

# CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTRE (BISHOP'S STORTFORD)

England & Wales · Charity number 1049175

## Details

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| Other names | BISHOP'S STORTFORD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, COC,BISHOP'S STORTFORD, The Hub Church Bishop's Stortford |
| Status      | Registered   |
| Legal form  | Trust  |
| Registered  | 1995-09-14   |
| Register    | <a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>  |

## Contact

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| Address | Christian Outreach Centre Hub Church<br>Portland Road<br>Bishop's Stortford<br>Hertfordshire<br>CM23 3SL |
| Phone   | 07788612398  |
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| Website | <a href="http://www.thehubchurchstortford.com">www.thehubchurchstortford.com</a>                         |

## Activities

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**Objects:** (A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN BISHOP'S STORTFORD AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.(B) TO RELIEF PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED OR HARDSHIP OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK AND TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS CAUSED THEREBY IN BISHOP'S STORTFORD AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT. (C) TO PROMOTE AND FULFILL SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY IN BISHOP'S STORTFORD AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

**Activities:** A church sharing the good news of Jesus Christ through meetings and activities. We run a child contact centre for absent fathers to gain access to their children - we run a youth work - children's work - collect food to distribution to the poor in our community - run a language and ministry school - conferences

during the year for teaching and mission - church services - relief of the poor.

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, 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:** BISHOPS STORTFORD
- Essex
- Hertfordshire

## Finances

| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-08-31 | £60,209 | £56,225     | -      | -         |
| 2024-08-31 | £60,729 | £46,935     | -      | -         |
| 2023-08-31 | £34,660 | £39,014     | -      | -         |
| 2022-08-31 | £58,538 | £35,109     | -      | -         |
| 2021-08-31 | £58,703 | £42,640     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                       | Role  | Appointed  |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|
| ANTHONY HICKMAN            | Chair |            |
| Evelyn Mejomafume Olasegha |       | 2020-03-05 |
| JAMES BAXTER               |       |            |
| MATTHEW LEMAN              |       | 2024-12-06 |

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# Accounts

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# Christian Outreach Centre

**The hub church**  
**Portland Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, CM233SL**  
07788612398

## **Annual Report for the year ending 31 August 2025.**

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We have continued to help individuals with needs, within Bishop's Stortford or the surrounding area when brought to our attention.  
During the report period, the building has continued to host the Portland Child Contact Centre. This fulfills a great need in the community. The Contact Centre provides a safe environment where solicitors and social services can arrange for children to meet with a separated parent on a regular basis, if necessary.  
Local people including dance classes, Two AA groups, a camera club, a children's activity group and a U3A dance exercise group continue to hire the building.
3. Report of progress towards our aims.  
Weekends are used for the contact centre for broken families and church services on Sunday. Friday nights are used for a prayer group and youth work and during the week connection groups. Local community groups use the hall in the day time and evenings when the church is not holding meetings. The babies and toddlers group regularly has up to 15 mums with their children in attendance which brings in a small amount of finance.
- 4/. For the past three years now we have opened the centre as a "warm space" for those who are homeless, struggling to put on their own heating or needing a warm social environment for contact with friends. We provide free food and drink during the day Monday and Friday.

Anthony Hickman (trustee) Date: 5th February 2026.

Christian Outreach Centre (Bishop's Stortford).  
 Portland Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

