

SMETHURST MINISTRIES TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1043713

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1995-01-27

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH BY THE PROCLAMATION AND FURTHERANCE OF THE GOSPEL OF GOD, CONCERNING HIS SON JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD AND THE PREACHING AND TEACHING OF THE WORD IN GREAT BRITAIN, IRELAND, EUROPE AND SUCH OTHER PLACES AS SHALL BE DECIDED UPON BY THE TRUSTEES CONSISTENTLY WITH THE DOCTRINE AND ARTICLES OF BELIEF SET FORTH IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO.

Activities: Mercy missions to the poor and orphans in Europe and needy communities around the United Kingdom. Medicines, blankets, shoes and warm clothing are sent into Europe, Eastern Europe and Ukraine to needy families and orphanages. Seminars to help families in the UK in home relationships, marriage breakdowns and needy children. Seminars to equip counsellors to help others in crisis.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Germany
- Latvia
- Norway
- Ukraine
- City Of London
- East Sussex
- Hertfordshire
- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£58,387	£54,227	-	-
2024-03-31	£118,612	£119,547	-	-
2023-03-31	£52,409	£79,162	-	-
2022-03-31	£68,835	£73,477	-	-
2021-03-31	£112,629	£80,365	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Smethurst	Chair	
PAUL DEREK WHITTLES		
PETER HOLDEN WALLACE		

SMETHURST MINISTRIES TRUST

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Accounts

SMETHURST MINISTRIES TRUST

Registration Number 1043713

Income and Expenditure Account

For the Year Ended 31st March 2025

	2023	2024	2025
Income	£49,037.03	<u>£118,612.38</u>	£50,260.48
Gift Aid Income	<u>£3,371.79</u>		<u>£8,126.23</u>
	£52,408.82	£118,612.38	£58,386.71
Less Expenditure			
Gifts and Donations	£42,428.72	£51,444.72	£15,448.94
Motor Expenses	£3,248.15	£6,693.91	£3,541.70
Bank Charges	£603.03	£630.80	£608.89
Missions and Conferences	£5,665.03	£17,419.98	£5,349.24
Office Costs	£1,265.03	£4,665.08	£1,794.57
Postage	£243.22	£1,298.21	£402.40
Repairs and Maintenance	£8,422.11	£15,482.00	£9,888.46
Insurance	£1,660.80	£3,581.19	£3,094.30
Books and Resources	£526.23	£1,023.50	£209.87
Wages and Pension	£10,815.00	£10,815.00	£10,814.70
Telephone	£1,824.08	£2,971.94	£890.60
Utilities	<u>£2,461.02</u>	<u>£3,520.80</u>	<u>£2,183.57</u>
Total Expenditure	£79,162.42	£119,547.13	£54,227.24
Excess to Capital Account	<u>-£26,753.60</u>	<u>-£934.75</u>	<u>£4,159.47</u>

SMETHURST MINISTRIES TRUST

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Balance Sheet

As at 31st March 2025

	2023	2024	2025
<u>Capital Account</u>			
Balance as at 31st March	£49,752.63	£22,999.03	£22,064.28
Income over Expenditure	<u>-£26,753.60</u>	<u>-£934.75</u>	<u>£4,159.47</u>
	£22,999.03	£22,064.28	£26,223.75
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash at National Westminster Bank	£23,966.89	£22,351.09	£25,416.61
Savings Account National Westminster Bank	<u>£0.01</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
	£23,966.90	£22,351.09	£25,416.61
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
American Express Credit Card	£806.58	£187.81	£165.59
Natwest Mastercard	£161.29	£99.00	-£972.73
	<u>£967.87</u>	<u>£286.81</u>	<u>-£807.14</u>
<u>Net Current Assets</u>	<u>£22,999.03</u>	<u>£22,064.28</u>	<u>£26,223.75</u>

SMETHURST MINISTRIES TRUST

40 Rudyard Road, Brighton East Sussex, BN2 6UB

A Registered Charity 1043713

Annual Trustees Report

For the Year Ended 31st March 2025

The year 2024/2025 has once again been both challenging and rewarding for our charity. Following the years of disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have continued to rebuild momentum, reconnecting with communities across the UK and Europe. It has been encouraging to see our work resume and to collaborate once again with the many dedicated individuals we have trained and equipped in previous years. Their commitment and compassion have enabled vital humanitarian work to continue in areas of great need.

