

BACUP FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES

England & Wales · Charity number 1027345

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-10-19

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

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Activities

Objects: (1) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION (2) TO RELIEVE NEED HARDSHIP SICKNESS AND DISTRESS (3) TO PROVIDE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FACILITIES FOR THE RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF PERSONS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY, DISABILITY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE

Activities: Money is raised through the charity shops to make grants, as decided by the trustees, to local groups serving the Bacup community. Clothing, bedding and toys, as and when available in the shops are given to those who for any reason find themselves in desperate need, usually by referral. As a group of churches we work together to promote the Christian faith through ecumenical events

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BACUP, LANCASHIRE
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£115,346	£118,376	-	-
2024-08-31	£111,025	£139,828	-	-
2023-08-31	£107,331	£98,561	-	-
2022-08-31	£89,109	£75,812	-	-
2021-08-31	£67,159	£61,503	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DOREEN ELIZABETH WHITELEGG		2011-08-04
DOROTHY ALCOCK		2011-09-27
KAREN ROSEMARY SPENCER		2011-08-04
Rev DAVID JOHN BURROW		2017-02-27
Rev David Bartram		2021-09-01
Rev Derek Allen		2018-10-01
Veda Hitchen		2014-02-24

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BACUP FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES - CHARITY SHOP

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED

31ST AUGUST 2025

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BACUP FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES – CHARITY SHOP

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

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2025, which are set out on pages 2 to 3.

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4th September 2025

BACUP FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES - CHARITY SHOP

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

		2025		2024
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Shop takings		115,005		110,554
Bank interest		341		471
		<u>115,346</u>		<u>111,025</u>
Payments				
Wages and national insurance	66,634		61,618	
Pension scheme	1,138		1,015	
Rent	6,696		6,668	
Light, heat and water	3,712		3,700	
Insurance	497		416	
Repairs and renewals	634		975	
Stationery	72		68	
Cleaning	1,579		1,448	
Shop essentials	491		515	
Travelling expenses	313		235	
Accountancy charges	835		810	
Sundry expenses	2,794		1,360	
Bank charges	481		-	
		<u>85,876</u>		<u>78,828</u>
Surplus for the year		<u>29,470</u>		<u>32,197</u>
Distributions (see note)	32,500		61,000	
Less Donations received	-		-	
		<u>32,500</u>		<u>61,000</u>
Net Surplus(Deficit) for the year		<u><u>-3,030</u></u>		<u><u>-28,803</u></u>

BACUP FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES - CHARITY SHOP

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST AUGUST 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Balances		
Current accounts	3,725	4,086
Deposit account	39,173	41,882
Cash in hand	240	200
	<u>43,138</u>	<u>46,168</u>

Represented by:

Fund

At 1st September 2024	46,168	74,971
Surplus(Deficit) for the year	-3,030	-28,803
At 31st August 2025	<u>43,138</u>	<u>46,168</u>

NOTE

Distributions

Bacup Family Centre	5,000	30,000
Bacup Living Room	-	4,000
Bright Futures Early Learning	1,000	-
Britannia CP School	-	1,000
C.A.S.T.	1,500	3,000
Christians Against Poverty	6,000	5,000
Holy Trinity CE Primary School	1,000	-
M3 Project	6,000	5,000
Northern CP School	-	1,000
The Magdalene Project	5,000	6,000
The Rossendale Rubicon	1,000	1,000
Thorn Primary School	1,000	-
Trinity Baptist Food Bank	5,000	5,000
	<u>32,500</u>	<u>61,000</u>

Accounting Policy

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

Bacup Fellowship of Churches.

Chair's report for the year to September 2025.

Both shops have had another tremendous year with turnover exceeding last year's figures. The turnover for 2024/25 of £115,005 represents an average weekly takings of £2,212.

During the course of this trading year we learned from our Bank (Nat West) that because our turnover had exceeded £100,000 for the year we would have to incur bank charges on transactions. Prior to this our account held with Nat West as a charity did not attract charges; in a sense we are the victims of our own success and whilst these charges 'take away' from the surplus we have for distribution as Trustees we have to accept them as another 'overhead'.

As Trustees we are grateful for the hard work and endeavour of all the staff and volunteers in our two shops that enables the level of turnover to be achieved. It's clear that year on year the shops provide a much-needed service and are greatly valued by those who use them.