Registration : 104917 Christian Outreach Ce  
 Portland Road, Bisho

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st August 2025

Balance Sheet as at 3

|   | 2025     | 2024     |                     |
|---|----------|----------|---------------------|
|   |          |          | Building            |
| Tax Back  | 6753.62  | 8817.63  |                     |
| Rental Income                                     | 9623.5   | 9235     |                     |
| Tuck Shop Sales                                   | 0        | 99.92    |                     |
| Bumble bees                                       | 1134.86  | 1238.38  | Equipment Forward   |
| Tithes & Offerings                                | 40211.27 | 37289.5  | Equipment Purchase  |
| Sundry Income (donatemporary                      | 0        | 100      | Equipment Sold      |
| Bank Interest                                     | 485.79   | 349.87   |                     |
| Grant Money for warm space                        | 2000     | 1060     | Depreciation        |
| Insurance Claim                                   | 0        | 2539.53  |                     |
|   | <hr/>    | <hr/>    |                     |
| Total Income                                      | 60209.04 | 60729.83 | Current Assets      |
|   |          |          | Petty Cash          |
|   |          |          | Kingdom Bank Saving |
|   |          |          | Saving account      |
|   |          |          | School Account      |
| Expenses  |          |          | Gift aid debtor     |
| Postage, Stationery and Printing                  | 771.44   | 515.26   | Bank Balance        |
| Bumble bees                                       | 200.35   | 175.49   |                     |
| Pastor's Expenses +Visiting Pastor expenses       | 6125.27  | 2214.06  |                     |
| Cleaning Supplies/toiletries                      | 159.58   | 325.97   |                     |
| Staff Training & Sundry Expenses                  | 489.01   | 303.83   |                     |
| Licences/subscriptions                            | 2129.01  | 1218.28  | Current Liabilities |
| Evangelism/Advertising                            | 4584.19  | 1347.61  |                     |
| Tuck Shop and youth                               | 2515.58  | 1844.3   | Mortgage            |
| Heat & Light/Telephone/Insurance/Internet         | 5929.22  | 4061.35  |                     |
| Gifts to Disadvantaged & Other Ministries/Mission | 1372.58  | 3128.75  |                     |
| Teaching Material                                 | 14.99    | 8.99     | NET ASSETS          |
| Children and Youth ministry                       | 236.41   | 209.65   |                     |
| Mortgage Interest to be adjusted                  | 20679.74 | 19821.12 |                     |
| Depreciation of Equipment                         | 2559.81  | 2823.72  | Represented by :    |
| Bank/ Legal/Professional Fees                     | 6173.72  | 2662     |                     |
| Centre Maintenance/Repairs                        | 2284.73  | 6274.87  |                     |
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|   | 56225.63 | 46935.25 | Balance Forward     |
| NET RETAINED INCOME                               | 3983.41  | 13794.58 | Valuation increase  |
|   |          |          | Net retained income |

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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Christian Outreach Centre (Bishop's Stortford)

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1049175

**Set out on pages**

*(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 **31/08/2025**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:**

*A.M. Akande*

**Date:** 03/02/2026

**Name:**

Ayoyinka Akande

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

FCA (Fellow-Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales)

**Address:**

15 Millcroft, Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 2BP

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Anthony Hickman (trustee) Date: 21st January 2025.

|   | <u>2024</u>     | <u>2023</u>     |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Tax Back (Gift Aid)                               | 8817.63         | 4336.06         |
| Rental Income                                     | 9235.00         | 10395.00        |
| Tuck Shop Sales                                   | 99.92           | 70.00           |
| Bumble bees                                       | 1238.38         | 1351.38         |
| Tithes & Offerings                                | 37289.50        | 18267.92        |
| Sundry Income (donations)                         | 100.00          | 240.00          |
| Insurance Claim                                   | 2539.53         | 0.00            |
| Bank Interest                                     | 349.87          | 0.00            |
| Grant for Warm Space                              | 1060.00         | 0.00            |
|   | <u>60729.83</u> | <u>34660.36</u> |
| <u>Expenses</u>                                   |                 |                 |
| Postage, Stationery and Printing                  | 515.26          | 245.24          |
| Bumble bees                                       | 175.49          | 218.85          |
| Pastor's Expenses +Visiting Pastor expenses       | 2214.06         | 1188.40         |
| Cleaning Supplies/toiletries                      | 325.97          | 543.01          |
| Sundry Expenses                                   | 303.83          | 288.89          |
| Licences/subscriptions                            | 1218.28         | 744.00          |
| Evangelism/Advertising                            | 1347.61         | 465.39          |
| Tuck Shop and youth                               | 1844.30         | 1387.26         |
| Heat & Light/Telephone/Insurance/online           | 4061.35         | 3776.72         |
| Gifts to Disadvantaged & Other Ministries/Mission | 3128.75         | 1830.18         |
| Office expenses                                   | 8.99            | 0.00            |
| Petty Cash  | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Children and Youth ministry                       | 209.65          | 1170.93         |
| Mortgage Interest & Loan Interest                 | 19821.12        | 14836.42        |
| Depreciation of Equipment                         | 2823.72         | 1648.19         |
| Bank/ Legal/Professional Fees                     | 2662.00         | 72.00           |
| Centre Maintenance/Repairs                        | 6274.87         | <u>10599.02</u> |
|   | <u>46935.25</u> | <u>39014.50</u> |
| NET RETAINED INCOME                               | <u>13794.58</u> | <u>-4354.14</u> |



