

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES, 2024

The Schoenstatt Movement is one of the new movements in the Catholic Church; it was founded by Father Joseph Kentenich (1885-1968) and gets its name from its origin, the international place of pilgrimage at Schoenstatt near Koblenz, Germany. Within the international movement there are more than 25 different communities of clergy, religious and laity serving the work of evangelisation, active on every continent.

The essential, central facility and focal point of Schoenstatt at Kearsley, Bolton is the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of Mother Thrice Admirable. This tiny, beautiful chapel, with seating for only 24 persons, is a copy of the Original Shrine in Schoenstatt, Germany and is one of over 200 such shrines worldwide. Located down a secluded driveway off busy Manchester Road, it stands in a magnificent setting overlooking the Irwell Valley and the Pennine Hills of Lancashire, Yorkshire and Derbyshire. It has become an amenity for people of all faiths and none, to relax there, reflect, perhaps to pray and certainly to enjoy its peace and tranquillity. The Shrine was built by the Charity in 2000.

It is estimated that at least 1500 visits have been made to the Shrine on a casual basis during 2024 including visitors from overseas. There is an established programme of daily Mass celebrated by the Schoenstatt Fathers, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a revival of the old tradition of reciting the Angelus at mid-day and at six in the evening, accompanied by the ringing of the Shrine bell. Labour costs for maintenance of the Shrine and the surrounding gardens, is freely provided by voluntary workers as an invaluable labour of love.

Another facility at the site is that of Kearsley Mount Cottage, an old, former farmhouse, purchased by the Diocese of Salford, and leased to the Charity for use as meeting rooms and for recreational purposes. The cottage has three bedrooms that enable anyone who wishes, to visit the Shrine and to have an overnight stay on a self-catering basis. There were few bookings of the cottage during the year from individuals and groups, including inter-denominational groups. In a similar manner to that of the Shrine, voluntary workers provide for the maintenance of the cottage and its gardens. The gardens of the cottage provide a play area for children and a picnic facility. A new feature largely completed during 2020 was a sensory garden.

Another building on the site, owned and maintained by the Diocese of Salford, is that of the church hall of Saint John Fisher Parish, Kearsley. The Schoenstatt Fathers provide pastoral care of this parish community in addition to their services to the Charity. The church hall is used for the larger gatherings of the Charity and the Parish such as for Sunday Mass, Christmas and summer fairs and conferences. The local Anglican and Methodist Churches also make use of the hall.

A large group of just under fifty people enjoyed a family week at Castlerigg in the Lake District in August. In accordance with tradition, the costs for children and unwaged young people were subsidised by approximately £4,000.00.

Total income for the year was £159,867.64 and total expenditure £75,917.25. Income was a good deal higher than normal largely due to the receipt of three legacies totalling £136,720.65. The trustees gratefully acknowledge the generosity of Joan Evans, Agnes Conroy and Bernard Dunn. Tax relief on gift aid received was £2,823.98. In terms of expenditure a major refurbishment of the exterior of Kearsley Mount Cottage amounted to £35,397.00. At the end of the year the sum of bank balances amounted to £133,743.53.

There is no restricted income to record and the trustees, some years ago, determined to maintain a reserve amount of £10,000 against unforeseen or unexpected contingencies.

Account Balances

As of 31/12/2024

Account	Total
Assets	
Bank and Cash Accounts	
1. Main Account	4,187.61
2. Covenant Account	3,843.48
3. Designated Funds	0.00
4. Schoenstatt 200 Club	1,931.44
7. Cash Treasurer	0.00
8. Cheques Treasurer	0.00
9. Current Account	123,781.00
c. Kearsley Mount Cottage	0.00
e. Euro Treasurer	0.00
f. St John Fisher Church Hall	0.00
g. Green Box (Petty Cash)	0.00
k. Kearsley Presbytery	0.00
s. Shrine Chapel	0.00
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	133,743.53
Total Assets	133,743.53
Net Worth	133,743.53

