

BACUP FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES - CHARITY SHOP

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED

31ST AUGUST 2023

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1027345

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bacup Fellowship of Churches

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2023, which are set out on pages 2 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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14th September 2023

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
Receipts				
Shop takings		107,221		89,104
Bank interest		110		5
		<u>107,331</u>		<u>89,109</u>
Payments				
Wages and national insurance	55,129		53,721	
Pension scheme	870		772	
Rent	6,282		5,915	
Light, heat and water	2,291		2,384	
Insurance	359		352	
Repairs and renewals	2,860		1,100	
Stationery	54		36	
Cleaning	1,415		829	
Shop essentials	417		205	
Travelling expenses	262		263	
Accountancy charges	750		675	
Sundry expenses	1,622		1,060	
Donation: Ukraine Disaster Appeal	-		500	
		<u>72,311</u>		<u>67,812</u>
Surplus for the year		<u>35,020</u>		<u>21,297</u>
Distributions (see note)	26,250		8,000	
Less Donations received	-		-	
		<u>26,250</u>		<u>8,000</u>
Net Surplus for the year		<u><u>8,770</u></u>		<u><u>13,297</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST AUGUST 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Balances		
Current accounts	62,560	53,700
Deposit account	12,211	12,101
Cash in hand	200	400
	<u>74,971</u>	<u>66,201</u>

Represented by:

Fund

At 1st September 2022	66,201	52,904
Surplus(Deficit) for the year	8,770	13,297
At 31st August 2023	<u>74,971</u>	<u>66,201</u>

NOTE

Distributions

The Magdalene Project	5,000	1,000
Bacup Family Centre	5,000	1,000
The Rossendale Rubicon	1,000	1,000
CAST - Reminiscence Café	-	1,000
Christians Against Poverty	5,000	1,000
M3 Project	5,000	1,000
Trinity Food Bank	5,000	1,000
Rossendale Food Box	250	1,000
	<u>26,250</u>	<u>8,000</u>

Accounting Policy

The accounts have been prepared under a receipts and payments basis as allowed by Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

Bacup Fellowship of Churches.

Chair's report for the year to September 2023.

The year September 2022 to 2023 has been an exceptional year for both shops in terms of the turnover generated and this is borne out by the accounts presented. As always the Trustees are grateful to all the staff and volunteers who work so hard throughout the whole year in providing a much needed service to the community as well as generating the income which allows us as Trustees to be able to financially support other charitable groups.

This year's level of turnover is especially remarkable when it's considered that there are now three other charity shops in Bacup: R.S.P.C.A who have been established for some time along with Bleakholt and Rossendale Responsible Animal Rescue who have recently been set up. Despite the 'competition' levels of donations for our two shops have held up and exceed expectations at times and it's good for our community that these four shops can co-exist side by side.

At the October 2022 meeting the Trustees agreed to give a total of £26,250.00 to seven different organisations; this was the highest total ever given out and feedback from the organisations themselves was one of extreme gratitude and indeed surprise at the unexpected and relatively high level of monies given and which meant so much to them.

General repairs and maintenance continue to be carried out in both shop premises. Sadly one of the shop windows was broken through vandalism but this was repaired by our landlord Trinity Baptist and thanks go to them.

Donations continue to come in great numbers however it has been brought to our attention that on occasion donations have either been taken or sorted through when left outside the shops during hours when we're not open. Signage in the shop windows encourages people to bring donations when the shops are open.

As Trustees we again say thank you to Metis HR for their support and advice in HR matters as well as to John Fielding for accountancy and payroll services.

During this year the Members meetings were reinstated following cessation arising from the Coronavirus lockdown restrictions. At these meetings representatives from the various churches in Bacup and Stacksteads are able to share and give insights into the mission and activity of their respective churches as well as being informed of planned joint events arising from the minister's meetings that take place. Members meetings take place immediately after the Trustees meeting and are well supported.

The shops and mission of our Churches play a vital part in sharing the love of Christ in our communities of Bacup and Stacksteads and it's our prayer that God would continue to bless the work we do as Bacup Fellowship of Churches.

Rev Derek Allen.

Chair of Trustees.