

ST PAUL'S CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1001566

Details

Other names 3C TEAMWORK, CHRISTIAN CONCERN, CREWE

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1991-01-30

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. 2) THE RELIEF OF PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK. 3) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION.

Activities: Relieving poverty through the recycling of furniture, white goods and cycles, foodbank, therapeutic activities - Day Service Placements for Adults with Care Needs, support of other local charities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CHESHIRE
- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West & Chester

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£844,018	£847,865	£557,022	32
2024-03-31	£777,646	£800,239	£560,869	35
2023-03-31	£749,240	£702,559	£583,462	30
2022-03-31	£525,536	£517,958	£536,781	20
2021-03-31	£344,956	£310,438	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ann Dytor-Walsh		2020-07-24
Catherine Lewin		2025-01-15
David McCabe		2020-07-24
Howard Jones		2023-07-18

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Accounts

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
St Paul's Centre**

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for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the Trust are the advancement of the Christian faith, the relief of persons who are in condition of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick and the advancement of education. The Trust has wide powers relating to the use of the property and funds passing through its hands. The Trustees consider that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to the guidance given on public benefit published by the Charities Commission.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Background

The Charity had another year of successful activities across all services. It came out of the period with a deficit of £3,847 set against a predicted deficit of £58,435.

The Board of Trustees remained constant with four trustees.

In December 2024 Richard Holmes resigned his position as CEO, Richard has worked tirelessly for the charity for many years and will be missed. Our Deputy CEO, Jez Chalmers, stepped up into the position of CEO for a probationary period of six months. Jez has been with the charity for 3 years and we look forward to the future under his leadership.

The Charity also continued to process a change from being a Charitable Trust to being a Community Interest Organisation, with support from appointed solicitors in the field.

This year provided another busy year for the charity, again we faced challenges with funding our Emergency Referral Furniture Scheme, this was however resolved during the year and this enabled us to reduce our deficit significantly.

Services in Brief

Furniture Project

The furniture project continued to have a significant impact in the local community with 225 household referrals via the Emergency Assistance program. This was down from 316 in the previous year but this was mainly due to a gap in LA funding at the start of the year. There was a reduction in the number of referrals using our 30% discounted option this was due to the Emergency Assistance Program being more inclusive.

St Paul's Foodbank

As the cost-of-living crisis continued, so too did the need for emergency food provision. The financial year 2024-2025 saw an decrease of the number of people referred to the charity's foodbank with 2,786 referrals compared with 3,197 of the previous financial year. Additional support came via the household support fund who provided food vouchers.

Support for our Foodbank has continued to be generous. For the year 2024/25 we received 25825 kg's of donated food, this was a slight drop on 2023/24 of 28131 kg's. Again we saw generous financial donations from businesses as well as individuals for our Foodbank, these totalled £22,646.

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Futures

This significant work continues to make profound changes in the lives of the Young Adults who access it. They continue to be integrated into the work of the whole charity creating a sense of meaningful activity where they feel the value of making their contribution to others as well as having a broad programme of bespoke activities. The income from this service has rose by 8% during this financial year.

SALS Shoes

This very small but incredibly impacting project saw 374 children receiving shoes free of charge, removing the need for them to rely solely on "hand-downs" from friends and family members, thus restoring a sense of dignity to the parents. This total number was down on the previous financial year.

Extra Miles Hospital Discharge

This service has been active for a few years and continued in the period to meet the essential needs of isolated patients as they transitioned back home after being in hospital for a period of time.

Patients with little support can find this transition very challenging with the result being an increase in readmission numbers.

Café on the Corner

Despite all the positives that the café brings to the premises and to the charity as a whole, it became very clear that, much like other catering businesses, the café was struggling.

The trustees decided that keeping the café open despite the reduced opening hours was no longer viable so the café as it is closed on 31 March 2025. The charity has great plans for the space which will be in line with our charitable objectives.

Resurrection Cycles

This service represents an activity that has been present since the inception of the Charity in the mid-eighties. It has two main functions.

1. Provide a programme for people with low mental health problems, isolation, or addiction issues. As they work on cycles soft skills are developed, a sense of community and belonging fostered.
2. Work on Cycles making them ready to donate or sell mainly at low cost to the community.

Other Services

Sunday lunches for the isolated

The Charity has continued to provide (free of charge) more than 100 meals per week to families in the area who pick up their children from the local primary school. This service is low cost and high impact. Families are provided with chilled meals a piece of fruit and a sweet, with the plan being to offset some of the food and energy pressures families face and allow the charity to make a small but important difference to people living near the centre in an area of multiple deprivation. The service is funded by the Town Council Grant fund.

Every month the charity hosts a Sunday Lunch Club for local elderly residents facing social isolation. Each guest is provided a full Sunday Dinner free of charge but are welcome to make a small contribution if they wish. This service provides a real sense of 'treat' for beneficiaries reducing loneliness and increasing mental wellbeing.

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Other Areas of work and impact

Volunteering

The charity continues to be supported by an incredible team of volunteers who are involved in almost all aspects of work at the centre. The volunteers are coordinated in partnership between the various team leads at the centre and the centre's volunteer coordinator who sits under the line management of the service manager.

Policy

The deputy CEO has been working through the charity's policy review procedure to ensure all policies and subsequent procedures are kept up to date, relevant and effective.

Rhino Health and Safety have completed an assessment of the charity and provided an excellent result albeit with some minor amendments in procedure being recommended.

Trading

The Charity's trading activities provide an income and thus support the work of the charity, reducing dependency on contracts and grants which aren't always very predictable. The Friday Sale and the eBay platform work by using surplus furniture and goods that have been donated by the public but deemed as not needed for the charity's furniture provision to vulnerable households.

St Paul's Centre has now signed up to Charity Suite which is a new POS system enabling a more sensible method of stock taking, logistics, selling and importantly enables the charity to capitalise on gift aid that comes from the sale of stock.

Conclusion and looking forward

As the financial year closed, work began on the development of a delayed 3-5 year strategic plan as it was becoming very clear that St Paul's Centre was effectively at capacity as a working Centre and new approaches to growth and sustainability would be needed in the years ahead.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Donations

The charity received £69,725 of donations during the period most allocated for the Foodbank. This was a decrease of £78,306 compared to 2024.

Grants

Grants to the value of £158,610 were secured from the Local Authority (School Meals, Sunday Lunches)

Income Generation

The Charity continued to Trade in the following areas:

Friday Sales

This is a weekly three-hour sales window each Friday where approximately 200 members of the public can view and buy affordable furniture. In addition, there are occasional purchases throughout the week. This activity has grown to £122,553 compared to £83,350 in the previous years.

eBay Platform

St Paul's eBay platform continues to bring in a steady income for the charity. This online platform was first set up during lockdown and has continued to become an opportunity for the charity to sell higher value items that are donated by the public, items that might struggle to bring in their due worth during the Friday Sale.

During the financial year for 2024-2025 the centre's eBay shop brought in a revenue of £33,174.

Bulky Waste

St Paul's continues to make a surplus from this Contract with Cheshire East which involves the collection and disposal of redundant larger furniture and white goods from across Cheshire East. Turnover for the financial year of 2024-2025 was £108,250 which compares to a turnover of £91,9876 for the previous year.

Investment policy

The Trust Deed authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments with regard to the furtherance of the charity's objectives, at their discretion.

Reserves policy

In addition to the funds already committed or invested in tangible fixed assets, the trustees have established a policy whereby an amount of £40,000 of unrestricted funds is held in a savings account to be used as an operational contingency. The decision to use this fund can only be taken at a board meeting.

The level of reserves as at 31 March 2025 is £557,022.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1001566

Principal address

St Pauls Centre
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Trustees

Ms C Lewin
Mrs A Thornton-Dean
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Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19(1) / 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


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Ms C Lewin - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St Paul's Centre**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Paul's Centre

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Paul's Centre (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



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Date: 19/1/2026

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	316,152	-	316,152	296,566
Other trading activities	3	526,166	-	526,166	478,248
Investment income	4	1,700	-	1,700	2,833
Total		<u>844,018</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>844,018</u>	<u>777,647</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds					
Other trading activities	5	87,428	-	87,428	144,760
		<u>87,428</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,428</u>	<u>144,760</u>
Charitable activities					
Governance	6	513	-	513	517
Direct charitable expenditure		754,760	-	754,760	651,317
Other		5,164	-	5,164	3,646
Total		<u>847,865</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>847,865</u>	<u>800,240</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	13	(3,847)	-	(3,847)	(22,593)
		<u>76,778</u>	<u>(76,778)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>72,931</u>	<u>(76,778)</u>	<u>(3,847)</u>	<u>(22,593)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		484,091	76,778	560,869	583,462
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>557,022</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>557,022</u></u>	<u><u>560,869</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

St Paul's Centre

Statement of Financial Position
31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	382,149	-	382,149	390,600
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	49,442	-	49,442	19,992
Cash at bank and in hand		152,178	-	152,178	178,546
		<u>201,620</u>	-	<u>201,620</u>	<u>198,538</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(26,747)	-	(26,747)	(28,269)
		<u>174,873</u>	-	<u>174,873</u>	<u>170,269</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>174,873</u>	-	<u>174,873</u>	<u>170,269</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>557,022</u>	-	<u>557,022</u>	<u>560,869</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>557,022</u>	-	<u>557,022</u>	<u>560,869</u>
FUNDS					
	13				
Unrestricted funds				557,022	484,091
Restricted funds				-	76,778
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>557,022</u>	<u>560,869</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19/1/2026 and were signed on its behalf by:


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C Lewin - Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(22,773)	(27,953)
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(22,773)</u>	<u>(27,953)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(5,510)	(43,774)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		215	2,000
Interest received		1,700	2,833
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(3,595)</u>	<u>(38,941)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
		(26,368)	(66,894)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period			
		<u>178,546</u>	<u>245,440</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period			
		<u><u>152,178</u></u>	<u><u>178,546</u></u>

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Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(3,847)	(22,593)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	12,873	14,582
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	873	688
Interest received	(1,700)	(2,833)
Increase in debtors	(29,450)	(3,137)
Decrease in creditors	(1,522)	(14,660)
Net cash used in operations	<u>(22,773)</u>	<u>(27,953)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.25 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	178,546	(26,368)	152,178
	<u>178,546</u>	<u>(26,368)</u>	<u>152,178</u>
Total	<u>178,546</u>	<u>(26,368)</u>	<u>152,178</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. In particular the charity's operational costs (wages, premises etc) have been apportioned between expenditure on raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful estimated economic life of that asset:

Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	- 20% reducing balance
Motor Vehicles	- 20% reducing balance
Property Renovation	- 5% reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Value added tax

The charity is registered for VAT. Income and expenditure is shown net of VAT where applicable. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resource expended for which it was incurred.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2025

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	2025	2024
	£	£
Donated goods given away	87,817	93,449
Donations	69,725	78,306
Local Authority Grants	158,610	124,808
Sal's Shoes	-	3
	<u>316,152</u>	<u>296,566</u>
 3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	 2025	 2024
	£	£
Shop Sales	122,553	83,530
Cycle Sales	6,311	5,724
Scrap Sales and Used Recycling Credits	11,668	7,379
Referrals	132,247	125,475
Bulky Waste Collection Service	108,250	91,986
Ebay sales	33,174	40,346
Cafe Sales	24,176	42,347
Supported Placements	87,787	81,461
	<u>526,166</u>	<u>478,248</u>
 4. INVESTMENT INCOME	 2025	 2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,700	2,833
	<u>1,700</u>	<u>2,833</u>
 5. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	 2025	 2024
	£	£
Fund Raising and Publicity	3,151	2,300
Cost of selling donated goods	84,277	142,460
	<u>87,428</u>	<u>144,760</u>
 6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS		Direct Costs
		£
Governance		513
Direct charitable expenditure		754,760
		<u>755,273</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2025

