



Gateway People's Centre

Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 30th June 2023

Charity Number: 1054333



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Legal and administrative information

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 30th June 2023

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th June 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)

Constitution and objects

Gateway People's Centre is an Assemblies of God Church and is constituted under the Assemblies Of God Model Constitution adopted 11th July 1993 and is a registered charity number 1054333.

The objects of the charity are the promotion of the Christian faith based on sound scriptures and to reach the world for Jesus Christ. The motto of the charity is “ A PLACE OF LOVE IN A TROUBLED WORLD”. The charity is seeking to make a positive impact upon the borough of Thurrock, by becoming a Thurrock wide family centre where all are welcome, and where individuals and families can grow and flourish in faith and discover God's plan for their lives.

Organisation

The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 1.

Core activities

Sunday morning service – our Sunday morning service begins with joyous songs of praise, with prayers and worship by the entire congregation as we minister to our God. Worship is more than singing songs during our Sunday service. Worship is a lifestyle that reflects God's heart and love. Worship directs our thoughts and our action bringing to fruition an attitude of service for our Lord Jesus Christ! During our Sunday morning service, we pray for the sick, comfort the hurting and sorrowful, encourage the weak and weary, reach out in love to those who need the touch of a friend. Our congregation comprised people from all walks of life and nationalities. There are altogether more than twenty different nationalities attending our Sunday service, making the charity a truly multinational church.

Midweek group meetings – such meetings are to provide additional support and teaching for the church body. There are also ample opportunities for fellowship. The main purpose of your group meetings is to foster and promote the spirit of individual support of one another. Activities during such meetings include themed bible studies, group prayers and obviously fellowship. The intention is to have a first century church atmosphere



One Way Kidz (pre secondary school age) – provides children with the opportunity to explore and discuss the bible in age directed classes. Children are free to express themselves in times of praise and worship. All volunteers involved in children's work have been subjected to checks carried out by the Disclosure and Barring Service and our child protection policy encompasses the following principles:-

- the welfare of the child is paramount
- all children without exception have the right to protection from abuse
- all suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately
- all the charity's trustees, staff and volunteers have a responsibility to report concerns

Younger youth - the younger youth comprise children attending secondary schools between the ages of eleven and sixteen. Meetings are held 2 to 3 times a month. Fortnightly Zoom meetings on Sunday evenings are the norm. The aim of the group is to learn about Jesus Christ from the bible and help children grow their faith by learning about stories and concepts in the bible. The main aim is to inspire and instruct younger youths to grow spiritually in the Christian faith and display Godly attributes of love, joy, peace, forgiveness, kindness etc in their lives. Each session is run by a teacher and an assistant who are DBS checked. Social events like going to the cinema, baking and so on are quite common activities.

Youth Group (YG) – this group is attended by the older youths, namely the A-level students to university undergraduates. The group shares many common themes and activities with the younger youth with the main aim of providing the “older” youth the opportunity to study, learn and discuss the bible and life topics in a Christian context. The life pressures facing “older youths” today are immense and the group hopes to help “older” youth to make the transition to mature Christian adulthood.

Community clothing – we are extremely proud of the work we do at our clothing bank. Run by a small but dedicated team of volunteers, it has made a real and significant impact on the community here. Our clothing bank is truly an example of love in action. We are extremely grateful that the majority of items received from local residents have been high quality and hardly used items that we have been able to distribute to residents in need. We are also extremely grateful for contributions of clothing from some very well know high street names. Reuse and recycle with us to protect the environment, while helping us transform lives in Thurrock.

Food bank – our centre also function as a hub for the regional foodbank. No one in our community should have to face hunger and our team of volunteers worked hard to ensure this is not the case in providing emergency food and support to local people who have been referred to us. Our aim is to combat poverty and hunger across Thurrock.



Financial Review

The funding for the pursuit of the charity's objects and activities is through tithes from its congregation and some occasional and incidental fund raising activities. In the year under review, income resources exceeded resources expended resulting in a surplus as set out in the accounts on pages 5 to 12.

Reserves policy

The trustees have established a policy to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level which equates to approximately two years unrestricted expenditure, which equates to £50,000 in general fund. At this level, the trustees feel that they should be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. Unrestricted funds were maintained at this level during the year under review.