Income and Spending

Between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2024

Subcategory	Total
Income Categories	
Covenants	
c2 Covenant Standing Orders	6,210.00
Total Covenants	6,210.00
Donations	
d1 Donations Standing Orders	48.00
d2 Donations General	635.00
d2M Donation Box	3,260.43
d5 Family Days/Weeks	5,006.00
d8 Jubilee 2025	240.00
Total Donations	9,189.43
Fund Raising Receipts	
f1s Piety Stall	1,961.00
f2 200 Club Subscriptions	1,756.00
Total Fund Raising Receipts	3,717.00
Interest	
i3 Bank	1,158.58
Total Interest	1,158.58
Legacies/Loans	
l1 Legacies	136,720.65
Total Legacies/Loans	136,720.65
Tax Refunds	2,823.98
Income - Unassigned	48.00
Total Income Categories	159,867.64
Expense Categories	
Administration	
a1 Wage/Allowance	750.00
a2E Electricity	2,202.40
a2G Gas/Heating	5,103.87
a2W Water & Sewerage	438.12
a3m Postage MTA MAGS	162.75
a3t Telephone/TV/Internet	3,280.66
a5b Bank Charges	22.30
Total Administration	11,960.10
Benefit Payments	
b1Y Youth & Families	9,139.00
Total Benefit Payments	9,139.00
Fund Raising Costs	
e1s Piety Stall	3,190.96
e2 Prizes 200 Club	785.00
Total Fund Raising Costs	3,975.96
I3 Loans Repaid	
l3S Schoenstatt Fathers	1,800.00
Total I3 Loans Repaid	1,800.00
Property	
h2 Property Rates	3,024.19
h4 Property Maintenance	35,397.00
H4GS Gas Servicing	1,035.00
h4M Shrine Maintenance	8,366.00
h4Y Maintenance, Cage	1,220.00
Total Property	49,042.19
Total Expense Categories	75,917.25
Grand Total	83,950.39

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

		Year ended 2024	
Cash at bank and in hand at beginning of year (if any)		£ 49,793.14	
Excess of receipts over payments for the year (if any) on:			
Non-capital		£ 83,950.39	
Capital			
SUB-TOTAL	I	£ 133,743.53	
Excess of payments over receipts for the year (if any) on:			
Non-capital			
Capital			
Bank overdraft at beginning of year (if any)		£ -	
SUB-TOTAL	J	£ -	
Cash at bank and in hand (I-J) at end of year		£ 133,743.53	
or			
Bank overdraft less cash in hand (J-I) at end of year			

CHARITY COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

NAME OF CHARITY: THE SCHOENSTATT MOVEMENT IN ENGLAND AND WALES

PLACE: ST. JOHN FISHER, MANCHESTER ROAD, KEARSLEY, BOLTON BL4 8QQ

COUNTY: GREATER MANCHESTER

CHARITY COMMISSION REFERENCE NO. 1014537

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT for year ending: 31 DECEMBER 2024

Section 1. PARTICULARS OF TRUSTEES as at end of financial year.

Note: The Trustees and Officers do not have any contracts or material arrangements with the Charity, nor have they received any remuneration for their services except for the claim of legitimate expenses.

The following Trustees were elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Charity on 9 July 2011

Name	Address	Post Code
Mr DJ Ganley (Chair\Treasurer)	76 Hill Lane, Blackley, Manchester	M9 6PF
Mr. J Higgins	(Resigned 2020)	
Mr. B Madden	3 Fernholme Court, Grange Avenue, Oldham	OL8 4EJ
Mr. KWA Ostmeier	2 Grotton Meadows, Grotton, Oldham	OL4 5RQ
Mr. G Russell	(Resigned 2015)	

Mr. Ganley replaced Mr. Madden as Treasurer in April 2016

Mr. J Higgins resigned as a trustee in September 2020

Major Organisations with whom the Charity works:

Secular Institute of the Schoenstatt Fathers
(AKA) Schoenstatt Patres
Regiohaus, Berg Sion 6
Valendar/Rhein, Germany D56179

Salford Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees
Wardley Hall
Worsley, Manchester M28 2ND
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Adrian Auton – 13 Woodhill Drive, Prestwich, Bury. M25 0BF

24th October 2025

Trustees Schoenstatt England
St John Fisher Presbytery
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Bolton
BL4 8QQ

Statement of Financial Accuracy

Dear Trustees

Based on my review of the accounting records and financial information provided, I confirm that the financial statements of Schoenstatt England for the period ending 31st December 2024 present, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a fair and reasonable representation of the Trust's financial position.

I confirm that all material information known to me has been appropriately disclosed. While this confirmation does not constitute a formal audit opinion, the financial statements can be reasonably considered accurate and free from material misstatement.

Yours Sincerely



Adrian Auton