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Christian Outreach Centre (Bishop's Stortford)

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

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| 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2024 | <b>Charity no<br/>(if any)</b> | 1049175 |
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**Signed:** A. M. Akande

**Date:** 06/01/2025

**Name:** Ayoyinka Akande

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

FCA (Fellow-Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales)

**Address:** 15 Millcroft, Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 2BP

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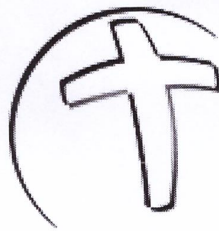
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2. Purpose of the Charity. Throughout the report period, this charity has continued to promote the Christian Faith in Bishop's Stortford and other regions of the UK

We have continued to help individuals with needs, within Bishop's Stortford or the surrounding area when brought to our attention.

3. Report of progress towards our aims.

During the report period, the building has continued to host the Portland Child Contact Centre. This continues to fulfill a great need in the community. The Contact Centre provides a safe environment where solicitors and social services can arrange for children to meet with a separated parent on a regular basis, if necessary. The facilities also host local people including two AA groups, a camera club, a children's activity group and the U3A dance/exercise classes.

Friday nights are used for a prayer group and during the week connection groups. The babies and toddlers group regularly has up to 20 mums with their children in attendance which brings in a small amount of finance.

Sunday mornings have continued to host the whole congregation meeting for worship and bible teaching when we also welcome in the homeless for friendship and coffee.

This year we added a new project for the poor and homeless. During the months of November 2022 through to March 2023 we provided a warm hall from 9-5 with free drinks, breakfast and lunches. All day Monday and all day Friday.

A new cabin was also purchased to provide extra space for youth work at the rear of the centre.

This year the congregation has seen new families joining.

Signed: Anthony Hickman (trustee) Date: 17th April 2024.

|  | <u>2023</u>     | <u>2022</u>     |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| School Income (now closed)                           | 0.00            | 1145.78         |
| Tax Back (Gift Aid)                                  | 4336.06         | 5660.16         |
| Rental Income  | 10395.00        | 9702.58         |
| Tuck Shop Sales                                      | 70.00           | 60.00           |
| Bumble bees  | 1351.38         | 1872.84         |
| Tithes & Offerings - last year extra for renata 2400 | 18267.92        | 19360.85        |
| Sundry Income (donations)                            | 240.00          | 795.93          |
| Insurance Claim                                      | 0.00            | 19916.45        |
| Total Income   | <u>34660.36</u> | <u>58514.59</u> |
| <br><u>Expenses</u>                                  |                 |                 |
| Postage, Stationery and Printing                     | 245.24          | 95.00           |
| Bumble bees  | 218.85          | 251.18          |
| Pastor's Expenses +Visiting Pastor expenses          | 1188.40         | 854.00          |
| School Wages   | 0.00            | 1586.37         |
| Cleaning Supplies/toiletries                         | 543.01          | 0.00            |
| Sundry Expenses                                      | 288.99          | 1941.39         |
| Licences/subscriptions                               | 744.00          | 803.00          |
| Evangelism/Advertising                               | 465.39          | 627.35          |
| Tuck Shop and youth                                  | 1387.26         | 0.00            |
| Heat & Light/Telephone/Insurance/online              | 3776.72         | 3579.92         |
| Gifts to Disadvantaged & Other Ministries/Mission    | 1830.18         | 3649.49         |
| Office expenses                                      | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Petty Cash   | 0.00            | 6400.00         |
| Children and Youth ministry                          | 1170.93         | 36.59           |
| Mortgage Interest & Loan Interest                    | 14836.42        | 8140.36         |
| Depreciation of Equipment                            | 1648.19         | 1659.35         |
| Bank/ Legal/Professional Fees                        | 72.00           | 72.00           |
| Centre Maintenance/Repairs                           | <u>10599.02</u> | <u>7265.44</u>  |
|  | <u>39014.60</u> | <u>36961.44</u> |
| NET RETAINED INCOME                                  | <u>-4354.24</u> | <u>21553.15</u> |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Christian Outreach Centre (Bishop's Stortford)

On accounts for the year  
ended

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- 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.

