

CHRISTIAN BOOKS

England & Wales · Charity number 1029055

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-12-02

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROMOTION AND ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH BY SUCH METHODS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY DEEM FIT (FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE OBJECTS CLAUSE OF TRUST DEED)

Activities: Retail and supply of Christian resources

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Calderdale
- Kirklees

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	-	-	-	-
2023-12-31	-	-	-	-
2022-12-31	-	-	-	-
2021-12-31	£31,349	£23,978	-	-
2020-12-31	£29,618	£28,733	-	-
2019-12-31	£20,877	£31,026	-	-
2018-12-31	£34,824	£23,130	-	-
2017-12-31	£34,824	£31,581	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Paul - Adam McLoughlin		2016-02-02
Stephanie Mitchell		

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Report and Financial Statements 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

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Auditor

Not required

Trustee Report

Introduction:

The shop has been well established serving the community for since 1993. Our dedicated team of Volunteers have used their skills to run the shop in these difficult times when we have seen several Christian Book Shops close in surrounding areas especially during the Pandemic.

There has been an enormous commitment to the shop that the trustees are truly thankful for.

Principal Activities



The shop sells Christian cards, books, CD's, and gifts to individuals and Church fellowships in Huddersfield and sometimes beyond due to people travelling into Huddersfield from surrounding areas.

Our Public Benefit:

People from all walks of life have come in to find a kind listening ear with no obligation to purchase anything. The shop has been more accessible to people who might not have the confidence to go elsewhere for support. The location in the heart of Huddersfield Town Centre, opposite the main Parish Church, Methodist Centre Mission and Welcome Centre Foodbank has been key to this.

Our public benefit has extended to supplying Churches with materials that they need for Christian growth of groups and individuals.

The bookshop partners with Speaking Volumes that funds free Christian books in schools, prisons, libraries, and other places.



The shop is a collection point for the Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal and was overwhelmed with the support given by the public during the times of the Pandemic.

The people visiting the shop can find spiritual support through prayer and face to face encouragement and engagement.

Some of our volunteers have gone on to find paid work and other volunteers have said that they have benefitted in different ways from serving in the shop.

Mission strategy

Our mission is to support people with literature of hope that is found in the bible and supporting also local Churches to share “the good news” in some desperate times people find themselves

The achievement of this mission is underpinned by four key strategic objectives:

- Sharing the love and message of Jesus within our communities
- People focused being non judgemental
- Organised to meet the challenge
- Keeping the shop open for face to face access as opposed to online access

Achievements made during the year:

- Reorganised the shop to make the material more accessible and visible
- Increased second hand donated books to make these goods more affordable
- Partnership with another Charity to sell / give donated essentials etc
- Maintained and developed a strong committed team of volunteers



This year we have worked in partnership with another Charity



to develop our pre-Loved range, Design Xchange, this activity supports the shop to engage in FUND RAISING and to further support the community to obtain pre-loved goods at an affordable price. The supporting Charity enables Design Xchange to obtain donated items both pre-used and New.

The Charity has also engaged in CROWD FUNDING, and we are so thankful to the community for their continued support.

Future Developments

The Board of Trustees would like to continue to pursue the following areas of development of services over the next five years:

- Ensure the stock is managed effectively using a stock reporting system
- Increase a core number of trained volunteers
- Make connections with more Church fellowships and other charities
- Review the shop layout
- Increase online sales
- Increase sales from donated goods

Going Concern

The charity has had a difficult couple of years due to illness which resulted in a decline in sales. The Covid Pandemic has also had an immense effect on the charity due to the periods of lockdown faced. However, with the help of the Government funding programme and fund-raising streams there has been adequate cash in the bank to the date of writing this report to help with the sustainability of the charity. The trustees are aware that they need to address the sales decline, taking into consideration the climate of the times and are therefore making every effort to turn this around with redesigning the shop to include bestselling stock in prominent areas, developing online sales and promotions along with increasing sales within Church Fellowships. Also, the charity has been supported by various personal donations including “The friends of Christian Books” as there is keen support to keep this shop serving the community. Should all the above measures materialise as the trustees expect, there is no concern about the charity not continuing.

Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions made in the year

Accounting Policies:

In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in business.

Stephanie Mitchel
Trustee

Operating and Financial Review

Business and financial review

The shop has undergone a significant change in management due to illness that has impacted on the results of the previous year, and we are still dealing with the aftereffects of this. Then lockdown measures significantly affected the shop. However, our volunteers remained committed and came back with fresh ideas to develop going forward.

Reserves policy

The current reserves to provide 6 months running costs. However, trustees are aware of slow-moving stock and that half of these reserves are fixed assets so they are aiming to build the reserves to 2018 levels.

