnancy testing, pre & post abortion counselling, miscarriage support and befriending and help during an unplanned pregnancy. All advice and counselling is free and confidential.

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We provide the following services:

- Free pregnancy testing (with immediate result)
- Pregnancy crisis counselling
- Pre-abortion counselling
- Post-abortion counselling
- Befriending service
- Miscarriage counselling

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Trustees

The following Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of Company Law, served during the year or were serving at the date of this report:

Mrs Frances Helen Miles
Miss Grace Stafford
Ms Harriet Weaver
Miss Rebecca Womersley

Resigned 31 December 2020

Trustee Induction and Training

New trustees are provided with information on their responsibilities as trustees and the activities of the charity.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Gate has been in operation since March 2007 and has served 816 clients to-date. In 2020/21, 32 clients were served (2019/20: 32). This includes assistance offered by phone, email, assessment appointment, crisis appointment or post abortion programme. Of this number, 23 clients (2019/20: 17) were seen by advisors. Despite Covid-19 resulting in a lockdown for the vast majority of the year, The Gate has adapted the way in which it serves its clients, moving to online appointments with volunteers to ensure that we can continue to serve those who reach out to us.

We provide accredited training for our volunteer advisers together with ongoing regular professional supervision.

We have a properly constituted board of trustees and a management group which oversees the day to day running of the Centre in liaison with the Centre Manager.

We are supported by Westminster Churches and representatives of these Westminster Churches form the membership of the Management Group and Board of Trustees. We are also widely recognised by local GP surgeries, pharmacists and social services. We receive referrals from these local agencies in addition to those who refer themselves. The number of clients who come to the centre is increasing steadily and there is clearly a need for the service we provide.

We receive our funding only through donations and we are an entirely charitable organisation. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported us in the year, including Methodist Central Hall, St Michael's Church, Westminster Chapel, Emmanuel Church, Pregnancy Centres Network and those individuals who

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made donations in the year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position and reserves policy

The charity is completely dependent on voluntary donations from individuals and local churches.

For the year ended 30 April 2021, donations of £20,020 were received. The funds at the year end were £35,118. All of the funds held by the charity at the year-end are unrestricted. A restricted grant of £625 was received in the year for use on the Gate's website and has been fully utilised at year-end. Matched funding, which represents part of the proceeds of a fundraising event in the year, has been shown as designated by the trustees for use on this project and is included as such in note 8.

The trustees consider that it is appropriate for the charity to hold reserves of approximately six months budgeted expenditure. The total reserves at the end of the year exceed the total budgeted expenditure for 2021/22. However, the trustees have budgeted for a deficit in 2021/22 and are aware of the potential ongoing impacts of Covid-19 on our key funders and other discretionary income sources such as grant-making trusts. On this basis, the trustees have deemed the retention of a higher reserves balance prudent in light of the challenges facing the charity sector around sustained giving practices, particularly following Covid-19.

The trustees review the reserve policy on an annual basis.

Covid-19 and going concern consideration

Each year, it is the trustees' responsibility to state whether or not the annual accounts have been drawn up on a going concern basis (see accounting policy ii in note 1). Going concern is the assumption that an entity has the resources (financial or otherwise) needed to continue to operate for the foreseeable future and in particular for at least 12 months from the date of approval by the trustees of these annual accounts.

Whilst a deficit was forecast for the current year in response to uncertainty over economic conditions during and after the Covid-19 pandemic, the charity has benefitted from sustained support from key supporters, as well as a successful fundraiser in the year and the receipt of a one-off grant. As noted above, the charity has sufficient funds at the year-end in order to sustain its expenditure for a period of approximately 19 months were no further income to be received. Whilst a deficit is forecast for FY21, this is well within the range of the funds held at the end of the current year and so the trustees are satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the 2021 accounts on a going concern basis.

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Trustees' responsibilities statement

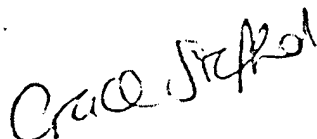
The charity's Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law 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 during the period and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the financial period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and are required to:

- ◆ Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ◆ Follow applicable accounting standards, 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 operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees:



Grace Stafford
Trustee

Approved on: 29 November 2021

Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account) Year to 30 April 2021

		2021 Unrestricted	2021 Restricted	2021 Total	2020 All unrestricted
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations	2	19,395	625	20,020	19,783
Other trading activities	3	2,611	-	2,611	-
Other		3	-	3	8
Total income		22,009	625	22,634	19,791
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	21,097	900	21,997	21,286
Total expenditure		21,097	900	21,997	21,286
Net income for the year	5	912	(275)	637	(1,495)
Fund transfers		(275)	275	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		637	-	637	(1,495)
Total funds brought forward		34,481	-	34,481	35,976
Total funds carried forward		35,118	-	35,118	34,481

All the funds of the charity in the prior year were unrestricted. For information on the restricted funds received and expended in the year, please see note 9.

The charity has no recognised gains and losses; therefore, no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been prepared.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these accounts.