Supporting Those in Crisis

The ongoing conflict in the eastern Europe region continues to bring deep hardship to already vulnerable communities, particularly refugees, homeless individuals, single-parent families, and orphans now living across parts of Europe. Thanks to the efforts of our local partners, we have been able to provide essential support, counselling, medicine, and food to those most affected.

Our teams in Norway, many of whom were trained by us in earlier years, have continued to serve with exceptional dedication.

They have offered counselling and comfort to those who are grieving, ill, or displaced, and have even been called upon by hospitals and local refugee organisations to help with family support, marriages, and funerals.

The generosity of our donors has once again made it possible to send funds for medicines, blankets, warm clothing, and shoes, items that have been critical through another harsh winter. These provisions, along with access to heating and medical care, have ensured that vulnerable families and children could survive and maintain their health through very difficult conditions.

Education and Counselling

Education remains one of the cornerstones of our work. Many refugee children still face great barriers to learning, yet with our continued support, a number have again passed their school examinations with success. Their achievements, and the heartfelt speeches they have given on graduation days, have inspired local children to work harder and value education.

At Christmas, our teams were again able to bring light and warmth to families in Norway, and Latvia by distributing warm meals, educational gifts, heating supplies, and essential medicines. Though simple, these acts of care bring hope and dignity to those who are struggling and remind us that compassion in action truly matters.

Family and Relationship Support

Beyond humanitarian aid, our focus on strengthening families and supporting emotional wellbeing has remained strong.

Throughout 2024 and 2025, a series of seminars, both in-person and online, provided encouragement and practical help to those facing relationship breakdowns, teenage challenges, and loneliness.

These sessions have continued to attract counsellors, caregivers, and volunteers from across Europe, many of whom are now using the training materials (translated into several languages) to support others in their own communities. The reach and impact of this work have been deeply encouraging.

Challenges Faced

This year, we have faced new financial pressures. Many of our long-term supporters, particularly older donors, have been affected by the rising cost of living and have sadly had to reduce or suspend their giving. In addition, our "Gift Aid" income has declined as many of these donors are now retired and no longer eligible to claim.

Despite these challenges, we remain profoundly grateful for every gift we receive, large or small, and for the continued trust and kindness shown by our supporters.

Looking Ahead

This year has reminded us of the resilience of those we serve and the compassion of those who give. While the needs remain great, we are encouraged by the tangible progress we have witnessed: the comfort restored to families, the confidence rebuilt in children, and the hope renewed among those who once felt forgotten.

As we move forward into a new year, we remain committed to our calling: to bring practical help, emotional support, and lasting hope to communities in crisis across the UK and Europe.

Signed on behalf of the trustees,



David C. Smethurst



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
SMETHURST MINISTRIES TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31.03.2025

Charity no
(if any)

1043713

Set out on pages

Accounts attached

(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 30/03/2021.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

Signed:

Alice Belcher

Date:

2025.10.10

Name:

Alice Belcher

Relevant professional

Project Manager

Address:

40 Rudyard Road, Brighton BN2 6UB

SMETHURST MINISTRIES TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1043713

Accounts

SMETHURST MINISTRIES TRUST

Registration Number 1043713

Income and Expenditure Account

For the Year Ended 31st March 2024

	2022	2023	2024
Income	<u>£68,835.02</u>	£49,037.03	<u>£118,612.38</u>
Gift Aid Income		<u>£3,371.79</u>	
	£68,835.02	£52,408.82	£118,612.38
Less Expenditure			
Gifts and Donations	£46,073.15	£42,428.72	£51,444.72
Motor Expenses	£2,153.12	£3,248.15	£6,693.91
Bank Charges	£565.72	£603.03	£630.80
Missions and Conferences	£1,813.69	£5,665.03	£17,419.98
Office Costs	£1,644.95	£1,265.03	£4,665.08
Postage	£328.64	£243.22	£1,298.21
Repairs and Maintenance	£5,308.79	£8,422.11	£15,482.00
Insurance	£1,807.82	£1,660.80	£3,581.19
Books and Resources	£12.86	£526.23	£1,023.50
Wages and Pension	£10,823.80	£10,815.00	£10,815.00
Telephone	£558.77	£1,824.08	£2,971.94
Utilities	<u>£2,385.85</u>	<u>£2,461.02</u>	<u>£3,520.80</u>
Total Expenditure	£73,477.16	£79,162.42	£119,547.13
Excess to Capital Account	<u>-£4,642.14</u>	<u>-£26,753.60</u>	<u>-£934.75</u>