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Signed: A. M. Akande Date: 16/04/2024

Name: Ayoyinka Akande

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

FCA (Fellow – Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales)

Address: 15 Millcroft, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM23 2BP

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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The English Language School for the training of missionaries from Brazil which started in January 2007 has continued to operate with students from Europe and the UK and ceased trading on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021. During the school period we had 3 students in 1 class.

We have continued to help individuals with needs, within Bishop's Stortford or the surrounding area when brought to our attention. During the report period, the building has continued to host the Portland Child Contact Centre. This fulfills a great need in the community. The Contact Centre provides a safe environment where solicitors and social services can arrange for children to meet with a separated parent on a regular basis, if necessary.

Local people including dance classes, Two AA groups, a camera club, a children's activity group and a national slimming club continued to hire the building.

3. Report of progress towards our aims.

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Anthony Hickman (trustee) Date: 2nd March 2023.

Christian Outreach Centre (Bishop's Stortford).

Registration : 104917

Portland Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st August 2022

|  | 2022            | 2021            |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| School Income  | 1145.78         | 5799.41         |
| Tax Back   | 5660.16         | 5039.8          |
| SMP for school                                       | 0               | 5156.22         |
| Rental Income  | 9702.58         | 9381.95         |
| Tuck Shop Sales                                      | 84.14           | 0               |
| Bumble bees  | 1872.84         | 591.39          |
| Tithes & Offerings - last year extra for renata 2400 | 19360.85        | 22707.04        |
| Sundry Income refund of cov seed                     | 795.93          | 28              |
| Insurance Claim                                      | <u>19916.45</u> | <u>10000</u>    |
| <br>   |                 |                 |
| Total Income   | 58538.73        | 58703.81        |
| <br>   |                 |                 |
| <u>Expenses</u>                                      |                 |                 |
| Postage, Stationery and Printing                     | 698.81          | 240.68          |
| Bumble bees  | 251.18          | 85.35           |
| Pastor's Expenses +Visiting Pastor expenses          | 990.00          | 366.00          |
| School Subscriptions                                 | 0.00            | 35.00           |
| School Wages   | 1586.37         | 11304.47        |
| Cleaning Supplies/toiletries                         | 245.52          | 152.20          |
| Sundry Expenses                                      | 156.00          | 138.98          |
| Licences/subscriptions                               | 803.00          | 830.00          |
| Evangelism/Advertising and events                    | 2152.88         | 261.96          |
| Tuck Shop and youth                                  | 1308.93         | 720.02          |
| Heat & Light/Telephone/Insurance                     | 3579.92         | 4052.59         |
| Gifts to Disadvantaged & Other Ministries/Mission    | 3649.49         | 4996.61         |
| Petty Cash   | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Children and Youth ministry                          | 195.53          | 294.46          |
| Staff entertaining                                   | 370.28          | 0.00            |
| Mortgage Interest & Loan Interest                    | 8140.36         | 7609.66         |
| Depreciation of Equipment                            | 2009.98         | 2023.60         |
| Bank/ Legal/Professional Fees                        | 1549.00         | 1162.40         |
| Centre Maintenance/Repairs                           | <u>7421.79</u>  | <u>8366.36</u>  |
| <br>   |                 |                 |
|  | <u>35109.04</u> | <u>42640.34</u> |
| NET RETAINED INCOME                                  | <u>23429.69</u> | <u>16063.47</u> |





Section A

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On accounts for the year  
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 08 / 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
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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:

*A.M. Akande*

Date:

31/01/2023

Name:

Ayoyinka Akande

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

FCA (Fellow - Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales)

Address:

15 Millcroft, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM23 2BP

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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

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

**CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTRE (BISHOP'S STORTFORD)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1049175

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# Accounts

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# Christian Outreach Centre

The hub church  
Portland Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, CM233SL  
07788612398