As Trustees we are reminded that the two shops provide employment for four people and we are fortunate that we have not experienced significant staff turnover for a number of years which is a measure of our success. We also have a good track record of recruiting and retaining volunteers who are key to supporting the staff and as an organization we are committed to supporting our volunteers in whatever ways we can.

Without everyone's hard work and endeavor we would not be able to financially support the other charitable groups who we know are also so appreciative of the help we can offer.

During the course of the year we were made aware that if we play background music in our shops we have to do so under license (for copyright reasons); it was felt that background music is an important part of the shops 'ambience' both for customers and staff/volunteers and so the necessary license was purchased so that we are compliant.

At the October 2024 meeting the Trustees agreed to give a total of £32,500 to ten different organisations; as always we received letters of thanks from the organisations we supported during the year.

At our October 2024 meeting the Trustees agreed to commit (subject to adequate surplus generated from sales) to providing a fixed level of giving to three 'core' charities that we support of £5,000 p.a. for the following three years. The three charities are Bacup Family Centre, Magdalene Project, Trinity Baptist Food Bank. The reasoning behind this was to give the charities a degree of certainty moving forward that they could incorporate into other funding bids as 'leverage'

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

Members meetings continue to be held after the Trustees meetings; at these meetings representatives from different churches are able to share what's happening in their own locations and it's encouraging to hear the good news stories that exist in what can often be a challenging mission field.

We continue to praise God and give thanks for his provision in the work we do and as we seek to bless others in His name.



Rev Derek Allen.

Chair of Trustees.

15th October 2025

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18th September 2024

BACUP FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES - CHARITY SHOP

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Receipts				
Shop takings		110,554		107,221
Bank interest		471		110
		<u>111,025</u>		<u>107,331</u>
Payments				
Wages and national insurance	61,618		55,129	
Pension scheme	1,015		870	
Rent	6,668		6,282	
Light, heat and water	3,700		2,291	
Insurance	416		359	
Repairs and renewals	975		2,860	
Stationery	68		54	
Cleaning	1,448		1,415	
Shop essentials	515		417	
Travelling expenses	235		262	
Accountancy charges	810		750	
Sundry expenses	1,360		1,622	
		<u>78,828</u>		<u>72,311</u>
Surplus for the year		<u>32,197</u>		<u>35,020</u>
Distributions (see note)	61,000		26,250	
Less Donations received	-		-	
		<u>61,000</u>		<u>26,250</u>
Net Surplus(Deficit) for the year		<u><u>-28,803</u></u>		<u><u>8,770</u></u>

BACUP FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES - CHARITY SHOP

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST AUGUST 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Balances		
Current accounts	4,086	62,560
Deposit account	41,882	12,211
Cash in hand	200	200
	<u>46,168</u>	<u>74,971</u>

Represented by:

Fund

At 1st September 2023	74,971	66,201
Surplus(Deficit) for the year	-28,803	8,770
At 31st August 2024	<u>46,168</u>	<u>74,971</u>

NOTE

Distributions

Bacup Family Centre	30,000	5,000
Bacup Living Room	4,000	-
Britannia CP School	1,000	-
C.A.S.T.	3,000	-
Christians Against Poverty	5,000	5,000
M3 Project	5,000	5,000
Northern CP School	1,000	-
Rossendale Food Box	-	250
The Magdalene Project (£5k + £1k)	6,000	5,000
The Rossendale Rubicon	1,000	1,000
Trinity Baptist Food Bank	5,000	5,000
	<u>61,000</u>	<u>26,250</u>

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Bacup Fellowship of Churches.

Chair's report for the year to September 2024.

Both shops have had another tremendous year with turnover exceeding last year's figures. The turnover for 2023/24 of £110,554 represents an average weekly takings of £2,126 which in our community where many are struggling with the cost of living pressures they face, is an amazing result. It demonstrates that the shops provide a much needed service and are greatly valued by those who use them.

As always the Trustees are grateful to all the staff and volunteers who work so hard throughout the whole year. Without their hard work and endeavor we would not be able to financially support the other charitable groups who we know are also so appreciative of the help we can offer.

At the October 2023 meeting the Trustees agreed to give a total of £61,000.00 to ten different organisations; this far exceeded the highest total ever given out and in particular a significant amount was granted to Bacup Family Centre at a time when the project was awaiting the outcome of funding bids and in serious danger of considering the closure of the project. As Trustees we learned that the Family Centre did secure further funding and they expressed their gratitude for the donation that saw them get through a difficult and worrying time. A new initiative was the decision to grant two local Primary schools a small grant for specific projects they had in mind that would benefit their pupils.