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

8. STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	457,705	425,717
Social security costs	23,222	21,837
Other pension costs	18,687	15,720
	<u>499,614</u>	<u>463,274</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
Drivers	9	6
Office Administration	13	11
Director	1	2
Project workers	11	20
	<u>34</u>	<u>39</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	140,356	156,210	296,566
Other trading activities	478,124	124	478,248
Investment income	2,516	317	2,833
Total	<u>620,996</u>	<u>156,651</u>	<u>777,647</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds			
Other trading activities	144,535	225	144,760
	<u>144,535</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>144,760</u>
Charitable activities			
Governance	517	-	517
Direct charitable expenditure	544,054	107,263	651,317
Other	3,251	395	3,646
Total	<u>692,357</u>	<u>107,883</u>	<u>800,240</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2025

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(71,361)	48,768	(22,593)
Transfers between funds	56,386	(56,386)	-
Net movement in funds	(14,975)	(7,618)	(22,593)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	499,066	84,396	583,462
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>484,091</u>	<u>76,778</u>	<u>560,869</u>

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land £	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2024	300,000	73,123	44,992	79,534	497,649
Additions	-	-	5,510	-	5,510
Disposals	-	-	-	(1,700)	(1,700)
At 31 March 2025	<u>300,000</u>	<u>73,123</u>	<u>50,502</u>	<u>77,834</u>	<u>501,459</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2024	-	32,246	33,999	40,804	107,049
Charge for year	-	2,044	3,301	7,528	12,873
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	(612)	(612)
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>34,290</u>	<u>37,300</u>	<u>47,720</u>	<u>119,310</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2025	<u>300,000</u>	<u>38,833</u>	<u>13,202</u>	<u>30,114</u>	<u>382,149</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>300,000</u>	<u>40,877</u>	<u>10,993</u>	<u>38,730</u>	<u>390,600</u>

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	40,026	15,218
Other debtors	106	-
Prepayments	9,310	4,774
	<u>49,442</u>	<u>19,992</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2025

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,972	1,924
Social security and other taxes	6,079	5,966
VAT	4,765	5,668
Other creditors	9,896	4,401
Accruals and deferred income	2,035	10,310
	<u>26,747</u>	<u>28,269</u>

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Restricted funds	76,778	(76,778)	-
	-	-	-
	<u>76,778</u>	<u>76,778</u>	<u>-</u>

UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Revaluation £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Van Fund	4,498	-	4,498	9,000	-	9,000
Operational	40,000	-	-	-	-	40,000
Maintenance	17,000	-	2,000	-	-	15,000
General	422,593	844,018	841,367	67,778	-	493,022
	<u>484,091</u>	<u>844,018</u>	<u>847,865</u>	<u>76,778</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>557,022</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

St Paul's Centre

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donated goods given away	87,817	93,449
Donations	69,725	78,306
Local Authority Grants	158,610	124,808
Sal's Shoes	-	3
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	316,152	296,566
Other trading activities		
Shop Sales	122,553	83,530
Cycle Sales	6,311	5,724
Scrap Sales and Used Recycling Credits	11,668	7,379
Referrals	132,247	125,475
Bulky Waste Collection Service	108,250	91,986
Ebay sales	33,174	40,346
Cafe Sales	24,176	42,347
Supported Placements	87,787	81,461
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	526,166	478,248
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	1,700	2,833
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Total incoming resources	844,018	777,647
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Fund Raising and Publicity	3,151	2,300
Cost of selling donated goods	84,277	142,460
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	87,428	144,760
Charitable activities		
Wages	457,705	425,717
Social security	23,222	21,837
Pensions	18,687	15,720
Insurance	16,057	13,644
Light and heat	17,714	19,822
Telephone	4,615	2,790
Postage and stationery	2,017	1,911
Building Maintenance	12,735	8,856
Vehicle Expenses	33,440	28,340
Staff Expenses	5,357	4,703
Office Equipment	4,080	4,388
Project Costs - Food Bank	12,726	17,643
Project Costs - Cycles	1,814	2,335
Carried forward	610,169	567,706

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St Paul's Centre

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	610,169	567,706
Project Costs - Home Starter Packs	18,195	12,554
Project Costs - WEEE	56,753	57,698
Project Costs - Other	4,506	4,737
Professional Fees	3,872	4,389
Bank Charges	1,244	248
Project Costs - St Paul's CafU	10,703	21,201
Accountancy	2,228	1,985
Transfer to cost of selling donated goods	(84,277)	(142,460)
Donated goods given away	87,817	93,452
Project Costs - Ebay	1,697	4,141
Project Costs - Hospital Discharge Service	28,620	10,913
Improvements to property depreciation	2,044	2,151
Fixtures & fittings depreciation	3,301	2,748
Motor vehicles depreciation	7,528	9,683
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	873	688
	<u>755,273</u>	<u>651,834</u>
Other		
Health & Safety	3,034	2,453
Membership Fees	2,130	1,193
	<u>5,164</u>	<u>3,646</u>
Total resources expended	<u>847,865</u>	<u>800,240</u>
Net expenditure	<u><u>(3,847)</u></u>	<u><u>(22,593)</u></u>

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ST PAUL'S CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1001566

Accounts

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
for
St Paul's Centre**

Banks Sheridan
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CW1 6ZF

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for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the Trust are the advancement of the Christian faith, the relief of persons who are in condition of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick and the advancement of education. The Trust has wide powers relating to the use of the property and funds passing through its hands. The Trustees consider that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to the guidance given on public benefit published by the Charities Commission.

St Paul's Centre

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Background

The Charity had another year of successful activities across all services. It came out of the period with a deficit of £22,593 set against a predicted deficit of £17,503.

The year saw some significant changes in Senior Management which included the departure of the Charity's Finance Coordinator, who had faithfully served St Paul's Centre for many years. The Trustees welcomed a new member to serve on the Board, making a total of 4 Trustees covering a range of skills needed to exercise effective governance.

The period saw the recently appointed Deputy CEO (Jez Chalmers) becoming more embedded into the life of the charity, which continued to enable more efficient management of the increasing load of a growing Charity, as well as seeing him deputise for the CEO and allowing the CEO to reduce his hours. The Trustees also decided that the role of Finance Manager needed to be re-evaluated to match the increasing level and complexity of the financial management in the Charity. Accordingly, Janet Warrington was appointed in August with the added responsibility of managing HR and Administration. After settling into her new role, Janet continued to make real progress in developing Cost Centres and enabling the Senior Team to better understand the costs involved with the charitable projects we were running and see where finance/productivity needs to be increased or controlled accordingly.

The Charity also continued to process a change from being a Charitable Trust to being a Community Interest Organisation, with support from appointed solicitors in the field.

2023/24 has possibly been the busiest year in leading the Charity. The services have been successful, but there have been many changes to manage. As the year closed, we were made aware of possible cuts in local funding which threatened 25% of our annual income on the Furniture Scheme, which would, if left unaddressed have very significant impacts on people in need and the ability of the Charity to continue to deliver its core activity to the community. Until the announcement was made on 1st April 2024 it was almost impossible to make any firm plans. By March, Trustees approved a budget for 24/25 that showed a large deficit but agreed that work would be done by the team to address these concerns. As such the senior team set about devising other ways to secure income streams as well as hold out hope that some funding would become available from the local authority for these pressing household needs and keep a very careful eye on progress with a budget review in September 2024.

Throughout the period the Charity has met its objectives and in comparison, with 2022-2023 saw an increase in turnover of £28,407.

Services in Brief

Furniture Project

The furniture project continued to have a significant impact in the local community with 316 household referrals via the Emergency Assistance program and 163 household referrals that utilised our 30% discounted option. This meant that during this financial year the charity was able to support 676 people with essential furniture and household items. This is an overall reduction on total number of people supported as the previous financial year saw 1,020 individuals supported.

The charity decided to purchase a new van from financial reserves to ensure the service continued with trustworthy vehicles on the road.

St Paul's Foodbank

As the cost-of-living crisis continued, so too did the need for emergency food provision. The financial year 2023-2024 saw an increase of the number of households referred to the charity's foodbank with 1,462 referrals compared with 1,433 of the previous financial year.

Encouragingly whilst the need for emergency food provision increased during this year, so too in general terms did financial support of the foodbank. In the previous financial year, the charity saw an income of £24,000 that came in from local businesses (such as Enterprise), faith groups and individuals, whereas this financial year saw donations totalling just under £31,000.

St Paul's Centre

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

Futures

This significant work continues to make profound changes in the lives of the Young Adults who access it. They continue to be integrated into the work of the whole charity creating a sense of meaningful activity where they feel the value of making their contribution to others as well as having a broad programme of bespoke activities. The income from this service has remained steady during this financial year.

SALS Shoes

This very small but incredibly impacting project saw 481 children receiving shoes free of charge, removing the need for them to rely solely on "hand-downs" from friends and family members, thus restoring a sense of dignity to the parents. This total number was up on the previous financial year where 351 children were supported.

Extra Miles Hospital Discharge

This service has been active for a few years and continued in the period to meet the essential needs of isolated patients as they transitioned back home after being in hospital for a period of time.

Patients with little support can find this transition very challenging with the result being an increase in readmission numbers.

During this financial year Extra Miles saw a total of approximately 340 referrals come through which was an increase from approximately 132 referrals of the previous year.

Café on the Corner

Despite all the positives that the café brings to the premises and to the charity as a whole, it became very clear that, much like other catering businesses, the café was struggling.

The trustees decided that keeping the café open 5 days a week was unsustainable so decided to reduce its opening hours to just Thursdays and Fridays. It seemed that this was the best next step to keep things more financial stable without completely losing the benefit of the café at the centre.

Resurrection Cycles

This service represents an activity that has been present since the inception of the Charity in the mid-eighties. It has two main functions.

1. Provide a programme for people with low mental health problems, isolation, or addiction issues. As they work on cycles soft skills are developed, a sense of community and belonging fostered.
2. Work on Cycles making them ready to donate or sell mainly at low cost to the community.

Other Services

Sunday lunches for the isolated

The Charity has continued to provide (free of charge) more than 80 meals per week to families in the area who pick up their children from the local primary school. This service is low cost and high impact. Families are provided with chilled meals a piece of fruit and a sweet, with the plan being to offset some of the food and energy pressures families face and allow the charity to make a small but important difference to people living near the centre in an area of multiple deprivation. The service is funded by the Town Council Grant fund.

Every month the charity hosts a Sunday Lunch Club for local elderly residents facing social isolation. Each guest is provided a full Sunday Dinner free of charge but are welcome to make a small contribution if they wish. This service provides a real sense of 'treat' for beneficiaries reducing loneliness and increasing mental wellbeing.

St Paul's Centre

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

Other Areas of work and impact

Volunteering

The charity continues to be supported by an incredible team of volunteers who are involved in almost all aspects of work at the centre. This team is coordinated in partnership between the various team leads at the centre and the centre's volunteer coordinator who sits under the line management of the service manager.