## Annual Report for the year ending 31 August 2021.

1. Trustees. Mr A Hickman, Mr J Baxter served for the whole year and Miss Evelyn Ibekeh-Olasegha.
2. Purpose of the Charity. Throughout the report period, this charity has continued to promote the Christian Faith in Bishop's Stortford. The congregation includes Portuguese, Bulgarian and Polish people living in the area plus Brazilians and other nationalities who have joined the church. The English Language School for the training of missionaries from Brazil which started in January 2007 continues to operate mostly with students from Europe and the UK. During the school year (up to 31 August 2021) we had 8 students in 2 classes. We have continued to help individuals with needs, within Bishop's Stortford or the surrounding area when brought to our attention. During the report period, the building has continued to host the Portland Child Contact Centre. This fulfills a great need in the community. The Contact Centre provides a safe environment where solicitors and social services can arrange for children to meet with a separated parent on a regular basis, if necessary. Local people including dance classes, a camera club, a children's activity group and a national slimming club continued to hire the building.
3. Report of progress towards our aims. As stated above, we continue to operate the Language school for 1 day a week. Weekends are used for the contact centre for broken families and church services on Sunday. Local community groups use the hall in the evenings when the church is not holding meetings. The newest addition that began in July 2020, to our work, is to host AA Meetings twice a week. The babies and toddlers group regularly has up to 20 mums with their children in attendance which brings in a small amount of finance.

Signed: Anthony Hickman (trustee) Date: 9th March 2022

Christian Outreach Centre (Bishop's Stortford).

Portland Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st August 2021

Registration : 10.

|  | <u>2021.00</u>  | <u>2020.00</u>  |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| School Income  | 5799.41         | 12029.77        |
| Tax Back   | 5039.80         | 5903.23         |
| Donations Restricted giving (includes statutory maternity) | 5156.22         | 16150.00        |
| Rental Income  | 9381.95         | 5258.00         |
| Tuck Shop Sales  | 0.00            | 272.45          |
| Bumble bees  | 591.39          | 263.20          |
| Tithes & Offerings - including gift aid giving             | 22707.04        | 24994.83        |
| Sundry Income  | 28.00           | 13.00           |
| Insurance Claim  | 10000.00        | 340.00          |
|  | <hr/>           | <hr/>           |
| <b>Total Income</b>  | <b>58703.81</b> | <b>65224.48</b> |
| <br>   |                 |                 |
| <u>Expenses</u>  | 240.68          | 428.42          |
| Postage, Stationery & Printing                             | 0.00            | 593.48          |
| Covenant Seed to COC (no more to come)                     | 85.35           | 0.00            |
| Bumble bees  | 366.00          | 3233.37         |
| Pastor's Expenses +Visiting Pastor expenses                | 0.00            | 137.36          |
| School books, training and stationery                      | 35.00           | 357.78          |
| School Subscriptions                                       | 11304.47        | 11319.50        |
| School Wages   | 152.20          | 716.85          |
| Cleaning Supplies/toiletries                               | 138.98          | 1452.40         |
| Sundry Expenses  | 830.00          | 938.16          |
| Licences/subscriptions                                     | 261.96          | 302.73          |
| Evangelism/Advertising                                     | 720.02          | 312.63          |
| Tuck Shop and youth  | 4052.59         | 3959.32         |
| Heat & Light/Telephone/Insurance/Internet                  | 4996.61         | 21971.96        |
| Gifts to Disadvantaged & Other Ministries/Mission          | 0.00            | 288.00          |
| Office expenses  | 0.00            | 14.99           |
| Training   | 0.00            | 0.48            |
| Petty Cash   | 294.46          | 264.63          |
| Children and Youth ministry                                | 0.00            | 585.15          |
| Staff entertaining   | 7609.66         | 8994.74         |
| Mortgage Interest  | 2023.60         | 2467.80         |
| Depreciation of Equipment                                  | 1162.40         | 80.00           |
| Bank/ Legal/Professional Fees                              | 8366.36         | 1492.90         |
| Centre Maintenance/Repairs                                 |                 |                 |
|  | <hr/>           | <hr/>           |
|  | <u>42640.34</u> | <u>59912.65</u> |
| <b>NET RETAINED INCOME</b>                                 | <u>16063.47</u> | <u>5311.83</u>  |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTRE

On accounts for the year ended

31/08/2021

Charity no (if any)

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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:

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

Signed:

Nicholas Welsher

Date:

15-2-22

Name:

Nicholas Welsher

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body