As always we received letters of thanks from all the organisations we supported during the year.

The donations we receive come from all parts of the Valley and we are so blessed in the level of donations; however, the shops still suffer from situations where donations are left outside the shops when they are closed and we're aware that individuals are going through the donations and taking items. This is disheartening for all concerned and detracts greatly from the good work we do. The mantra is that we continually ask for donations to be brought when the shops are open.

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Rev Derek Allen.

Chair of Trustees.

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14th September 2023

BACUP FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES - CHARITY SHOP

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

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

BACUP FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES - CHARITY SHOP

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST AUGUST 2023

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

Represented by:

Fund

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

NOTE

Distributions

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

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Bacup Fellowship of Churches.

Chair's report for the year to September 2023.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rev Derek Allen.

Chair of Trustees.

BACUP FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES

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BACUP FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES - CHARITY SHOP

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12th September 2022

BACUP FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES - CHARITY SHOP

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022

	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
Receipts				
Shop takings		89,104		53,757
Coronavirus job retention scheme grants	-		13,401	
Bank interest	5		1	
		<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	13,402
		<u>89,109</u>		<u>67,159</u>
Payments				
Wages and national insurance	53,721		46,521	
Pension scheme	772		620	
Rent	5,915		4,850	
Light, heat and water	2,384		2,044	
Insurance	352		328	
Repairs and renewals	1,100		612	
Stationery	36		19	
Cleaning	829		772	
Shop essentials	205		279	
Travelling expenses	263		277	
Accountancy charges	675		675	
Sundry expenses	1,060		506	
Donation: Ukraine Disaster Appeal	500		-	
		<u>67,812</u>	<u>-</u>	57,503
Surplus for the year		<u>21,297</u>		<u>9,656</u>
Distributions (see note)	8,000		4,000	
Less Donations received	-		-	
		<u>8,000</u>	<u>-</u>	4,000
Net Surplus for the year		<u><u>13,297</u></u>		<u><u>5,656</u></u>

BACUP FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES - CHARITY SHOP

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST AUGUST 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Balances		
Current accounts	53,700	40,408
Deposit account	12,101	12,096
Cash in hand	400	400
	<u>66,201</u>	<u>52,904</u>

Represented by:

Fund

At 1st September 2021	52,904	47,248
Surplus(Deficit) for the year	13,297	5,656
At 31st August 2022	<u>66,201</u>	<u>52,904</u>

NOTE

Distributions

The Magdalene Project	1,000	500
Bacup Family Centre	1,000	500
The Rossendale Rubicon	1,000	500
CAST - Reminiscence Café	1,000	500
Christians Against Poverty	1,000	500
M3 Project	1,000	500
Trinity Food Bank	1,000	500
Rossendale Food Box	1,000	500
	<u>8,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>

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During the year September 2021 to 2022 we finally began to come out of the restrictions resulting from the Coronavirus pandemic and the shops have been able to operate more or less at full capacity. As Trustees we met 'face to face' on 9th March 2022 and 22nd June 2022.

At the October 2021 meeting and following receipt of the accounts and reports donations, of £1000 each were given to the following eight charitable organisations:

Bacup Family Centre, Magdalene Project, Rossendale Rubicon, C.A.S.T., M3 Rossendale, Christians Against Poverty, Rossendale Food Box Scheme & Trinity Baptist Food Bank.

At the March 2022 meeting the Trustees agreed to give a donation of £500 to the Disasters Emergency Committee for the people of Ukraine

As we report each year, the fact that we are able to make these donations is attributable to the hard work and dedication of the staff team and volunteers who work so hard and who see the two shops as more than simply trading outlets but rather a place of welcome for the community.

At our June meeting Suzanne our shop manager presented a full and comprehensive report of the activities in the shop which included the improvement works that have been carried out externally to the shop fronts as well as internal repairs carried out by Trinity Baptist for which we are thankful. The report also highlighted some of the innovative initiatives that have been developed such as the giving of school backpacks to an organisation that sends them out to Africa.

We continue to be indebted to Metis HR who provide a consultancy service on HR matters for us and our thanks as Trustees go to all their team.

Over the summer of 2022 Suzanne and I (as her line manager) met to discuss a review of policy documents for the shops as well as looking at health and safety, safeguarding etc etc. Some staff training is planned using the training room that's available at Metis HR in Stacksteads.