Policy

The deputy CEO has been working through the charity's policy review procedure to ensure all policies and subsequent procedures are kept up to date, relevant and effective.

Rhino Health and Safety have completed an assessment of the charity and provided an excellent result albeit with some minor amendments in procedure being recommended.

Trading

The Charity has three main trading activities that provide an income and thus support the work of the charity, reducing dependency on contracts and grants which aren't always very predictable.

The Friday Sale and the eBay platform work by using surplus furniture and goods that have been donated by the public but deemed as not needed for the charity's furniture provision to vulnerable households.

St Paul's Centre has now signed up to Charity Suite which is a new POS system enabling a more sensible method of stock taking, logistics, selling and importantly enables the charity to capitalise on gift aid that comes from the sale of stock.

Conclusion and looking forward

As the financial year closed, work began on the development of a delayed 3-5 year strategic plan as it was becoming very clear that St Paul's Centre was effectively at capacity as a working Centre and new approaches to growth and sustainability would be needed in the years ahead.

St Paul's Centre

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Donations

The charity received £78,306 of donations during the period most allocated for the Foodbank. This was a decrease of £15,236 compared to 2023.

Grants

Grants to the value of £124,808 were secured from the Local Authority (School Meals, Sunday Lunches)

Service Contracts

Emergency assistance - £94,589

Futures - £68,342

Income Generation

The Charity continued to Trade in the following areas:

Friday Sales

This is a weekly three-hour sales window each Friday where approximately 200 members of the public can view and buy affordable furniture. In addition, there are occasional purchases throughout the week. This activity has grown to £83,530 compared to £77,962 in the previous years.

eBay Platform

St Paul's eBay platform continues to bring in a steady income for the charity. This online platform was first set up during lockdown and has continued to become an opportunity for the charity to sell higher value items that are donated by the public, items that might struggle to bring in their due worth during the Friday Sale.

During the financial year for 2023-2024 the centre's eBay shop brought in a revenue of £40,346.

Bulky Waste

St Paul's continues to make a healthy surplus from this Contract with Cheshire East which involves the collection and disposal of redundant larger furniture and white goods from across Cheshire East. Turnover for the financial year of 2023-2024 was £91,986 which compares to a turnover of £87,987 for the previous year.

Investment policy

The Trust Deed authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments with regard to the furtherance of the charity's objectives, at their discretion.

Reserves policy

In addition to the funds already committed or invested in tangible fixed assets, the trustees have established a policy whereby an amount of £40,000 of unrestricted funds is held in a savings account to be used as an operational contingency. The decision to use this fund can only be taken at a board meeting.

The level of reserves as at 31 March 2024 is £560,869.

St Paul's Centre

**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1001566

Principal address

St Pauls Centre
Hightown
Crewe
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CW1 3BY

Trustees

Ms C Lewin
Mrs A Thornton-Dean
Mrs A D Walsh
D McCabe

Independent Examiner

Stuart Banks BSc FCA
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Ms C Lewin - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St Paul's Centre**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Paul's Centre

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Paul's Centre (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

SP Banks

Stuart Banks BSc FCA

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Cheshire
CW1 6ZF

Date: 31/1/2025

St Paul's Centre

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	140,356	156,210	296,566	286,442
Other trading activities	3	478,124	124	478,248	462,287
Investment income	4	2,516	317	2,833	510
Total		<u>620,996</u>	<u>156,651</u>	<u>777,647</u>	<u>749,239</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds					
Other trading activities	5	144,535	225	144,760	120,546
		<u>144,535</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>144,760</u>	<u>120,546</u>
Charitable activities					
Governance	6	517	-	517	3,855
Direct charitable expenditure		544,054	107,263	651,317	574,724
Other		3,251	395	3,646	3,433
Total		<u>692,357</u>	<u>107,883</u>	<u>800,240</u>	<u>702,558</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	13	(71,361)	48,768	(22,593)	46,681
		<u>56,386</u>	<u>(56,386)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(14,975)</u>	<u>(7,618)</u>	<u>(22,593)</u>	<u>46,681</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		499,066	84,396	583,462	536,781
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>484,091</u></u>	<u><u>76,778</u></u>	<u><u>560,869</u></u>	<u><u>583,462</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

St Paul's Centre

**Statement of Financial Position
31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	390,600	-	390,600	364,097
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	19,992	-	19,992	16,855
Cash at bank and in hand		93,257	85,289	178,546	245,440
		<u>113,249</u>	<u>85,289</u>	<u>198,538</u>	<u>262,295</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(19,758)	(8,511)	(28,269)	(42,930)
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>93,491</u>	<u>76,778</u>	<u>170,269</u>	<u>219,365</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		484,091	76,778	560,869	583,462
NET ASSETS					
		<u>484,091</u>	<u>76,778</u>	<u>560,869</u>	<u>583,462</u>
FUNDS					
	13			484,091	499,066
Unrestricted funds				76,778	84,396
Restricted funds				<u>560,869</u>	<u>583,462</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
A Thornton-Dean - Trustee

St Paul's Centre

**Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(27,952)	41,376
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		<u>(27,952)</u>	<u>41,376</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(43,774)	(5,634)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		2,000	2,700
Interest received		2,833	510
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(38,941)</u>	<u>(2,424)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
		(66,893)	38,952
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period			
		<u>245,440</u>	<u>206,488</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period			
		<u><u>178,546</u></u>	<u><u>245,440</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

St Paul's Centre

Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 March 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(22,593)	46,681
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	14,582	7,531
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	688	660
Interest received	(2,833)	(510)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(3,137)	14,309
Decrease in creditors	(14,659)	(27,295)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	<u>(27,952)</u>	<u>41,376</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	245,440	(66,894)	178,546
	<u>245,440</u>	<u>(66,894)</u>	<u>178,546</u>
Total	<u>245,440</u>	<u>(66,894)</u>	<u>178,546</u>

St Paul's Centre

**Error Messages from the Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

** CURRENT YEAR - MOVEMENT IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS
AS CALCULATED IN STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
DOES NOT AGREE TO MOVEMENT PER STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

COMPARE MOVEMENT ON STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (66,893)

TO MOVEMENT PER STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL
POSITION
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (66,894)

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. In particular the charity's operational costs (wages, premises etc) have been apportioned between expenditure on raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful estimated economic life of that asset:

Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	- 20% reducing balance
Motor Vehicles	- 20% reducing balance
Property Renovation	- 5% reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Value added tax

The charity is registered for VAT. Income and expenditure is shown net of VAT where applicable. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resource expended for which it was incurred.

St Paul's Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2024

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	2024	2023
	£	£
Donated goods given away	93,449	110,064
Donations	78,306	93,542
Local Authority Grants	124,808	82,796
Sal's Shoes	3	40
	<u>296,566</u>	<u>286,442</u>
3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	2024	2023
	£	£
Shop Sales	83,530	77,962
Cycle Sales	5,724	4,193
Scrap Sales and Used Recycling Credits	7,379	6,692
Referrals	125,475	149,169
Bulky Waste Collection Service	91,986	87,987
Rent Received	-	910
Ebay sales	40,346	37,064
Café Sales	42,347	30,874
Supported Placements	81,461	67,436
	<u>478,248</u>	<u>462,287</u>
4. INVESTMENT INCOME	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>2,833</u>	<u>510</u>
5. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	2024	2023
	£	£
Fund Raising and Publicity	2,300	1,655
Cost of selling donated goods	142,460	118,891
	<u>144,760</u>	<u>120,546</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2024

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £
Governance	517
Direct charitable expenditure	651,317
	<u>651,834</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

8. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	425,717	325,856
Social security costs	21,837	12,540
Other pension costs	15,720	10,604
	<u>463,274</u>	<u>349,000</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Drivers	6	7
Office Administration	11	11
Director	2	1
Project workers	20	11
	<u>39</u>	<u>30</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	155,302	131,140	286,442
Other trading activities	453,094	9,193	462,287
Investment income	510	-	510
Total	<u>608,906</u>	<u>140,333</u>	<u>749,239</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds			
Other trading activities	120,546	-	120,546

St Paul's Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2024

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £		
	120,546	-	120,546		
Charitable activities					
Governance	3,855	-	3,855		
Direct charitable expenditure	485,475	89,249	574,724		
Other	2,955	478	3,433		
Total	<u>612,831</u>	<u>89,727</u>	<u>702,558</u>		
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(3,925)	50,606	46,681		
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	502,991	33,790	536,781		
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>499,066</u></u>	<u><u>84,396</u></u>	<u><u>583,462</u></u>		
10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS					
	Freehold land £	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2023	300,000	73,123	37,457	48,545	459,125
Additions	-	-	7,535	36,239	43,774
Disposals	-	-	-	(5,250)	(5,250)
At 31 March 2024	<u>300,000</u>	<u>73,123</u>	<u>44,992</u>	<u>79,534</u>	<u>497,649</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2023	-	30,094	31,251	33,683	95,028
Charge for year	-	2,152	2,748	9,683	14,583
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	(2,562)	(2,562)
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>32,246</u>	<u>33,999</u>	<u>40,804</u>	<u>107,049</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2024	<u><u>300,000</u></u>	<u><u>40,877</u></u>	<u><u>10,993</u></u>	<u><u>38,730</u></u>	<u><u>390,600</u></u>
At 31 March 2023	<u><u>300,000</u></u>	<u><u>43,029</u></u>	<u><u>6,206</u></u>	<u><u>14,862</u></u>	<u><u>364,097</u></u>

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11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	15,218	12,406
VAT	-	813
Prepayments	4,774	3,636
	<u>19,992</u>	<u>16,855</u>
12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,924	185
Social security and other taxes	5,966	4,628
VAT	5,668	-
Other creditors	4,401	1,841
Accruals and deferred income	10,310	36,276
	<u>28,269</u>	<u>42,930</u>

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Food Bank	51,505	48,941	65,994	34,452
SAL's Shoes	110	-	110	-
Cycles Project	-	-	553	-
Hospital Discharge Service	23,228	107,710	41,225	89,713
Café	-	-	-	-
Community Services Development	9,000	-	-	9,000
	<u>84,396</u>	<u>156,651</u>	<u>107,882</u>	<u>133,165</u>

UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Revaluation £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Van Fund	15,738	688	11,928	-	-	4,498
Cycle Project	6,000	8,947	29,097	553	-	(13,598)
Operational	50,000	-	10,000	-	-	40,000
Development	6,000	6,000	1,602	-	-	10,398
Salary Offset	20,000	-	-	-	-	20,000
Support						
Services	6,430	-	6,430	-	-	-
SAL SHOES	-	3,629	23,098	110	-	(19,358)
Café	-	45,973	75,721	-	-	(29,298)
Maintenance	11,128	14,729	8,857	-	-	17,000
General	19,673	-	19,673	-	-	-
Fixed Assets	364,097	38,524	12,020	-	-	390,600
	<u>499,066</u>	<u>118,470</u>	<u>197,976</u>	<u>663</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>420,242</u>

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

ST PAUL'S CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1001566

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1001566

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023
for
St Paul's Centre**

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St Paul's Centre

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St Paul's Centre

**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the Trust are the advancement of the Christian faith, the relief of persons who are in condition of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick and the advancement of education. The Trust has wide powers relating to the use of the property and funds passing through its hands. The Trustees consider that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to the guidance given on public benefit published by the Charities Commission.