Statement of Financial Activities

Income and Expenditure for year ending December 2021

	Dec-21	Dec-20
	£	£
Income		
Unrestricted income generated from charitable activities	17,884	13,661
Kirklees Council grant	12,098	10,000
Insurance settlement	0	5,500
Unrestricted donations	1,366	457
Total Income	31,349	29,618
 Goods for resale	 8,646	 5,618
 Net Cost of sales	 22,703	 24,000
 Expenditure		
Utilities - Water and energy	2,460	1,480
Rent and Rates	16,212	15,304
Office expenses	829	519
Accounting	525	525
Repairs and equipment	309	445
Bank charges	790	734
Subscriptions	892	893
Insurance	1,012	1,365
Bad debts	0	900
Depreciation	950	950
 Total Expenditure	 23,978	 23,115
 Net surplus/ (deficit)	 (1,275)	 885

Balance sheet at December 21

	Note	Dec-21 £	Dec-20 £
Fixed Assets			
Fixtures and Fittings	10%Straight line	4,750	5,700
Debtors			
Cash not banked till next yr		2,808	0
HMRC- VAT		126	0
Loan		0	0
Prepayments		0	525
Stock			
Goods for resale		23,301	23,777
Bank and Cash			
Bank		5,647	4,823
Float		60	60
Total current assets		31,942	29,185
Creditors			
HMRC- VAT		0	955
Other creditors		20,055	16,018
Total creditors		20,055	16,973
Net Funds		16,637	17,912
Reserves			
Reserves b/ fwd		17,912	17,027
Current year surplus		(1,275)	885
Net Reserves		16,637	17,912

Stephanie Mitchell
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Date signed: 27th October 2022

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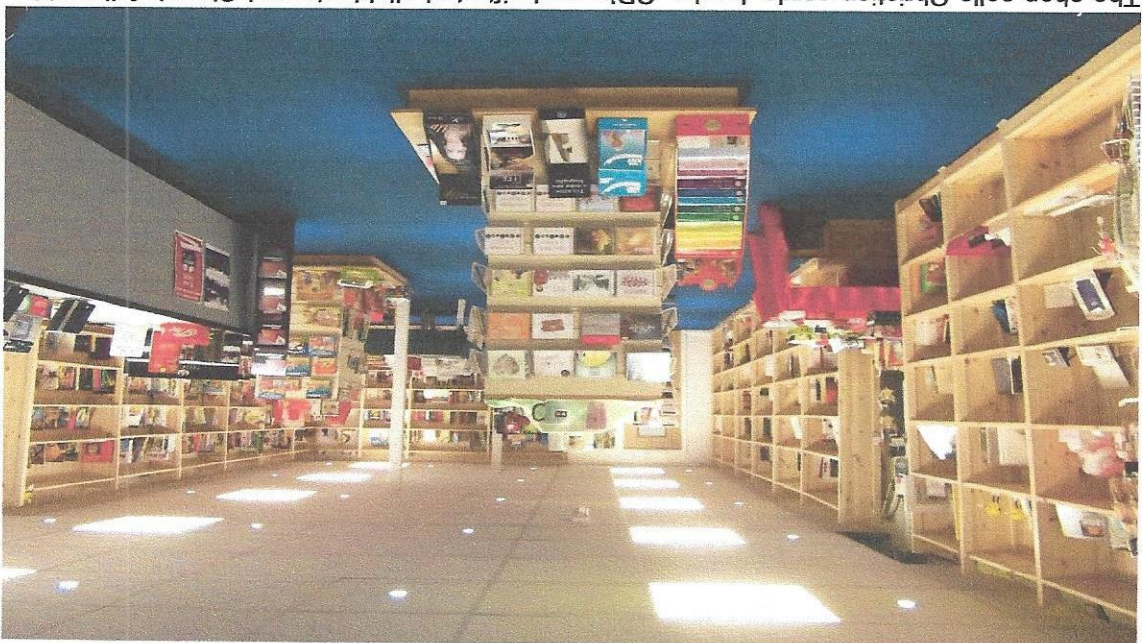
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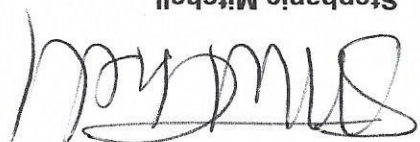
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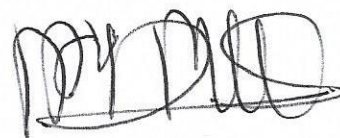
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Kirklees Council grant	10,000	0
Insurance settlement	5,500	0
Unrestricted donations	457	613
Total Income	29,618	20,877
Goods for resale	5,618	12,484
Net Cost of sales	24,000	8,393
Expenditure		
Utilities - Water and energy	1,480	968
Rent and Rates	15,304	16,418
Office expenses	519	845
Accounting	525	0
Repairs and equipment	445	745
Bank charges	734	787
Subscriptions	893	1,091
Insurance	1,365	830
Bad debts	900	0
Depreciation	950	950
Total Expenditure	23,115	22,633
Net surplus / (deficit)	885	(14,240)

Date signed: 21st October 2021Stephanie Mitchell
Trustee


Balance sheet at December 20		Note	
Dec-20	Dec-19	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Fixtures and Fittings	10% Straight line	5,700	6,650
Debtors			
Cash not banked till next yr	0	579	
Loan	0	900	
Prepayments	525	0	
Stock			
Goods for resale	23,777	24,000	
Bank and Cash			
Bank	4,823	1,306	
Float	60	60	
Total current assets	29,185	26,845	
Creditors			
HMRC - VAT	955	408	
Other creditors	16,018	16,060	
Total creditors	16,973	16,468	
Net Funds			
Reserves	17,027	31,268	
Reserves b/fwd	17,027	31,268	
Current year surplus	885	(14,240)	
Net Reserves	17,912	17,027	

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

CHRISTIAN BOOKS

On accounts for the year
ended

December 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1029056

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2020.

As the charity's trustees, 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Richard Wootton

Date:

21/10/21

Name:

Richard Wootton

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None.

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Disclosure

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