During 2022 our Member of Parliament Jake Berry launched a competition whereby the public could vote for their favourite independent business in Rossendale and in September we learned that our two charity shops had come second which was fantastic. Jake visited the shops and presented a certificate which is proudly on display.

The Trustees would like to place on record their thanks for the commitment of both staff and volunteers in developing the shops to the point where they are now in providing a much valued service to the people of Bacup and the surrounding areas.

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Rev Derek Allen

Chair of Trustees.

BACUP FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES

England & Wales - Charity number 1027345

Accounts

BACUP FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES - CHARITY SHOP

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED

31ST AUGUST 2021

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1027345

BACUP FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES – CHARITY SHOP

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

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2021, which are set out on pages 2 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

have not been met; or

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

Fielding & Co

Accountants

73 Bankside Lane

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8th September 2021

BACUP FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES - CHARITY SHOP

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
Receipts				
Shop takings		53,757		46,321
Coronavirus job retention scheme grants	13,401		16,126	
Coronavirus small business grant	-		10,000	
Bank interest	1		20	
		<u>13,402</u>		<u>26,146</u>
		<u>67,159</u>		<u>72,467</u>
Payments				
Wages and national insurance	46,521		46,067	
Pension scheme	620		624	
Rent	4,850		4,365	
Light, heat and water	2,044		2,056	
Insurance	328		298	
Repairs and renewals	612		259	
Stationery	19		95	
Welfare	39		60	
Cleaning	772		845	
Shop essentials	279		814	
Travelling expenses	277		300	
Accountancy charges	675		675	
Sundry expenses	467		482	
		<u>57,503</u>		<u>56,940</u>
Surplus for the year		<u>9,656</u>		<u>15,527</u>
Distributions (see note)	4,000		11,100	
Less Donations received	-		-	
		<u>4,000</u>		<u>11,100</u>
Net Surplus for the year		<u><u>5,656</u></u>		<u><u>4,427</u></u>

BACUP FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES - CHARITY SHOP

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST AUGUST 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Balances		
Current accounts	40,408	34,753
Deposit account	12,096	12,095
Cash in hand	400	400
	<u>52,904</u>	<u>47,248</u>

Represented by:

Fund

At 1st September 2020	47,248	42,821
Surplus(Deficit) for the year	5,656	4,427
	<u>52,904</u>	<u>47,248</u>

NOTE

Distributions

The Magdalene Project	500	1,800
Bacup Family Centre	500	2,100
The Rossendale Rubicon	500	1,800
CAST - Reminiscence Café	500	1,800
Christians Against Poverty	500	1,800
M3 Project	500	1,800
Trinity Food Bank	500	-
Rossendale Food Box	500	-
	<u>4,000</u>	<u>11,100</u>

Accounting Policy

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

Bacup Fellowship of Churches.

September 2020 to September 2021.

During the year September 2020 to 2021 we found ourselves continuing to navigate the Government's measures for managing the Coronavirus pandemic.

The inability to meet face to face has meant that the Trustees have had to conduct business by means of a hybrid system of e-mail and hard copy documents due to not all Trustees having access to the internet and Zoom etc.

In November 2020 and because Trustees were unable to meet in person for our usual annual meeting normally held in October, papers including the accounts and reports were distributed that included recommendations for a donation of £500 each be given to the following eight charitable organisations:

Bacup Family Centre, Magdalene Project, Rossendale Rubicon, C.A.S.T., M3 Rossendale, Christians Against Poverty, Rossendale Food Box Scheme & Trinity Baptist Food Bank.

That we are able to make these donations is attributable to the hard work and dedication of the staff team and volunteers who work so hard and who see the two shops as more than simply trading outlets but rather a place of welcome for the community.

In May 2021, our shop manager, provided an interim report via e-mail which was distributed to Trustees in the hybrid fashion

Unfortunately during the year one of the other charity shops in Bacup had to close following the lockdown measures which now means that ourselves and R.S.P.C.A. are the only two charity shops available locally for people to access and in an area of relatively high deprivation the shops provide a valuable service.

In August 2021 we learned that the shop fronts to both shops were to be included in the ongoing town centre improvement works; this will include stonework cleaning and repairs as well as improvements to the shop frontages with repairs to windows and door frames as well as painting of frames and replacement signage.

Rev Derek Allen Chair of Trustees.

January 2022.