St Paul's Centre
Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2023

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Background

Since the Covid 19 outbreak began to reduce the Charity has been occupied with restoring/re-building services affected by the Pandemic and the effect of related lockdowns. It is heartening to report that none of the historic (and much needed) services were lost, and from the start of this period all have been operational and funded. The financial position of the charity at year end 2023 saw a surplus of £46,681.

The period of this report has also seen St Paul's continuing to develop it's new services and to make them sustainable wherever possible. For example our largest new service, the Extra Miles Hospital Discharge Service, is now supported by a local Authority Commissioned Contract, secured through a stiff robust tendering process and funded until 2025.

With growth comes the need to continue to strengthen the charity's infrastructure in terms of additional management resource; not least to reduce the workload on our CEO but also to ensure the development and monitoring of more robust policy and procedures. A key response to this was the decision by trustees to appoint a deputy CEO to bear the operational running load, strengthen the policy and systems elements of the charity, and line manage service leads. They would also stand in for the CEO, enabling him to both focus and 'step back' from more operational activities in due course. After initial attempts St Paul's appointed a consultant to undertake a recruitment exercise with the successful candidate being appointed in March 2023.

Following advice from the Council of Voluntary Services and our consultant the growth of the charity meant it would be better served to transfer the charity from the status of a Charitable Trust to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Solicitors were appointed and the process has been initiated and is ongoing. The more detailed reasoning for this move was the growth of the charity generally, the increase in trading since the development of ebay and the café. There was also concern about the vulnerability, the trustees felt under the historic Charitable Trust instrument, mostly intended for smaller Charities. This transition will be completed within the next reporting period.

Activities

Furniture Emergency Referrals

This part of the charities work realised £139,036. This remains the work we are most notable for locally and we are a sole provider of free furniture to households in need in Crewe. The downturn that has followed the pandemic has seen 395 referrals showing how crucial this work remains. Households' ineligible for an emergency referral are offered a 30% discount on essential items, this also remains a key contribution to families in need.

We are in contract for emergency referrals to March 2025.

St Paul's Foodbank

Demand for this service has been high within the period and it remains the most accurate test for the social economic welfare of the devastating impact of the downturn on the local community. Referrals for the period were 1,433 compared to 1,108 in the previous year with the number of people helped being 3,231 in 2023, an increase of 572 from 2022.

Donations totalled 34,020 kg in 2023 compared to 27,963 kg in 2022.

Of all areas, the foodbank is the one which has attracted support in terms of one-off grants and public donations. Cognisant of the probability of increasing need the charity holds ring-fenced funds to ensure we remain in a position both to meet current demand and be at least a year in advance financially for any increase in food poverty. We were grateful to receive £10,000 from the Rausing Foundation which enabled us to work with an additional 140 households through the provision of christmas gifts and hampers.

Futures

St Paul's Centre

**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

This service for adults with additional needs continues to offer high quality support and development opportunity for this very vulnerable group. Futures Clients are integrated into the life of the charity, this clearly adds value to our offer by creating a sense of purpose and teamwork, the service is very highly thought of by carers and social work staff alike.

This was the last of the services closed through lockdown to be re-instated. We took advice from within the sector to develop personal contracts with each adult family or carer. This included an agreement that secures regular payments enabling the service to be more financially stable.

Extra Miles Hospital Discharge Service

This service was started in 2022 through a grant provided by Cheshire East to transport and support vulnerable patients' home. A period of seven day support is then offered to work with clients to meet any issues they face such as appointments, shopping, benefits advice or any number of other activities. This has been a very successful service and at the end of the period the service was tendered to cover both Crewe and Macclesfield. We were successful in securing the funding to cover into 2024.

Resurrection Cycles

This service continues to meet the need of individuals who are isolated or in recovery. Using cycles as a platform for individuals engagement means developing life skills, reducing isolation, team working and building self-confidence. The cycle workshop is not commercial and its running costs are more or less covered by cycle sales.

SALS Shoes

This service has provided 351 of children with free shoes in the year and has included refugees and asylum seekers. Three pairs of shoes are offered for each child and these are generally supplied through SALS Shoes International with occasional purchases or donations. This has resulted in 518 pairs of shoes being distributed. The service is therefore low cost to run but potent in reducing a high demand on already stretched household budgets. We did not receive any grants towards the staff costs involved in running this activity, but that will form part of a fundraising/budget plan for future years.

Other Activities

Sunday lunches for the isolated

This has continued to operate through funding received from Cheshire East. This has been attractive to many people living in lonely circumstances and is clearly very much appreciated.

After School Meals

Cheshire East agreed that we could carry over a small underspend to continue providing take away meals for families one night per week during term time. During the period we provided 1,710 meals.

Café on the Corner

This is a weekday café open to the general public and has increased in popularity during the last year. The appointment of a new manager was critical to the café's growth and it is now well established. We are also able to use the café out of hours as a public facility for meetings, after school meals and Sunday lunches.

Volunteers

Number of volunteers: 42 compared to 41 in 2022.

Number of hours: 3,885 compared to 3,103 in 2022.

Conclusion and looking forward

St Paul's Centre

**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

It is encouraging to see that the charity showed a good financial position at the close of another year. In addition, the decisions to strengthen management and infrastructure outlined in the 21/22 report were also taken forward in the period. The appointment of a deputy CEO has served to move things forward positively and at some pace.

From a more strengthened infrastructure the charity needs to retain focus on the financial stability of its newer services and projects as well as managing the financial stability of the more historic ones. Where services are funded by the local authority, we need to be wise in how much we depend on levels of support for the longer term. However, these are still sorely needed, comprise our main objective and will be needed in our community for the foreseeable future.

The following period from this report will see the beginning of the new CIO status, the embedding of new systems and strengthened policy and procedures. We are also currently developing systems to ensure maximum communication and marketing functions and seeking better ways to maximise gift aid on our furniture donations. Our new website has already seen a greater awareness and utilisation by the general public with easily accessible information pages and online donation functions.

In the next 18 months the charity will focus on the development of a strategic plan for St Paul's that builds on its current services and sees what can be done to increase its work outside of the building to meet needs with different services operating in the local community. Much discussion, rigorous assessment and discussion will underpin this work which will involve the whole of the charity and its partners.

We also intend to develop the trustee base in the next 18 months so that it reflects the growing shape of the charity and ensures that the skills needed for the governance of the charity are in place for the future.

St Paul's Centre

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Donations

The charity received £93,542 of donations during the period most allocated for the Foodbank. This was an increase of £39,466 compared to 2022.

Grants

Grants to the value of £9,870 were secured from the Local Authority (School Meals, Sunday Lunches)

Service Contracts

Emergency assistance - £139,036

Futures - £67,436

Income Generation

The Charity continued to Trade in the following areas:

Friday Furniture Sale

To provide local people with an opportunity to buy well priced second-hand goods. It regularly attracts over 200 customers in a three-hour window. The sale plays a critical part in funding our services and has the added advantage of reducing grant /contract dependency. In the period we raised £74,665, up from £60,799 the previous year.

Ebay sales

The shop remains successful with sales reaching £37,064 compared to £32,487 in 2022. We continue to post items across the country with a growing number of customers and the sales are generally for none essential items such as are higher end items or collectibles.

Bulky Waste

This is a contract between ourselves and ANSA waste services. St Paul's collects larger items and white goods and receives a portion of the payment made to the waste company. Every effort is made to re-use and re-distribute useable items, with others going to recycling waste. Income generated for 2023 was £87,987 which did drop from £96,986 in the previous year. We remain contracted to deliver this service for the next three years.

Café on the Corner

The café is as yet to break even but the journey to this has been solid within the year. We realised £30,874 during 2023 which increased significantly compared to 2022 where we had income of £17,907. Rising energy and food costs have made this journey somewhat challenging but the trustees remain committed to supporting and growing the business. The vision is that any surpluses can ultimately be used to contribute to the running costs of the foodbank.

Investment policy

The Trust Deed authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments with regard to the furtherance of the charity's objectives, at their discretion.

St Paul's Centre

Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

In addition to the funds already committed or invested in tangible fixed assets, the trustees have established a policy whereby an amount of £50,000 of unrestricted funds is held in a savings account to be used as an operational contingency. The decision to use this fund can only be taken at a board meeting.

The level of reserves as at 31 March 2023 is £583,462 made up of £364,097 fixed assets, £84,396 restricted funds, £65,296 designated funds and after taking into account the £50,000 operational contingency leaves an excess "free reserve" of £19,673 to be used towards furtherance of ongoing and future projects.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1001566

Principal address

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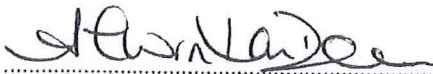
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Ms C Lewin
Mrs A Thornton-Dean
Mrs A D Walsh
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 4/1/24 and signed on its behalf by:


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Mrs A Thornton-Dean - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St Paul's Centre**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Paul's Centre

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Paul's Centre (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



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Date:4/1/24.....

St Paul's Centre

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	155,303	131,140	286,443	169,985
Other trading activities	3	453,094	9,193	462,287	355,006
Investment income	4	510	-	510	30
Other income		-	-	-	515
Total		<u>608,907</u>	<u>140,333</u>	<u>749,240</u>	<u>525,536</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds					
Other trading activities	5	120,546	-	120,546	74,334
		120,546	-	120,546	74,334
Charitable activities					
Governance	6	3,855	-	3,855	1,630
Direct charitable expenditure		485,476	89,249	574,725	439,308
Other		2,955	478	3,433	2,686
Total		<u>612,832</u>	<u>89,727</u>	<u>702,559</u>	<u>517,958</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(3,925)	50,606	46,681	7,578
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		502,991	33,790	536,781	529,203
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>499,066</u>	<u>84,396</u>	<u>583,462</u>	<u>536,781</u>

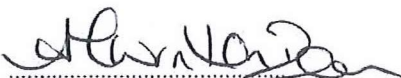
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St Paul's Centre

Statement of Financial Position
31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	364,097	-	364,097	369,354
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	16,855	-	16,855	31,164
Cash at bank and in hand		126,419	119,021	245,440	206,488
		<u>143,274</u>	<u>119,021</u>	<u>262,295</u>	<u>237,652</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(8,305)	(34,625)	(42,930)	(70,225)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>134,969</u>	<u>84,396</u>	<u>219,365</u>	<u>167,427</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>499,066</u>	<u>84,396</u>	<u>583,462</u>	<u>536,781</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>499,066</u>	<u>84,396</u>	<u>583,462</u>	<u>536,781</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	13			499,066	502,991
Restricted funds				84,396	33,790
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>583,462</u>	<u>536,781</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 4/1/24 and were signed on its behalf by:


A Thornton-Dean - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

St Paul's Centre

Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	41,376	52,797
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>41,376</u>	<u>52,797</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(5,634)	(4,200)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		2,700	-
Interest received		510	30
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(2,424)</u>	<u>(4,170)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		38,952	48,627
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>206,488</u>	<u>157,861</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>245,440</u>	<u>206,488</u>

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St Paul's Centre

Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	46,681	7,578
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	7,531	8,133
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	660	-
Interest received	(510)	(30)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	14,309	(17,411)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(27,295)	54,527
Net cash provided by operations	<u>41,376</u>	<u>52,797</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.22	Cash flow	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	206,488	38,952	245,440
	<u>206,488</u>	<u>38,952</u>	<u>245,440</u>
Total	<u>206,488</u>	<u>38,952</u>	<u>245,440</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

St Paul's Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. In particular the charity's operational costs (wages, premises etc) have been apportioned between expenditure on raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful estimated economic life of that asset:

Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	- 20% reducing balance
Motor Vehicles	- 20% reducing balance
Property Renovation	- 5% reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Value added tax

The charity is registered for VAT. Income and expenditure is shown net of VAT where applicable. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resource expended for which it was incurred.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2023

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Donated goods given away	110,065	72,454
Donations	93,542	54,076
Local Authority Grants	82,796	37,639
Sal's Shoes	40	5,816
	<u>286,443</u>	<u>169,985</u>
3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Shop Sales	77,962	63,171
Cycle Sales	4,193	790
Scrap Sales and Used Recycling Credits	6,692	6,386
Referrals	149,169	99,378
Bulky Waste Collection Service	87,987	96,986
Rent Received	910	1,278
Ebay sales	37,064	32,487
Wheelie Bin Deliveries	-	12,750
Café Sales	30,874	17,907
Supported Placements	67,436	23,873
	<u>462,287</u>	<u>355,006</u>
4. INVESTMENT INCOME		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	510	30
	<u>510</u>	<u>30</u>
5. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Fund Raising and Publicity	1,655	588
Cost of selling donated goods	118,891	73,746
	<u>120,546</u>	<u>74,334</u>

St Paul's Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2023

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £
Governance	3,855
Direct charitable expenditure	<u>574,725</u>
	<u>578,580</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

8. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>349,001</u>	<u>268,921</u>
	<u>349,001</u>	<u>268,921</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Drivers	7	4
Office Administration	11	11
Director	1	1
Project workers	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>30</u>	<u>20</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	108,978	61,007	169,985
Other trading activities	355,006	-	355,006
Investment income	30	-	30
Other income	<u>515</u>	-	<u>515</u>
Total	<u>464,529</u>	<u>61,007</u>	<u>525,536</u>

EXPENDITURE ON

St Paul's Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Raising funds			
Other trading activities	74,334	-	74,334
	<u>74,334</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,334</u>
Charitable activities			
Governance	1,630	-	1,630
Direct charitable expenditure	391,512	47,796	439,308
Other	2,686	-	2,686
	<u>470,162</u>	<u>47,796</u>	<u>517,958</u>
Total	<u>470,162</u>	<u>47,796</u>	<u>517,958</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(5,633)	13,211	7,578
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	508,624	20,579	529,203
	<u>508,624</u>	<u>20,579</u>	<u>529,203</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>502,991</u>	<u>33,790</u>	<u>536,781</u>

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land £	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2022	300,000	73,123	33,523	51,045	457,691
Additions	-	-	3,934	1,700	5,634
Disposals	-	-	-	(4,200)	(4,200)
	<u>300,000</u>	<u>73,123</u>	<u>37,457</u>	<u>48,545</u>	<u>459,125</u>
At 31 March 2023	300,000	73,123	37,457	48,545	459,125
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2022	-	27,829	29,700	30,808	88,337
Charge for year	-	2,265	1,551	3,715	7,531
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	(840)	(840)
	<u>-</u>	<u>30,094</u>	<u>31,251</u>	<u>33,683</u>	<u>95,028</u>
At 31 March 2023	-	30,094	31,251	33,683	95,028
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2023	<u>300,000</u>	<u>43,029</u>	<u>6,206</u>	<u>14,862</u>	<u>364,097</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>300,000</u>	<u>45,294</u>	<u>3,823</u>	<u>20,237</u>	<u>369,354</u>

St Paul's Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2023

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	12,406	27,827
VAT	813	-
Prepayments	3,636	3,337
	<u>16,855</u>	<u>31,164</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	185	763
Social security and other taxes	4,628	4,033
VAT	-	3,151
Other creditors	1,841	1,481
Accruals and deferred income	36,276	60,797
	<u>42,930</u>	<u>70,225</u>

St Paul's Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2023

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Food Bank	20,130	74,999	43,624	51,505
SAL's Shoes	3,724	40	3,654	110
Cycles Project	4,254	15,294	18,995	553
Hospital Discharge Service	5,682	36,000	18,454	23,228
Café	-	5,000	5,000	-
Community Services Development	-	9,000	-	9,000
	<u>33,790</u>	<u>140,433</u>	<u>89,727</u>	<u>84,396</u>

UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Revaluation £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Van Fund	10,638	5,100	-	-	-	15,738
Cycle Project	-	6,000	-	-	-	6,000
Operational	20,000	30,000	-	-	-	50,000
Development	11,700	22,863	28,563	-	-	6,000
Salary Offset	20,000	-	-	-	-	20,000
Support						
Services	6,430	-	-	-	-	6,430
Café	743	30,874	31,617	-	-	-
Maintenance	-	11,128	-	-	-	11,128
General	64,126	387,239	431,692	-	-	19,673
Fixed Assets	369,354	5,634	10,891	-	-	364,097
	<u>502,991</u>	<u>498,838</u>	<u>502,763</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>499,066</u>

St Paul's Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2023

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

St Paul's Centre

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donated goods given away	110,065	72,454
Donations	93,542	54,076
Local Authority Grants	82,796	37,639
Sal's Shoes	40	5,816
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	286,443	169,985
Other trading activities		
Shop Sales	77,962	63,171
Cycle Sales	4,193	790
Scrap Sales and Used Recycling Credits	6,692	6,386
Referrals	149,169	99,378
Bulky Waste Collection Service	87,987	96,986
Rent Received	910	1,278
Ebay sales	37,064	32,487
Wheelie Bin Deliveries	-	12,750
Café Sales	30,874	17,907
Supported Placements	67,436	23,873
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	462,287	355,006
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	510	30
Other income		
COVID Support Grants	-	515
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Total incoming resources	749,240	525,536
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Fund Raising and Publicity	1,655	588
Cost of selling donated goods	118,891	73,746
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	120,546	74,334
Charitable activities		
Wages	349,001	268,921
Insurance	12,411	10,798
Light and heat	10,509	8,271
Telephone	2,708	2,233
Carried forward	374,629	290,223

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St Paul's Centre

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	374,629	290,223
Postage and stationery	1,394	1,505
Donations	1,001	6,014
Building Maintenance	13,683	3,763
Vehicle Expenses	23,928	16,315
Staff Expenses	1,647	1,031
Volunteer Expenses	-	181
Office Equipment	4,394	4,810
Project Costs - Food Bank	15,298	6,563
Project Costs - Cycles	6,965	246
Project Costs - Home Starter Packs	10,654	3,867
Project Costs - WEEE	70,682	54,402
Project Costs - Other	3,187	4,704
Professional Fees	14,818	2,136
Project Costs - St Paul's Café	20,499	30,800
Accountancy	3,855	1,630
Transfer to cost of selling donated goods	(118,891)	(73,746)
Donated goods given away	110,069	72,454
Project Costs - Wheelie Bin Deliveries	-	5,907
Project Costs - Ebay	2,369	-
Project Costs - Hospital Discharge Service	10,208	-
Improvements to property depreciation	2,265	2,380
Fixtures & fittings depreciation	1,551	694
Motor vehicles depreciation	3,715	5,059
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	660	-
	<u>578,580</u>	<u>440,938</u>
Other		
Health & Safety	2,448	1,565
Membership Fees	985	1,121
	<u>3,433</u>	<u>2,686</u>
Total resources expended	<u>702,559</u>	<u>517,958</u>
Net income	<u><u>46,681</u></u>	<u><u>7,578</u></u>

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ST PAUL'S CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1001566

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1001566

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022
for
St Paul's Centre**

**Banks Sheridan
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St Paul's Centre

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for the year ended 31 March 2022**

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St Paul's Centre

**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the Trust are the advancement of the Christian faith, the relief of persons who are in condition of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick and the advancement of education. The Trust has wide powers relating to the use of the property and funds passing through its hands. The Trustees consider that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to the guidance given on public benefit published by the Charities Commission.

St Paul's Centre

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2022

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Background

The period saw the Charity recommencing services that had reduced or been halted due to Pandemic restrictions. It was also a time of modest growth and development that saw several new projects begin and current projects grow and develop. At the close of the year St Paul's Centre turned a surplus of £7,578 against a projected deficit of £36,500 at the start of the year. Our financial forecast for the period had been exceedingly cautious due to uncertainty over any possible lingering impact of Covid.

The Charity can trace the positive position it found itself in during the period to the following contributions:

- The stability and oversight of the Board of Trustees. The steady oversight and support of the Board fostered a culture of recovery and growth critical for that year where the vicissitudes of the Pandemic could still threaten. We needed and had a 'steady ship'. At the same time the board responded to growth projects with both enthusiasm and support as they exercised their obligation to due diligence.
- The expertise and commitment of the staff team remained a key feature of growth. Under advisement we undertook several changes in roles which, whilst not truly a 'restructuring', needed to be undertaken to maximise efficiency and effectiveness in key areas. The focus has been to continue to have clear lines of responsibility by area and a strong commitment to clear lines of management. This has shown itself to be essential in a growing charity committed to various work areas from Cafés to moving furniture.
- The Charity has benefited from the CEOs fundraising and development skills. This has meant that new funds and projects were secured, adding to the Charity's service portfolio. This has served to focus St Paul's Centre more strategically on its capacity to grow for the future with services that are not dependent on 'site based' activity. An example of this is the Extra Miles Hospital Discharge service.
- The Charity continued to implement a dynamic Covid-19 risk assessment process throughout the year. We operated under government guidelines and sought to respond safely, carefully managing each department to minimise transmission, focusing on staff/volunteer and customer safety. This approach enabled a 'carry on safely approach' as we moved through the more severe stages of the pandemic.

As we re-opened all our historical core services that had been affected/closed by lockdown restrictions it was encouraging to see each area being increasingly utilised by people in need and St Paul's Centre still being recognised as a key local charity. Growth areas included Hospital Discharge and Café on the Corner.

In more strategic terms the CEO and Trustees' plans in 2021/22 included releasing funding to do key repairs and to increase support for areas needing more resource such as finance, health and safety and support with strategic planning. Resulting work will be implemented in 2022/23 and details and impact of any action will be included in our reporting for that year. The decision was also made to go to the market in 22/23 to secure an additional senior role to reduce the pressure on the CEO.

Service Activity

Furniture Recycling

Emergency Assistance and 30% Furniture Referrals - One of our key charitable objectives is to ensure that people on low income have access to free or low-cost furniture. This happens in the main through two processes:

- Emergency Assistance referrals from Cheshire East: In 2021/22 we received 310 referrals for crisis furniture and white goods, our busiest year to date with a 71% increase over our previous record in 2017/18.
- 30% referrals for those not eligible for EA: In 2021/22 we received 46 referrals.
- In total, 745 people were helped through the two furniture referral schemes.

We were successful in securing a further 3-year EA Contract from Cheshire East Council to run until March 2025.

St Paul's Pantry

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In the period 2021 to 22 we handed out over 1,100 food parcels helping 2,659 people. These figures are thankfully down from the 2020/21 when the country was in the throes of the pandemic, with prolonged periods of full lock down and number of referrals to the foodbank at an all-time high. However, the 2021/22 figures are still the second highest since the foodbank was launched in 2015.

The year impressed upon us the longer-term need for the foodbank, and we began developing plans to ensure adequate operational management. We secured a grant from Bentley Motors through the Cheshire Community Foundation to fund the overheads and any emergency food supplies for the year.

SALS Shoes

With this free children's footwear project in place at the start of the year, SALS shoes was developed in the following ways:

- Promotional drive with referral agents.
- Work with schools to offer shoe drop off boxes to ease access for clients.
- Work with refugee and migrant projects to supply shoes to needy, recently arrived families.