Balance Sheet as at 30 April 2021

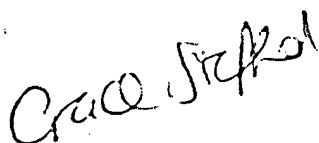
		2021	2020
	Notes	£	£
Current assets			
Debtors	6	675	746
Cash at bank and in hand		35,947	34,272
		<u>36,622</u>	<u>35,018</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,504)	(537)
Net current assets		<u>35,118</u>	<u>34,481</u>
Total net assets		<u>35,118</u>	<u>34,481</u>
Represented by:			
Funds and reserves			
Unrestricted funds			
General fund		19,656	19,372
Designated fund	8	15,462	15,109
Restricted funds	9	-	-
Total charitable funds		<u>35,118</u>	<u>34,481</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

For the financial year ended 30 April 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under sections 475 and 477 Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the Directors on 29 November 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Grace Stafford, Director
The Gate at Westminster, Company Limited by Guarantee
Company registration number 08316442

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 April 2021

1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

i. Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Applicable accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2019) have been followed in these accounts.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

ii. Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern and accordingly the accounts have been drawn up on a going concern basis.

iii. Income recognition

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt, that receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

iv. Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is included in the statement of financial activities when incurred and includes VAT which cannot be recovered.

Resources expended comprise the costs of charitable activities, being expenditure on the charity's primary charitable purposes as described in the Trustees' report.

v. Taxation

The Gate is a registered charity and therefore is not liable to income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

The charity is not registered for Value Added Tax and therefore expenditure is recorded inclusive of VAT.

vi. Debtors

Debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

vii. Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 April 2021

1 Accounting Policies (continued)

viii. Funds structure

The funds of the charity were unrestricted in the prior year and can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in line with the governing document of the charity. Restricted funding was received in the current year in relation to work on the charity's website – see the funds notes (note 8 and 9) for additional information.

2 Voluntary Income

	2021 £	2020 £
Donations and gifts	18,959	18,982
Gift Aid	1,061	801
	20,020	19,783

3 Income from other trading activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Fundraising events	2,611	-
	2,611	-

4 Charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Courses, training and resources	829	1,100
Facilities and insurance	5,215	4,311
Office administration (incl. staff costs)	12,817	13,038
Awareness	1,140	240
Governance	420	360
Other	1,576	2,238
	21,997	21,286

Staff numbers and costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries and wages	11,522	11,366
Social security costs	375	450
Pension contributions	868	861
Total staff costs	12,765	12,677

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4 Charitable activities (continued)

During the year, one part-time member of staff was employed by the charity. The staff member was a member of the Key Management Personnel.

No employees received remuneration exceeding £60,000.

None of the Trustees received any remuneration for their services during the year. No Trustees (2020: none) were reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

5 Net income

Net income is stated after charging:

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent examination fees		
· Current year	420	360
· Prior year	60	-
Other fees paid to the independent examiner	-	-

6 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Rent prepayment	150	150
Accrued income	172	255
Prepayments and other debtors	353	341
	675	746

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	900	-
Accruals	604	537
	1,504	537

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 April 2021

8 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated fund which has been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for a specific purpose.

Designated funds	At 1 May 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	At 30 April 2021 £
Website fund	-	625	-	(275)	350
Property fund	15,109	3	-	-	15,112
	15,109	628	-	(275)	15,462

	At 1 May 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	At 30 April 2020 £
Property fund	15,101	8	-	-	15,109
	15,101	8	-	-	15,109

The website fund has been established in order to identify matched funding which was a requirement of securing a donation towards website works in the year – see the restricted funds work below. As the fundraiser held by the charity was to raise funds for the website to the extent required to match the funding with any excess funds available for use on the charity's core activities, the trustees have designated income equal to the value of the grant award in the year. The website works were ongoing at year-end and thus it is expected that the balance carried forward on the fund at year-end will be used in the following twelve months as the website works continue.

The property fund has been established to secure the long-term property needs of the charity.

9 Restricted funds

Restricted funds	At 1 May 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	At 30 April 2021 £
Website fund	-	625	(900)	275	-

The website fund relates to a restricted donation received from the Pregnancy Crisis Network in the year; the works were ongoing at year-end and use has been made of matched funds raised via a fundraising event in order to meet costs exceeding the PCN donation received. This is a new fund in the current year; as a result, no prior year comparative is included.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 April 2021

10 Lease commitments

At 30 April 2021 the charity had a lease commitment under a non-cancellable operating lease with respect to the premises of:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Expiring in less than one year	2,400	2,400

11 Related party transactions

Frances Helen Miles, a trustee for part of the year, is the spouse of Rev Anthony Miles, a trustee of the Methodist Central Hall (MCH). MCH made donations of £2,000 (2020: £2,000) to the charity during the year.

Serving trustees and their spouses made donations (including associated Gift Aid) of £995 (2020: £360) during the year.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Gate at Westminster

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30 April 2021, which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.



John Helm ACA

17 Heathville Road, London N19 3AL

29 November 2021