SMETHURST MINISTRIES TRUST

Registration Number 1043713

Balance Sheet

As at 31st March 2024

	2022	2023	2024
<u>Capital Account</u>			
Balance as at 31st March	£54,394.77	£49,752.63	£22,999.03
Income over Expendiure	<u>-£4,642.14</u>	<u>-£26,753.60</u>	<u>-£934.75</u>
	£49,752.63	£22,999.03	£22,064.28
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash at National Westminster Bank	£50,507.12	£23,966.89	£22,351.09
Savings Account National Westminster Bank	<u>£3.58</u>	<u>£0.01</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
	£50,510.70	£23,966.90	£22,351.09
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
American Express Credit Card	£97.77	£806.58	£187.81
Natwest Mastercard	£660.30	£161.29	£99.00
	<u>£758.07</u>	<u>£967.87</u>	<u>£286.81</u>
<u>Net Current Assets</u>	<u>£49,752.63</u>	<u>£22,999.03</u>	<u>£22,064.28</u>

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Annual Trustees Report

For the Year Ended 31st March 2024

The year 2023/2024 has been both a challenging and rewarding period for our charity. Following the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic over the last two years, we were able to resume postponed opportunities, by reconnecting with communities across the UK and Europe. This year allowed us to reaffirm our partnerships with dedicated individuals we have trained and equipped in previous years, enabling them to carry out vital humanitarian work.

Supporting Those in Crisis

The ongoing conflict in Ukraine has brought additional hardship to already vulnerable communities, particularly refugees, homeless individuals, and orphans who have sought shelter across parts of Europe. Working alongside the local teams we previously trained, we have been able to provide essential support to those in greatest need. Teams in Germany and Norway have stepped up to assist refugee families and orphans with care and compassion.

Through the generosity of our donors, we have been able to send funds to provide medicines, blankets, warm clothing, and shoes. These provisions have been critical, especially as many children faced harsh winter conditions. We remain deeply concerned for their well-being and have ensured access to medical treatment, heating supplies, and other essential resources to help families and children survive and maintain their health.

Education and Counselling

Education remains a key priority, as access to learning materials and school resources continues to be a significant challenge for many refugee families. With our support, numerous children have successfully passed their school examinations, despite difficult circumstances.

At Christmas, we were able to bring joy and relief to children in Germany, Norway, and Latvia by providing warm meals, educational gifts, and winter essentials such as heating and medical supplies. These small but vital acts of care reflect our ongoing commitment to supporting families during times of hardship.

Family and Relationship Support

In addition to humanitarian aid, we have continued to focus on supporting families facing relationship and emotional challenges. Seminars conducted throughout 2023 and 2024, both in-person and online, have provided much-needed support to struggling families, including those dealing with relationship breakdowns, teenage issues, and isolation. These seminars remain popular, with counsellors and caregivers across Europe benefiting from training sessions designed to equip them to assist others in crisis. Some of this material has also been translated into other languages to reach a wider audience.

Looking Ahead

This year has reminded us of the resilience of those we serve and the compassion of those who give. While challenges remain, it has been encouraging to see the real and lasting difference our work is making in the lives of families, children, and orphans. Beyond helping people to survive, we have witnessed progress and hope.