During the period we provided 173 children with free footwear, fitting and gifting 259 pairs of shoes.

We secured a grant from Cheshire Community Foundation to revenue the project for a year.

Adults with Additional Needs (FUTURES)

A highlight of the year was that we were able to re-open this service which had been very vulnerable to the effects of the pandemic. As the risk of Covid reduced, former service users were ready to return. This meant appointing new staff and preparing an improved and refurbished space for them to meet together where they could undertake the wide range of activities they enjoy.

At this time we altered the method of payment ensuring that each Young Adult had an annual contract in place agreed by their carer/family. This enabled us to ensure that finances were more stable, and that holidays and absences were covered in a reasonable way.

10 young adults registered with us in the period. The service is a unique blend of integrated activity for the Charity's community services (bric-a-brac preparation, foodbank storage, referral home starter packs, making cards to sell in the Café) and their own enrichment activities with Art, Crafts, Cooking, Horticulture. The service is very positive and exciting.

We agreed with Cheshire East LD Team that we would seek to register on a Flexible Purchasing System for the future so that additional Adults could see a range of services online and families could choose the most appropriate option for their young adult. We are currently pursuing this opportunity.

Cycle Workshop

During the period we were able to refurbish and prepare the Cycle Workshop which has always been a feature of St Paul's Centre. We secured a grant from the Cheshire Community Foundation and at the end of the year the refurbishment was well on the way and a Cycle Lead had been appointed ready for delivery in summer 2022. At the time of writing the project is busy and effective in engaging people who struggle with isolation, young offenders and care leavers as well as adults with additional needs.

Extra Miles Hospital Discharge Service

We were approached by the Local Authority to undertake a 10-month weekend Hospital Discharge Service to reduce bed blocking and provide a safe and supported journey home. The ten-month period would allow the LA to see what the demand was for this service and possibly to mainstream a commissioned service for the future. We risk assessed the service and were able to respond within a short period of time. We had in-house staff experienced in similar service provision and felt that this was a modest extension of St Paul's Centre's activities.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2022

The service continues into November 2022 and has been successful so far from our side, though initially uptake was fairly low.

We secured a grant of £30k for this service.

Volunteers

The lifting of restrictions saw a steady return of volunteers to the Charity. Over the year 39 regular volunteers have helped us to deliver our services, offering their time to sort through donations of food and bric-a-brac and textiles, undertake minor repairs and DIY, make up food parcels, shift furniture, assist our Futures team and help in the Café. Together they have given well over 3000 hours of their time which has been of immense value to the Charity and greatly appreciated by all staff.

Conclusion and looking forward

St Paul's Centre has made a very successful journey through two years of its greatest challenges. It is now ready to develop a longer-term growth plan, and actions have been put in place to facilitate this that were agreed at the close of the reporting period. They will be (and are) being implemented in the current year:

- A modest internal restructuring so that each area has a service lead with adequate human and financial resource to cover both delivery and administration
- The appointment of consultants/services to strengthen the infrastructure of the Charity as it grows. The following has been agreed:
 - The appointment of a Health and Safety company to support the work of the Charity to remain compliant and safe. (This is now in place)
 - Support for the Financial Administrator to ensure that reports to Board and the development of the use of systems can be taken forward. (This is now in place)
 - Support for the CEO and Board in developing strategic and fundraising plans for the future. (This is now in place)
 - Occasional support for writing tenders as required. (Now in place)
- A programme of works to ensure that the fabric of the building is maintained. (Almost completed)

It is also very clear to the Trustees and Chair that the Charity needs to provide senior management that has overall responsibility for the operations of the Charity. There is also the need to reduce dependence and the hours of the CEO for 2023 onwards. At the close of this period of reporting the Board agreed that a Deputy CEO should be appointed by March 2023. We have appointed a consultant in the field to support this activity which we will report on next year.

St Paul's Centre

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2022

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Donations, Grants, Contracts

Donations - The realities of the Pandemic continued to stimulate donations with financial giving remaining above our yearly pre-Covid average. In the period we received £38,000 in donations, compared with £69,900 the previous year when we were in the throes of the pandemic. The Charity would struggle to deliver its services without this most wonderful and much valued support from our community.

Grant based fundraising - The Charity received grant funding from the Cheshire Community Foundation towards the Cycle Project (£15,000), towards SALS Shoes (£9,500), and towards the foodbank (£10,940). We also received grant funding from Cheshire East towards emergency food provision under Covid (£38,841) and for the Extra Miles hospital discharge service (£30,000). The funding period runs over into the new financial year for some of the grants and a proportion of the income has therefore been deferred to 2022/23.

Contractual funding - Our Emergency Assistance contract brought in £94,000 in the year to 31 March 2022 against a projected income of £60,000. A new three-year contract has been secured to run from April 2022. Individual contracts for Supported Adults (FUTURES) realised £23,873 for 7 months of service provision. Our Bulky Waste contract realised £96,986 against a projected income of £72,000.

Income Generation

Friday sales - By year end we had restored our Friday Sale to run each week. In the period we raised £60,799, up from £7,209 the previous year. The sales provide local people with an opportunity to buy well priced second-hand goods. It regularly attracts over 200 customers in a three-hour window. The sale plays a critical part in funding our services and has the added advantage of reducing grant /contract dependency.

eBay sales - The period is the first full year of trading for the Charity and sales figures speak for themselves with £32,487 being generated in additional sales income. We made investment in staff time for the project which is the key reason it has been so successful. We are now posting items across the country with a growing number of customers, and we have attracted sales from as far as USA and China. Items sold on eBay are higher end items or collectibles only.

Café on the Corner. The period recounts seven months of trading in this new venture where we realised £17,907. The purpose of the Café (open 8-2 Monday to Friday) is to contribute toward the none-food costs of running St Pauls Pantry, our foodbank. The Café has attracted skilled and enthusiastic staff and volunteers, although it has struggled to retain some staff for their own personal reasons. The Café has increased public exposure of St Paul's Centre, gaining increased and significant support and sales.

Investment policy

The Trust Deed authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments with regard to the furtherance of the charity's objectives, at their discretion.

Reserves policy

In addition to the funds already committed or invested in tangible fixed assets, the trustees have established a policy whereby an amount of £12,000 of unrestricted funds is held in a savings account to be used as an operational contingency. The decision to use this fund can only be taken at a board meeting.

The level of reserves as at 31 March 2022 is £536,781 made up of £369,354 fixed assets, £33,790 restricted funds, £69,511 designated funds and after taking into account the £12,000 operational contingency leaves an excess "free reserve" of £52,126 to be used towards furtherance of ongoing and future projects.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1001566

St Paul's Centre

**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

Principal address

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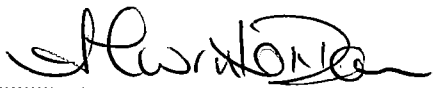
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Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 13/12/22 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Mrs A Thornton-Dean - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St Paul's Centre**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Paul's Centre

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Paul's Centre (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Chartered Accountant which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



Stuart Banks BSc FCA
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Date: 20th December 2022

St Paul's Centre

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	108,978	61,007	169,985	153,418
Other trading activities	3	355,006	-	355,006	147,738
Investment income	4	30	-	30	48
Other income		515	-	515	43,752
Total		<u>464,529</u>	<u>61,007</u>	<u>525,536</u>	<u>344,956</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds					
Other trading activities	5	74,334	-	74,334	40,877
		<u>74,334</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,334</u>	<u>40,877</u>
Charitable activities					
Governance	6	1,630	-	1,630	158,346
Direct charitable expenditure		391,512	47,796	439,308	109,168
Other		2,686	-	2,686	2,047
Total		<u>470,162</u>	<u>47,796</u>	<u>517,958</u>	<u>310,438</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(5,633)	13,211	7,578	34,518
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		508,624	20,579	529,203	494,685
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>502,991</u></u>	<u><u>33,790</u></u>	<u><u>536,781</u></u>	<u><u>529,203</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

St Paul's Centre

Statement of Financial Position
31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	365,154	4,200	369,354	373,287
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	31,164	-	31,164	13,753
Cash at bank and in hand		118,209	88,279	206,488	157,861
		<u>149,373</u>	<u>88,279</u>	<u>237,652</u>	<u>171,614</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(11,536)	(58,689)	(70,225)	(15,698)
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>137,837</u>	<u>29,590</u>	<u>167,427</u>	<u>155,916</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>502,991</u>	<u>33,790</u>	<u>536,781</u>	<u>529,203</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u><u>502,991</u></u>	<u><u>33,790</u></u>	<u><u>536,781</u></u>	<u><u>529,203</u></u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	13			502,991	508,624
Restricted funds				33,790	20,579
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u><u>536,781</u></u>	<u><u>529,203</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on13/12/22..... and were signed on its behalf by:



A Thornton-Dean - Trustee

St Paul's Centre

**Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	52,797	52,752
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>52,797</u>	<u>52,752</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(4,200)	(7,242)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		-	600
Interest received		30	48
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(4,170)</u>	<u>(6,594)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		48,627	46,158
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>157,861</u>	<u>111,703</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>206,488</u></u>	<u><u>157,861</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	7,578	34,518
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	8,133	8,630
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	748
Interest received	(30)	(48)
Decrease in stocks	-	258
Increase in debtors	(17,411)	(963)
Increase in creditors	54,527	9,609
	<u>52,797</u>	<u>52,752</u>
Net cash provided by operations	<u>52,797</u>	<u>52,752</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.21	Cash flow	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	157,861	48,627	206,488
	<u>157,861</u>	<u>48,627</u>	<u>206,488</u>
Total	<u>157,861</u>	<u>48,627</u>	<u>206,488</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

St Paul's Centre

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. In particular the charity's operational costs (wages, premises etc) have been apportioned between expenditure on raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful estimated economic life of that asset:

Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	- 20% reducing balance
Motor Vehicles	- 20% reducing balance
Property Renovation	- 5% reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Value added tax

The charity is registered for VAT. Income and expenditure is shown net of VAT where applicable. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resource expended for which it was incurred.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	2022	2021
	£	£
Donated goods given away	72,454	37,067
Donations	54,076	104,367
Local Authority Grants	37,639	4,000
Supported Employment & Training Grants	-	300
Sal's Shoes	5,816	7,684
	<u>169,985</u>	<u>153,418</u>
 3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	 2022	 2021
	£	£
Shop Sales	63,171	18,165
Cycle Sales	790	1,695
Scrap Sales and Used Recycling Credits	6,386	3,389
Referrals	99,378	41,487
Bulky Waste Collection Service	96,986	81,202
Rent Received	1,278	1,800
Ebay sales	32,487	-
Wheelie Bin Deliveries	12,750	-
Café Sales	17,907	-
Supported Placements	23,873	-
	<u>355,006</u>	<u>147,738</u>
 4. INVESTMENT INCOME	 2022	 2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	30	48
	<u>30</u>	<u>48</u>
 5. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	 2022	 2021
	£	£
Fund Raising and Publicity	588	3,617
Cost of selling donated goods	73,746	37,260
	<u>74,334</u>	<u>40,877</u>

St Paul's Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2022

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £
Governance	1,630
Direct charitable expenditure	439,308
	<u>440,938</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

8. STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	268,921	190,589
	<u>268,921</u>	<u>190,589</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Drivers	4	2
Office Administration	11	10
Director	1	1
Project workers	4	2
	<u>20</u>	<u>15</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	95,875	57,543	153,418
Other trading activities	147,738	-	147,738
Investment income	48	-	48
Other income	43,752	-	43,752
Total	<u>287,413</u>	<u>57,543</u>	<u>344,956</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds			
Other trading activities	40,877	-	40,877

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2022

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
	40,877	-	40,877
Charitable activities			
Governance	158,346	-	158,346
Direct charitable expenditure	72,904	36,264	109,168
Other	1,347	700	2,047
Total	<u>273,474</u>	<u>36,964</u>	<u>310,438</u>
NET INCOME	13,939	20,579	34,518
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	494,685	-	494,685
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>508,624</u>	<u>20,579</u>	<u>529,203</u>

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land £	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2021	300,000	73,123	33,523	46,845	453,491
Additions	-	-	-	4,200	4,200
At 31 March 2022	<u>300,000</u>	<u>73,123</u>	<u>33,523</u>	<u>51,045</u>	<u>457,691</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2021	-	25,449	29,006	25,748	80,203
Charge for year	-	2,380	694	5,060	8,134
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>27,829</u>	<u>29,700</u>	<u>30,808</u>	<u>88,337</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2022	<u>300,000</u>	<u>45,294</u>	<u>3,823</u>	<u>20,237</u>	<u>369,354</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>300,000</u>	<u>47,674</u>	<u>4,517</u>	<u>21,097</u>	<u>373,288</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	2022	2021
11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	£	£
Trade debtors	27,827	8,198
Prepayments	3,337	5,555
	<u>31,164</u>	<u>13,753</u>
12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	£	£
Trade creditors	763	1,446
Social security and other taxes	4,033	2,931
VAT	3,151	974
Other creditors	1,481	772
Accruals and deferred income	60,797	9,575
	<u>70,225</u>	<u>15,698</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2022

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Food Bank	14,733	41,691	36,294	20,130
SAL's Shoes	5,062	5,816	7,154	3,724
Cycles Project	-	4,500	246	4,254
Hospital Discharge Service	-	9,000	3,318	5,682
Fixed Assets	784	-	784	-
	<u>20,579</u>	<u>61,007</u>	<u>47,796</u>	<u>33,790</u>

UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	evaluation £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Van Fund	5,538	5,100	-	-	-	10,638
Cycle Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operational	20,000	-	-	-	-	20,000
Development	11,700	-	-	-	-	11,700
Salary Offset	20,000	-	-	-	-	20,000
Support Services	10,000	-	3,570	-	-	6,430
Café	14,543	17,000	30,800	-	-	743
General	53,555	438,229	427,658	-	-	64,126
Fixed Assets	373,288	4,200	8,134	-	-	369,354
	<u>508,624</u>	<u>464,529</u>	<u>470,162</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>502,991</u>

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donated goods given away	72,454	37,067
Donations	54,076	104,367
Local Authority Grants	37,639	4,000
Supported Employment & Training Grants	-	300
Sal's Shoes	5,816	7,684
	<u>169,985</u>	<u>153,418</u>
Other trading activities		
Shop Sales	63,171	18,165
Cycle Sales	790	1,695
Scrap Sales and Used Recycling Credits	6,386	3,389
Referrals	99,378	41,487
Bulky Waste Collection Service	96,986	81,202
Rent Received	1,278	1,800
Ebay sales	32,487	-
Wheelie Bin Deliveries	12,750	-
Café Sales	17,907	-
Supported Placements	23,873	-
	<u>355,006</u>	<u>147,738</u>
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	30	48
Other income		
COVID Support Grants	515	43,752
	<u>515</u>	<u>43,752</u>
Total incoming resources	525,536	344,956
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Fund Raising and Publicity	588	3,617
Cost of selling donated goods	73,746	37,260
	<u>74,334</u>	<u>40,877</u>
Charitable activities		
Wages	268,921	190,589
Insurance	10,798	10,314
Light and heat	8,271	6,563
Telephone	2,233	2,320
Postage and stationery	1,505	1,000
Donations	6,014	100
Carried forward	297,742	210,886

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	297,742	210,886
Building Maintenance	3,763	5,459
Vehicle Expenses	16,315	12,710
Staff Expenses	1,031	888
Volunteer Expenses	181	303
Sundry & Cleaning	-	66
Office Equipment	4,810	2,263
Project Costs - Food Bank	6,563	3,919
Project Costs - Cycles	246	-
Project Costs - Home Starter Packs	3,867	2,250
Project Costs - WEEE	54,402	14,347
Project Costs - Other	4,704	1,993
Professional Fees	2,136	1,540
Project Costs - St Paul's Café	30,800	-
Accountancy	1,630	1,705
Transfer to cost of selling donated goods	(73,746)	(37,260)
Donated goods given away	72,454	37,067
Project Costs - Wheelie Bin Deliveries	5,907	-
Improvements to property depreciation	2,380	2,506
Fixtures & fittings depreciation	694	850
Motor vehicles depreciation	5,059	5,274
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	-	748
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	440,938	267,514
Other		
Health & Safety	1,565	1,531
Membership Fees	1,121	516
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	2,686	2,047
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Total resources expended	517,958	310,438
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Net income	<u>7,578</u>	<u>34,518</u>

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ST PAUL'S CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1001566

Accounts

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021
for
St Paul's Centre**

Banks Sheridan
Datum House
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St Paul's Centre

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for the year ended 31 March 2021**

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St Paul's Centre

**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the Trust are the advancement of the Christian faith, the relief of persons who are in condition of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick and the advancement of education. The Trust has wide powers relating to the use of the property and funds passing through its hands. The Trustees consider that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to the guidance given on public benefit published by the Charities Commission.

St Paul's Centre

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2021

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Background

The last twelve months have been challenging for St Paul's Centre; it has found itself managing and planning its services in the context of the Coronavirus Pandemic that appeared in March 2020. Everything was affected by the Pandemic in some way and like other Charities careful planning and management were needed to survive and to continue to deliver essential services to people in need as best we could. Added to this very challenging circumstance (though unrelated) was the planned departure of the previous CEO of 25 years. The CEO position was offered to a candidate but retracted shortly after due to the unknown future of the charity as a result of COVID-19.

At this time two Trustees left the Board and four new Trustees were appointed. Each of these had necessary experience in Charity Management, Finance (a qualified accountant) and Health and Safety.

From March 2020 to December 2020 the Charity was directly managed (unpaid) by the Chair of the Board of Trustees. This was necessary due to the financial and operational risks the Charity faced.

During this period the following key actions took place.

- Daily 'Zoom' meetings with operational staff who were still delivering key services.
- Closure of our Adults with Additional Needs service (untenable due to Covid). A redundancy exercise was undertaken with advice from Peninsula.
- We maximised the staff on furlough' under the provisions of Government funding.
- During this period Trustees met fortnightly by Zoom covering personnel, financial monitoring and any other matters related to the safe and smooth running of the Charity's effective governance.

From July 2020 the Chair of the Board managed the remaining services being based in an office at St Paul's Centre for 5 mornings per week.

In Jan 2021 the Chair of the Board was appointed as temporary CEO in a paid position for 30 hours per week, and relinquished the role of chair for that purpose. The changes to the Board were reported to the Charity Commission accordingly.

These actions enabled the Charity both to remain financially viable, and able to continue to deliver its services within the restrictions of the Pandemic. Whilst there were a series of changes in both staff and Trustees, the consistent commitment of a highly able staff team helped to sustain the Charity through these choppy waters. Our volunteer base was also sustained with new volunteers added to the work throughout the period.

Whilst we managed to continue our furniture/foodbank services, we had to suspend our activity (volunteer driven) with our cycle workshop. We took the decision to close our supported adult services and undertook a redundancy programme, after re-deploying what staff we could.

Operational Activity

Risk Management

The Charity developed a Covid 19 Risk Assessment process throughout the year with dedicated Leads at both operational and board level. This was to ensure the safety of staff, customers, volunteers, and visitors we had contact with both in the centre and in households in the community. We have worked in line with government guidance to ensure that all services were resourced to safely continue our activities and to safely deliver services during lockdown. Throughout we took advice on best practice for our furniture collection services through our links with the Furniture Reuse Network. The main area of concern was entering people's homes to collect furniture and the safe management of our Friday public furniture sale. Whilst changes have clearly affected our income during the period, the reason for this has been restrictions and developing safe practice.

Despite the very challenging circumstance that St Paul's Centre faced during the reporting period, the headlines below identify key areas of operational activity that have been undertaken throughout the period.

Furniture Recycling

St Paul's Centre

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2021

Emergency Assistance and 30% Furniture Referrals - One of our key charitable objectives is to ensure that people of low income have access to free or low-cost furniture. We were in contract with Cheshire East to deliver both furniture and white goods in Emergency Assistance during the year. Although there were challenges to this due to lockdown restrictions, we successfully completed over 200 referrals across the period, helping 365 people with essential items such as beds, washing machines and pots and pans.

Public Sales - St Paul's Centre has traditionally opened its doors every Friday morning for a public sale of furniture. This would usually attract in the region of 200 people to our site including many from low-income households. Whilst we had to stay closed the majority of the year due to Covid, we were able open on 9 Fridays in-between lockdowns with restrictions and safety measures in place.

E Bay Sales - As the Pandemic progressed, we made the decision to develop online sales through a small e-bay shop. This was initially run by a volunteer, who we were able to train and recruit as a part time E Bay Manager. This was our only means of trading during lockdown and is now a platform for selling more valuable and collectible items, helping to raise funds for our charitable projects. This continues to be a growth area for the Charity.

St Paul's Pantry

The Foodbank has responded to increased poverty and need of the local community and was in great demand throughout the period of the Pandemic. In the period we handed out over 1,300 food parcels helping 2,859 people, our busiest year since the launch of our foodbank. We secured several grants to fund the delivery of this service which included Christmas parcels including fresh food and Christmas extras for people living in temporary accommodation and a number of vulnerable families. This was very successful as were the level of donations made by the general public and various churches and groups.

It has been both heartening and salutary for St Paul's Centre to realise the vital necessity for the foodbank service as those in our community who are vulnerable and challenged during 'ordinary' times both increased in numbers and were seriously affected by the pressures of the Pandemic.

SALS Shoes

As St Paul's entered the period the outgoing CEO had secured capital funding for a project called SALS shoes. This is an international charity that supplies footwear for free to children from low-income families. The most we have been able to do with funding we received was to ensure that a smart shoe display and fitting area was erected ready for the time that we could deliver the service. The service is now fully operational as restrictions have eased.

Volunteers

The Pandemic initially saw our volunteer base somewhat reduced with age and health issues placing many at higher risk of severe illness. With most projects apart from the foodbank on hold, we recruited new volunteers specifically to help with receiving, sorting through and packaging up food parcel for referrals and deliveries. Social distancing necessitated restricted numbers of active volunteers at any one time. Many new volunteers came forward during periods of furlough from work. More volunteering opportunities emerged as we reopened our doors for our Friday sales outside of lockdowns, and to assist with short term projects such as the construction of a room for SALS Shoes. In total 42 volunteers helped to deliver our services, giving 3,048 hours of their time - considerably more than in previous years. Their contribution to the charity and to the community during this very challenging year has been immense!

