

# SMETHURST MINISTRIES TRUST

Registration Number 1043713

## Income and Expenditure Account

For the Year Ended 31st March 2024

	2022	2023	2024
<b>Income</b>	<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
<b>Less Expenditure</b>			
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>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	£73,477.16	£79,162.42	£119,547.13
<b>Excess to Capital Account</b>	<u>-£4,642.14</u>	<u>-£26,753.60</u>	<u>-£934.75</u>

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## Balance Sheet

As at 31st March 2024

	2022	2023	2024
<strong><u>Capital Account</u></strong>			
Balance as at 31st March	£54,394.77	£49,752.63	£22,999.03
Income over Expenditure	<u>-£4,642.14</u>	<u>-£26,753.60</u>	<u>-£934.75</u>
	£49,752.63	£22,999.03	£22,064.28
<strong><u>Current Assets</u></strong>			
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
<strong><u>Current Liabilities</u></strong>			
American Express Credit Card	£97.77	£806.58	£187.81
Natwest Mastercard	<u>£660.30</u>	<u>£161.29</u>	<u>£99.00</u>
	£758.07	£967.87	£286.81
<strong><u>Net Current Assets</u></strong>	<u>£49,752.63</u>	<u>£22,999.03</u>	<u>£22,064.28</u>

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

## 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  
(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 30/03/2021.

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:

Date: 2024.12.10

Name:

Alice Belcher

Relevant professional

Project Manager

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