Signed on behalf of the trustees,



David C. Smethurst



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
SMETHURST MINISTRIES TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31.03.2024

Charity no
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Signed:

Alice Belcher

Date:

2024.12.10

Name:

Alice Belcher

Relevant professional

Project Manager

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SMETHURST MINISTRIES TRUST

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Accounts

SMETHURST MINISTRIES TRUST

Registration Number 1043713

Income and Expenditure Account

For the Year Ended 31st March 2023

	2021	2022	2023
Income	<u>£112,628.70</u>	<u>£68,835.02</u>	£49,037.03
Gift Aid Income			<u>£3,371.79</u>
	£112,628.70	£68,835.02	£52,408.82
Less Expenditure			
Gifts and Donations	£41,703.69	£46,073.15	£42,428.72
Motor Expenses	£5,281.34	£2,153.12	£3,248.15
Bank Charges	£509.20	£565.72	£603.03
Missions and Conferences	£5,766.84	£1,813.69	£5,665.03
Office Costs	£2,402.38	£1,644.95	£1,265.03
Postage	£268.11	£328.64	£243.22
Repairs and Maintenance	£6,214.49	£5,308.79	£8,422.11
Insurance	£2,999.66	£1,807.82	£1,660.80
Books and Resources	£295.24	£12.86	£526.23
Wages and Pension	£10,822.20	£10,823.80	£10,815.00
Telephone	£1,988.87	£558.77	£1,824.08
Utilities	<u>£2,112.92</u>	<u>£2,385.85</u>	<u>£2,461.02</u>
Total Expenditure	£80,364.94	£73,477.16	£79,162.42
Excess to Capital Account	<u>£32,263.76</u>	<u>-£4,642.14</u>	<u>-£26,753.60</u>

SMETHURST MINISTRIES TRUST

Registration Number 1043713

Balance Sheet

As at 31st March 2023

	2021	2022	2023
<u>Capital Account</u>			
Balance as at 31st March	£22,131.01	£54,394.77	£49,752.63
Income over Expendiure	<u>£32,263.76</u>	<u>-£4,642.14</u>	<u>-£26,753.60</u>
	£54,394.77	£49,752.63	£22,999.03
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash at National Westminster Bank	£56,453.17	£50,507.12	£23,966.89
Savings Account National Westminster Bank	<u>£3.56</u>	<u>£3.58</u>	<u>£0.01</u>
	£56,456.73	£50,510.70	£23,966.90
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
American Express Credit Card	£693.57	£97.77	£806.58
Natwest Mastercard	£1,368.39	£660.30	£161.29
	<u>£2,061.96</u>	<u>£758.07</u>	<u>£967.87</u>
<u>Net Current Assets</u>	<u>£54,394.77</u>	<u>£49,752.63</u>	<u>£22,999.03</u>

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Annual Trustees Report

For the Year Ended 31st March 2023

This year 2022/2023 was again a busy year and a very fruitful year with a lot of local and European travel to make up **for postponed opportunities of the past two years of Covid lockdown. It's been great to reconnect with and re-affirm** local people who were trained and equipped by us in the past, They stepped up to do mercy missions to the destitute, the elderly, and needy communities in the UK and Europe.

Latvia and Ukraine were in lockdown as a result of the COVID-19 restrictions and Ukraine is now isolated due to the present war situation. So, we have helped supply the needs of refugees and homeless people and orphans who are now taking shelter in parts of Europe. The local teams we trained in humanitarian work are busy helping orphans and refugee families in Germany and Norway.

Money for medicines, blankets, shoes and warm clothing were again provided by compassionate donors and sent to trained workers, where children were helped with provisions and resources to help them to survive the winter, with adequate heating and medicines in the locations we have worked in previously. This caused a lot of concern, but **medicines and medical treatment were provided for these refugee children's well-being.**

Education, reading and study materials were again still a great need to supply this year, and many children have studied well and passed their school examinations in these relocated European countries. In the years past while conducting mercy missions to the country areas in the Odessa Province we trained local teams on how to conduct mercy missions, and counselling of the destitute and bereaved. In this crisis situation, these local trustworthy teams have proved themselves indispensable and reliable in operating on their own in the House of Hope facility in the Odessa province.

During the Christmas season, we were able to provide warm meals and educational gifts for the children in Germany, Norway and Latvia, as well as winter heating and medical supplies. Personal needs once again are the provision of medicines, toiletries, clothes, blankets and school materials.

Family Needs in UK and Europe

The seminars we conducted in the 2022 and 2023 period, were again appreciated by the destitute and isolated who were struggling with relationship and family issues. We were able to help families in the UK and Europe with problems in home relationships, marriage breakdowns and needy teenagers and children. More online seminars are still very popular to equip and train counsellors to help others in times of crisis. Some of these seminars have been translated into other languages.