Conclusion and looking forward

Although the Charity began the year co-terminus with the onset of the Pandemic and with no CEO in place, the period has been remarkably successful. Despite the challenges, the Board increased its engagement with the operational side of the Charity and members increased their commitment to regular meetings so that any crisis could be averted. Due to the restrictions and other factors, St Paul's Centre has developed its team structure to ensure a sound basis for the complexity of its delivery, and for re-emerging successfully out of what we hope are the last remaining months of the Pandemic.

St Paul's Centre

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Since the period in question St Paul's Centre has welcomed back its Supported Adults service and is preparing to re-open its cycle re-use workshop in 2022. Having made good these losses during 2020/21 to the people who so need them, we can also report a widening of our activity with a weekday Café in a newly refurbished John Ashe Hall, which also doubles as a community Hub. SALS shoes is now fully operational and has worked with over 100 children, providing over 150 pairs of shoes.

2022 will see the Charity developing further plans related to emerging from the Pandemic. This will include bolstering governance by recruiting new Trustees, assessing the requirements of Leadership in the Charity and developing a longer term strategic plan.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Finance

Gifts

Financial Donations - The support from our local community during the pandemic was phenomenal, with the majority of financial donations coming in from private individuals either directly or through Just Giving or the Charities Aid Foundation, but also from local churches and businesses. As a result, St Paul's Centre received £69,940 in financial gifts in this period which is included in the donations of £104,367 - more than double the previous year. It is clear that the charity continues to be perceived as an essential part of the local community as key agent of help and support to those in need.

Fundraising - During this period we were also able to secure a further £43,405 through fundraising and a series of grants. £35,721 was specifically for the development, expansion and delivery of the foodbank service which required greater investment in terms of staffing, administration, space and overheads. Smaller funds were raised towards set-up costs for SALS Shoes and the development of eCommerce (online sales) necessitated by lockdown. Neither the foodbank or SALS Shoes are income generating and are reliant on funding especially in a year when our income generating projects have been on hold.

Income Generation

Furniture Sales - Lockdown for much of this period severely restricted the collection of reuse items and our ability to trade. Total sales income was down by two thirds on the previous year. The appointment of a retail team/volunteers secured a new vision for trading to support the Charity's work, establishing online trading through eBay. Of the £24,000 sales income in this period half was already generated through online sales.

Furniture Referrals - Again, referrals were adversely affected by the pandemic with lockdown halting collections of reuse items or preventing deliveries into properties. The number of referrals fell dramatically and were slow to recover. Income from referrals, predominantly from Emergency Assistance, fell by 42% from the previous year.

Bulky Waste - The collection of waste furniture from outside households is undertaken through a contract with the sub-contractor for Cheshire East Council. The value of the Contract is budgeted at around £71,000. During lockdown the service increased as people cleared out unwanted items and disposed of significant volumes of furniture. This enabled us to realise an income of £81,202. This was a welcome and unexpected increase in the year. We also negotiated and signed a further 2-year contract to deliver this service up until March 2023.

Closed Projects - The pandemic saw the temporary closure of the following income generating projects - supported adults service, cycle workshop and café. All three projects remained shut for the duration of the period. The only income raised was from the sale of cycles to other organisations/projects as parts or scrap.

Investment policy

The Trust Deed authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments with regard to the furtherance of the charity's objectives, at their discretion.

St Paul's Centre

Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

In addition to the funds already committed or invested in tangible fixed assets, the trustees have established a policy whereby an amount of £12,000 of unrestricted funds is held in a savings account to be used as an operational contingency. The decision to use this fund can only be taken at a board meeting.

The level of reserves as at 31 March 2021 is £529,203 made up of £372,504 fixed assets, £20,579 restricted funds, £67,238 designated funds and after taking into account the £12,000 operational contingency leaves an excess "free reserve" of £56,882 to be used towards furtherance of ongoing and future projects.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1001566

Principal address

St Pauls Centre
Hightown
Crewe
Cheshire
CW1 3BY

Trustees

P Midgley
Ms C Lewin
R Holmes (resigned 31.12.20)
Mrs A T Dean
Mrs A D Walsh (appointed 24.7.20)
D McCabe (appointed 24.7.20)

Independent Examiner

Stuart Banks BSc FCA
Chartered Accountant
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 13/1/22 and signed on its behalf by: ATD



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Mrs A T Dean - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St Paul's Centre**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Paul's Centre

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Paul's Centre (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Chartered Accountant which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

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St Paul's Centre

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		95,875	57,543	153,418	178,061
Other trading activities	2	147,738	-	147,738	237,585
Investment income	3	48	-	48	225
Other income		43,752	-	43,752	-
Total		<u>287,413</u>	<u>57,543</u>	<u>344,956</u>	<u>415,871</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds					
Other trading activities		40,877	-	40,877	69,642
		<u>40,877</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,877</u>	<u>69,642</u>
Charitable activities					
Governance		158,346	-	158,346	1,500
Direct charitable expenditure		72,904	36,264	109,168	345,580
Other		1,347	700	2,047	1,830
Total		<u>273,474</u>	<u>36,964</u>	<u>310,438</u>	<u>418,552</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>13,939</u>	<u>20,579</u>	<u>34,518</u>	<u>(2,681)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>494,685</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>494,685</u>	<u>497,366</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>508,624</u></u>	<u><u>20,579</u></u>	<u><u>529,203</u></u>	<u><u>494,685</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

St Paul's Centre

Statement of Financial Position
31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	372,503	784	373,287	376,023
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	8	-	-	-	258
Debtors	9	13,753	-	13,753	12,790
Cash at bank and in hand		138,066	19,795	157,861	111,703
		<u>151,819</u>	<u>19,795</u>	<u>171,614</u>	<u>124,751</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(15,698)	-	(15,698)	(6,089)
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>136,121</u>	<u>19,795</u>	<u>155,916</u>	<u>118,662</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>508,624</u>	<u>20,579</u>	<u>529,203</u>	<u>494,685</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>508,624</u>	<u>20,579</u>	<u>529,203</u>	<u>494,685</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	11			508,624	494,685
Restricted funds				20,579	-
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>529,203</u>	<u>494,685</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 13/1/22 and were signed on its behalf by:


A T Dean - Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going concern

After reviewing the charity's forecasts and projections, which take into account a prolonged downturn in the charity's activities and the possibility of further virus outbreaks and lockdowns, the trustees are satisfied that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. In particular the charity's operational costs (wages, premises etc) have been apportioned between expenditure on raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful estimated economic life of that asset:

Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	- 20% reducing balance
Motor Vehicles	- 20% reducing balance
Property Renovation	- 5% reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Value added tax

The charity is registered for VAT. Income and expenditure is shown net of VAT where applicable. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resource expended for which it was incurred.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Shop Sales	18,165	67,724
Cycle Sales	1,695	12,759
Scrap Sales and Used Recycling Credits	3,389	7,686
Referrals	41,487	71,337
Bulky Waste Collection Service	81,202	71,100
Rent Received	1,800	6,979
	<u>147,738</u>	<u>237,585</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>48</u>	<u>225</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Drivers	2	2
Office Administration	10	10
Director	1	1
Project workers	2	5
	<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	169,488	8,573	178,061
Other trading activities	237,585	-	237,585
Investment income	225	-	225
Total	<u>407,298</u>	<u>8,573</u>	<u>415,871</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds			
Other trading activities	69,642	-	69,642

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6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
	69,642	-	69,642
Charitable activities			
Governance	1,500	-	1,500
Direct charitable expenditure	337,007	8,573	345,580
Other	1,830	-	1,830
Total	409,979	8,573	418,552
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(2,681)	-	(2,681)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	497,366	-	497,366
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	494,685	-	494,685

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land £	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2020	300,000	72,964	31,689	57,289	461,942
Additions	-	158	1,834	5,250	7,242
Disposals	-	-	-	(15,694)	(15,694)
At 31 March 2021	300,000	73,122	33,523	46,845	453,490
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2020	-	22,943	28,156	34,820	85,919
Charge for year	-	2,506	850	5,274	8,630
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	(14,346)	(14,346)
At 31 March 2021	-	25,449	29,006	25,748	80,203
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2021	300,000	47,673	4,517	21,097	373,287
At 31 March 2020	300,000	50,021	3,533	22,469	376,023

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8. STOCKS	2021	2020
	£	£
Stocks	-	258
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9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	8,198	8,317
VAT	-	107
Prepayments	5,555	4,366
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	<u>13,753</u>	<u>12,790</u>
10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,446	194
Social security and other taxes	2,931	3,783
VAT	974	-
Other creditors	772	-
Accruals and deferred income	9,575	2,112
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	<u>15,698</u>	<u>6,089</u>

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Food bank	-	49,858	35,125	14,733
SAL's Shoes	-	6,900	1,838	5,062
Fixed Assets	-	784	-	784
	<u>-</u>	<u>57,542</u>	<u>37,747</u>	<u>20,579</u>

UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Revaluation £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Van Fund	-	12,000	6,462	-	-	5,538
Cycle Project	7,000	-	7,000	-	-	-
Operational	20,000	-	-	-	-	20,000
Development	18,000	-	6,300	-	-	11,700
Salary Offset for 2017/18	20,000	-	-	-	-	20,000
Support Services	12,543	-	2,543	-	-	10,000
General	41,118	268,954	241,190	-	-	68,099
Fixed Assets	376,024	6,459	9,979	-	-	373,287
	<u>494,685</u>	<u>287,413</u>	<u>273,474</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>508,624</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donated goods given away	37,067	68,643
Donations	104,367	39,874
Local Authority Grants	4,000	1,050
Supported Employment & Training Grants	300	68,494
Sal's Shoes	7,684	-
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	153,418	178,061
Other trading activities		
Shop Sales	18,165	67,724
Cycle Sales	1,695	12,759
Scrap Sales and Used Recycling Credits	3,389	7,686
Referrals	41,487	71,337
Bulky Waste Collection Service	81,202	71,100
Rent Received	1,800	6,979
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	147,738	237,585
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	48	225
Other income		
COVID Support Grants	43,752	-
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Total incoming resources	344,956	415,871
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Fund Raising and Publicity	3,617	642
Cost of selling donated goods	37,260	69,000
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	40,877	69,642
Charitable activities		
Wages	190,589	254,067
Insurance	10,314	10,632
Light and heat	6,563	8,997
Telephone	2,320	2,032
Postage and stationery	1,000	1,831
Donations	100	-
Building Maintenance	5,459	3,758
Vehicle Expenses	12,710	15,212
Staff Expenses	888	427
Volunteer Expenses	303	700
Sundry & Cleaning	66	190
Carried forward	230,312	297,846

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	230,312	297,846
Office Equipment	2,263	3,955
Project Costs - Food Bank	3,919	1,666
Project Costs - Cycles	-	1,560
Project Costs - Home Starter Packs	2,250	2,731
Project Costs - WEEE	14,347	21,820
Project Costs - Other	1,993	1,360
Professional Fees	1,540	3,232
Project Costs - St Paul's Café	-	916
Project Costs - Hall Renovation	-	148
Accountancy	1,705	1,500
Transfer to cost of selling donated goods	(37,260)	(69,000)
Donated goods given away	37,067	68,643
Improvements to property depreciation	2,506	2,633
Fixtures & fittings depreciation	850	883
Motor vehicles depreciation	5,274	5,617
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	748	1,570
	<u>267,514</u>	<u>347,080</u>
Other		
Health & Safety	1,531	1,106
Membership Fees	516	724
	<u>2,047</u>	<u>1,830</u>
Total resources expended	<u>310,438</u>	<u>418,552</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u><u>34,518</u></u>	<u><u>(2,681)</u></u>

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