

# Christian Books

## Report and Financial Statements

1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

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## Board Members, Officers, Advisors and Bankers

### Trustees

Ralph John Jennings  
Stephanie Mitchell  
Paul Adam McLoughlin

### Registered office

17 Byram Street  
Huddersfield  
West Yorkshire  
HD1 1DR

### Registered number

1029056

### Auditor

Not required

### Bankers

Royal Bank of Scotland  
27 Market Place  
Huddersfield  
West Yorkshire  
HD1 2AD

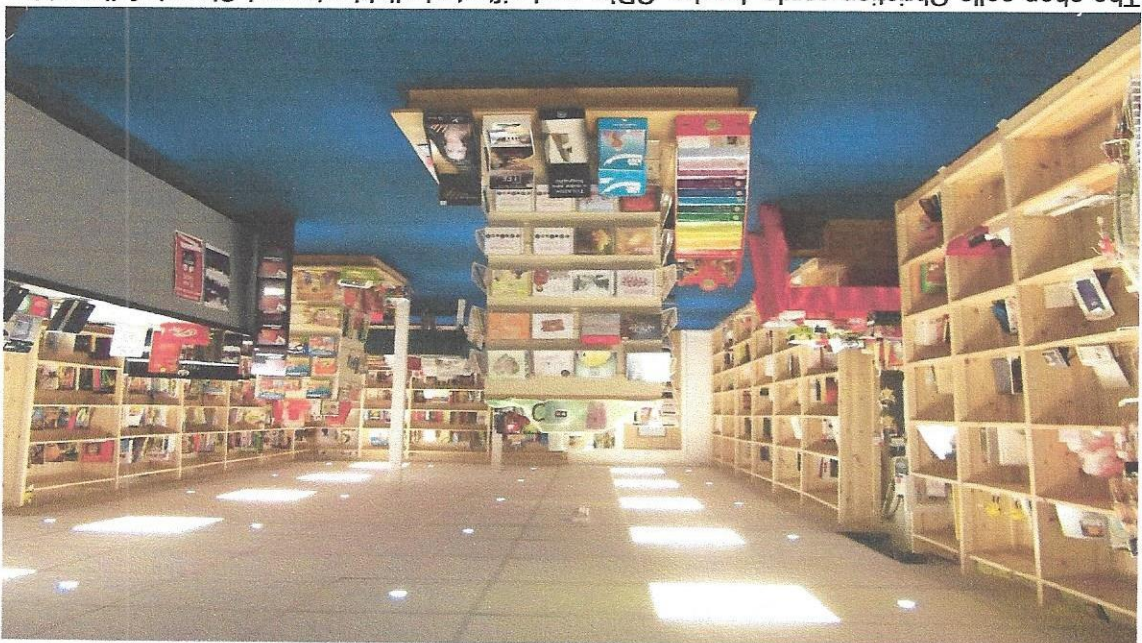
## Trustee Report

### 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 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.



- 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

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

### Future Developments

- 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

### Achievements made during the year:

- 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

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

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

### Mission strategy

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.



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 with over 400 hundred Shoe Boxes donated

## 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 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.

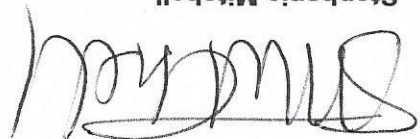
## Related Party Transactions

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 Mitchell  
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. Then lockdown measures significantly affected the shop. However, our volunteers remained committed and came back with fresh ideas to develop going forward.

### Reserves policy

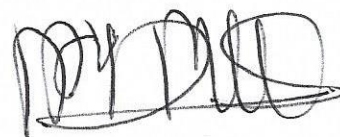
The current reserves to provide 6 months running costs. However, trustees are aware of slow-moving stock and that half of these reserves are fixed assets so they are aiming to build the reserves to 2018 levels.

## Statement of Financial Activities

### Income and Expenditure for year ending December 2020

	Dec-20	Dec-19
<b>Income</b>	£	£
Unrestricted income generated from charitable activities	13,661	20,263
Kirklees Council grant	10,000	0
Insurance settlement	5,500	0
Unrestricted donations	457	613
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>29,618</b>	<b>20,877</b>
Goods for resale	5,618	12,484
<b>Net Cost of sales</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>8,393</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
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
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>23,115</b>	<b>22,633</b>
<b>Net surplus / (deficit)</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>(14,240)</b>



Date signed: 21<sup>st</sup> 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			17,912	17,027
Reserves				
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

Now.

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**

**(if any):**

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