This year was a year of great challenge as well as encouragement to us to be able to help many needy families, children and orphans to do more than just survive. We have helped them to progress.

Signed on behalf of the trustees,



David C. Smethurst



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

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members of

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On accounts for the year
ended

31.03.2023

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Signed:

Date: 2023.11.10

Name:

Alice Belcher

Relevant professional

Project Manager

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Accounts

SMETHURST MINISTRIES TRUST

Registration Number 1043713

Income and Expenditure Account

For the Year Ended 31st March 2022

	2020	2021	2022
Income	<u>£50,992.78</u>	<u>£112,628.70</u>	<u>£68,835.02</u>
	£50,992.78	£112,628.70	£68,835.02
Less Expenditure			
Gifts and Donations	£3,681.90	£41,703.69	£46,073.15
Motor Expenses	£1,640.37	£5,281.34	£2,153.12
Bank Charges	£540.16	£509.20	£565.72
Missions and Conferences	£6,571.18	£5,766.84	£1,813.69
Office Costs	£195.35	£2,402.38	£1,644.95
Postage	£160.80	£268.11	£328.64
Repairs and Maintenance	£2,771.77	£6,214.49	£5,308.79
Insurance	£1,278.35	£2,999.66	£1,807.82
Books and Resources	£156.92	£295.24	£12.86
Wages and Pension	£10,792.45	£10,822.20	£10,823.80
Telephone	£951.80	£1,988.87	£558.77
Utilities	<u>£2,232.91</u>	<u>£2,112.92</u>	<u>£2,385.85</u>
Total Expenditure	£30,973.96	£80,364.94	£73,477.16
Excess to Capital Account	<u>£20,018.82</u>	<u>£32,263.76</u>	<u>-£4,642.14</u>

SMETHURST MINISTRIES TRUST

Registration Number 1043713

Balance Sheet

As at 31st March 2022

	2020	2021	2022
<u>Capital Account</u>			
Balance as at 31st March	£2,112.19	£22,131.01	£54,394.77
Income over Expenditure	<u>£20,018.82</u>	<u>£32,263.76</u>	<u>-£4,642.14</u>
	£22,131.01	£54,394.77	£49,752.63
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash at National Westminster Bank	£22,127.45	£56,453.17	£50,507.12
Savings Account National Westminster Bank	<u>£3.56</u>	<u>£3.56</u>	<u>£3.58</u>
	£22,131.01	£56,456.73	£50,510.70
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
American Express Credit Card		£693.57	£97.77
Natwest Mastercard		£1,368.39	£660.30
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		£2,061.96	£758.07
<u>Net Current Assets</u>	<u>£22,131.01</u>	<u>£54,394.77</u>	<u>£49,752.63</u>

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Annual Trustees Report

For the Year Ended 31st March 2022

This year 2021/2022 was a tough year and a very fruitful year with a little local travel, but no overseas travel due to the Covid-19 restrictions. The fruitfulness resulted from local people who were trained and equipped by us in the past, stepping up to do mercy missions to the poor, the elderly, and needy communities in the UK and Ukraine.

Over the past few years, we have been providing for a homeless children's facility, called the House of Hope in the Odessa Province and providing for the orphans and homeless children there. This facility is watched over by the local government Child Protection Services whom I've met personally. More and more homeless children have been brought in over the last months of 2021. In January 2022 the remodelling and extensions to the House of Hope resulted in the House being five times bigger in capacity. This was approved by the local Odessa Council and with donations that concerned and compassionate people have given, we have been able to provide for the building and furnishing costs to eventually house and care for over 200 children and teenagers.

As a result of these travel restrictions, we have had to work from "home office" and that has freed up funds and resources to be sent to people and projects of need through the year.

Ukraine was in lockdown as a result of the spread of COVID-19 in 2021 and so we ploughed on with bringing homeless children and orphans into a care centre called the "House of Hope", in the Odessa province. The local teams we trained in humanitarian work, kept finding orphans and bringing them into the House of Hope under the guidance of Child Protection Services. Each week teams of workers travelled to many villages in the Odessa region to meet the needs of the children and elderly poor people with survival packs of basic food, hygienic toiletries and medicine.

Finance for medicines, blankets, shoes and warm clothing were again provided by compassionate donors and sent to trained workers, where children were helped with provisions and resources to help them to survive the winter, with adequate heating and medicines. Many orphanages in Ukraine have been struggling in the icy cold winter months, and once again many children with low immune systems, were sick. This caused a lot of concern, but medicines were provided. **We were able to provide this for these children's well-being.**

Education, reading and study materials were again still a great need to supply this year, even more so since the **orphanage boarding schools we are involved with, were closed. In years' past while conducting mercy missions to the country areas in the Odessa Province we trained local teams on how to conduct mercy missions, while we provided them with the funds to acquire the necessary provisions. In this crisis period, these local trustworthy teams, whose leaders are known to us personally, have proved themselves indispensable and reliable. There is scope within this charity to monitor this flow of resources and finance and have not found fault with their dealings.**

At the Christmas season, we were able to provide warm meals and educational gifts for the children. We undertook to meet the needs of feeding schemes and winter heating for the House of Hope and remote orphanages. In Odessa province the orphans needed a lot of help with personal needs once again with the provision of medicines, toiletries, clothes, blankets and school materials. Then conflict in the region broke out, and consequently we have helped people relocate to places of refuge at this time, all of which has been sanctioned by the local government.

Family Needs in UK and Eastern Europe

The seminars we conducted in the early part of 2020 were again appreciated by the poor and isolated who were struggling with relationship and family issues. We were able to help families in the UK and Eastern Europe with problems in home relationships, marriage breakdowns and needy teenagers and children. Seminars were very popular once again to equip and train counsellors to help others in times of crisis. Some of these seminars have been translated into other languages.

This year was a year of great challenge as well as encouragement to us to be able to help many needy families, children and orphans.

Signed on behalf of the trustees,



David C. Smethurst



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
SMETHURST MINISTRIES TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31.03.2022

Charity no
(if any)

1043713

Set out on pages

Accounts attached

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

Signed:

Alice Belcher

Date: 2022.10.19

Name:

Alice Belcher

Relevant professional

Project Manager

Address:

40 Rudyard Road, Brighton BN2 6UB

SMETHURST MINISTRIES TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1043713

Accounts

SMETHURST MINISTRIES TRUST

Registration Number 1043713

Income and Expenditure Account

For the Year Ended 31st March 2021

	2019	2020	2021
Income	<u>£38,778.26</u>	<u>£50,992.78</u>	<u>£112,628.70</u>
	£38,778.26	£50,992.78	£112,628.70
Less Expenditure			
Gifts and Donations	£13,296.12	£3,681.90	£41,703.69
Motor Expenses	£3,311.01	£1,640.37	£5,281.34
Bank Charges	£583.40	£540.16	£509.20
Missions and Conferences	£8,567.24	£6,571.18	£5,766.84
Office Costs	£344.64	£195.35	£2,402.38
Postage	£169.69	£160.80	£268.11
Repairs and Maintenance	£2,640.22	£2,771.77	£6,214.49
Insurance	£676.84	£1,278.35	£2,999.66
Books and Resources	£302.59	£156.92	£295.24
Wages and Pension	£9,867.45	£10,792.45	£10,822.20
Telephone	£1,522.64	£951.80	£1,988.87
Utilities	<u>£2,056.61</u>	<u>£2,232.91</u>	<u>£2,112.92</u>
Total Expenditure	£43,338.45	£30,973.96	£80,364.94
Excess to Capital Account	<u>-£4,560.19</u>	<u>£20,018.82</u>	<u>£32,263.76</u>

SMETHURST MINISTRIES TRUST

Registration Number 1043713

Balance Sheet

As at 31st March 2021

	2019	2020	2021
<u>Capital Account</u>			
Balance as at 31st March	£6,672.38	£2,112.19	£22,131.01
Income over Expenditure	<u>-£4,560.19</u>	<u>£20,018.82</u>	<u>£32,263.76</u>
	£2,112.19	£22,131.01	£54,394.77
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash at National Westminster Bank	£2,108.63	£22,127.45	£56,453.17
Savings Account National Westminster Bank	<u>£3.56</u>	<u>£3.56</u>	<u>£3.56</u>
	£2,112.19	£22,131.01	£56,456.73
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
American Express Credit Card			£693.57
Natwest Mastercard			<u>£1,368.39</u>
			£2,061.96
<u>Net Current Assets</u>	<u>£2,112.19</u>	<u>£22,131.01</u>	<u>£54,394.77</u>

SMETHURST MINISTRIES TRUST

40 Rudyard Road, Brighton East Sussex, BN2 6UB
A Registered Charity 1043713

Annual Trustees Report

For the Year Ended 31st March 2021

This year 2020/2021 was a tough year but still a very fruitful year again with a little local travel, but with no overseas travel due to the Covid-19 restrictions. The fruitfulness resulted as a result of local people who were trained and equipped by us in the past, stepping forward to do the mercy missions to the poor, the elderly, and needy communities in the UK and Ukraine.

As a result of the COVID lockdowns and travel restrictions, we've had to work from "home office" and that has freed up funds and resources to be sent to people and projects of need through the year.

Ukraine is in lockdown as a result of the spread of COVID-19 around the world. In the Odessa region of Ukraine, 552 children who were accommodated in orphanage boarding schools that we support with basic medicines and educational materials, were "released" from these Orphanage Boarding Schools and sent back to their "homes". Many of them had no homes to which to go. They were left on the streets, with no means to feed and take care of themselves. The local teams we have trained, got into action trying to find these orphans and are working together with Child Protection Services to seek to meet the needs of these children as best possible with survival packs of basic food, hygienic toiletries and medicines, and temporary accommodation. We found out that hundreds more children were in this dire situation and have been reaching out to help them.

Money for medicines, blankets, shoes and warm clothing were again provided by compassionate donors and sent to trained workers, where children were helped with provisions and resources to help them to survive the winter, with adequate heating and medicines. Many orphanages in Ukraine have been struggling in the icy cold winter months, and once again many children with low immune systems, were sick.

This caused a lot of concern, but medicines were provided. We don't want to lose any children in the winter months. A number of children, who have phenylketonuria (PKU) have needed supplements and food, free of animal protein. We were able to provide this for these children's well-being.

Education, reading and study materials were again still a great need to supply this year, even more so since the orphanage boarding schools we are involved with, were closed. In years past while conducting mercy missions to the country areas in the Odessa Province and communities in the country towns near the Chernobyl Region, we trained local teams on how to conduct mercy missions, while we provided them with the funds to acquire the necessary provisions. In this COVID crisis period, these local trustworthy teams, whose leaders are known to us personally, have proved themselves indispensable and reliable. Having audit many projects myself, I do checks on them continuously and have not found fault with their dealings.

Over the past few years, we have been providing for a homeless children's facility, called the House of Hope in the Odessa Province and providing for the orphans and homeless children there. This facility is watched over by the local government Child Protection Services whom I've met personally. More and more homeless children have been brought in over the COVID period, and over the last year an urgent need arose to increase the size of the House of Hope to be five times bigger in capacity. This was approved by the local Odessa Council and with donations that concerned and compassionate people have given, we have been able to provide for the building and furnishing costs to eventually house and care for over 150 children and teenagers.

At the Christmas season we've been able to provide warm meals and educational gifts for the children. We undertook to meet the needs of feeding schemes and winter heating for the House of Hope and remote orphanages. In Ukraine the orphans needed a lot of help with personal needs once again with the provision of medicines, toiletries, clothes, blankets and school materials. There is an orphanage of brain-damaged babies **and children in Odessa that is in constant need of the provisions we've been able to provide, which include** pampers, catheters and vital supplements and vitamins to boost their immune systems.

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This year was a season of great challenge as well as encouragement to us to be able to help many needy families and orphans.

Signed on behalf of the trustees,

D.C. Smethurst

David C. Smethurst



Section A		Independent Examiner's Report	
Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name SMETHURST MINISTRIES TRUST		
On accounts for the year ended	31.03.2021	Charity no (if any)	1043713
Set out on pages	Accounts attached <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		
Responsibilities and basis of report	<p>I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/03/2021.</p> <p>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").</p> <p>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.</p>		
Independent examiner's statement	<p>I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p>		
Signed:		Date:	10.01.2022
Name:	Alice Belcher		
Relevant professional	Project Manager		
Address:	40 Rudyard Road, Brighton BN2 6UB		