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks. These systems and procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The law applicable to charities in England Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provision of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Jacintah Ngobese

Date: 26 May 2024



Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Accruals Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of Gateway People's Church

Registered Charity Number 1054333

On the accounts for the year ended 30th June 2023

Set out on the following pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:
examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- Have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed *L A Silver*

Date: 12 April 2024

Luke Silver, HNC Business & Finance

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30th June 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	Notes	£		£	£	£
Incoming resources						
Donations	2	36,990	-	-	36,990	37,533
Activities to further the charity's objects:						
Conference and evangelism		-	-	-	-	-
Income from activities for generating funds	3	1,634	-	-	1,634	1,114
Investment income and interest	4	27,025	-	-	27,025	22,662
Total incoming resources		65,649	-	-	65,649	61,309
Resources expended						
<i>Charitable expenditure</i>						
Costs of activities for charitable objectives	5	4,216	5,197	-	9,413	8,037
Support costs	6	27,587	-	-	27,587	27,182
Management and administration	7	1,882	-	-	1,882	1,751
Total resources expended		33,685	5,197	-	38,882	36,970
Net incoming resources/ (resources expended)	8	31,964	(5,197)	-	26,767	24,339
Transfer between funds		(5,500)	5,500	-	-	-
Balance at 1 July 2021		829,099	125	3,000	832,224	807,885
Balance at 30 June 2022	15	855,563	428	3,000	858,991	832,224

Movement in funds are disclosed in Note 16 to the financial statements on page 11



Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2023

		2023	2022
		£	£
	Notes		
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	11	766,433	746,777
Current assets			
Debtors	12	19,902	18,822
Cash at bank and in hand		74,390	67,494
		<u>94,291</u>	<u>86,316</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>1,733</u>	<u>869</u>
		92,558	85,447
Net assets	14	<u>858,991</u>	<u>832,224</u>
Unrestricted funds			
Designated funds		428	125
General funds		855,563	829,099
		<u>855,991</u>	<u>829,224</u>
Restricted funds	15	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
		<u>858,991</u>	<u>832,224</u>

Approved by the trustees on 26 May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs J Ngobese



**Notes forming part of the financial statements
For the year ended 30th June 2023**

1. Accounting policies

(a) **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

(b) **Income**

Voluntary income is received by way of donations, offerings and gifts and is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Income resources from other activities are included when receivable.

(c) **Resources expended**

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

(d) **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, which in all cases other than freehold and leasehold properties is estimated at 5 years.

(e) **Unrestricted funds**

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

(f) **Designated funds**

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes. Designated funds may be used in the future by the trustees for any purpose.

(g) **Restricted funds**

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

(h) **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

(i) **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.



Notes forming part of the financial statements
For the year ended 30th June 2023

2. Donations

	2023		2022
	£		£
Donations and offerings for general purposes	33,006		30,713
Donation received for mission – designated	-		316
Gift aid tax	3,984		6,504
	36,990		37,533

3. Incoming resources from activities for generating funds

	2023		2022
	£		£
Use of hall	1,634		1,114
	-		-
	-		-
	1,634		1,114

4. Investment income

	2023		2022
	£		£
Rental Income	26,775		22,654
Interest on cash deposits	250		8
	27,025		22,662



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5. Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects

	2023		2022
	£		£
Sunday services	3,867		3,830
Mission support & visiting speakers-designated	5,197		4,184
Children & youth activities-	349		23
Outreach and community related activities	-		-
Kingdom women	-		-
	9,413		8,037

6. Support costs of charitable activities

	2023		2022
	£		£
Salaries costs	12,566		12,360
Expenditure on manse	903		570
Expenditure on church premises	4,970		7,136
Service and communal charges and ground rent on flat	1,487		1,177
Printing & stationery	873		472
Postages	20		20
Broadband and telephone	990		1,014
Insurance	2,102		2,636
AOG contribution	600		600
Staff development and subsistence	500		1,197
Travel accommodation & community support	-		-
Bank charges			-
AOG National conference	2,576		-
Depreciation of office equipment			-
	27,587		27,182

7. Management and administration expenditure

	2023		2022
	£		£
Data protection	35		35
Holding trusteeship fees	-		-
Letting fees	1,080		973
Children protection – safe guarding	170		146
Independent examiner's fee	597		597
	1,882		1,751



Notes forming part of the financial statements
For the year ended 30th June 2023

8. Net incoming resources (expended) for the year

This is stated after charging

	2023		2022
	£		£
Independent examiner's fee	597		597
Depreciation	546		546

9. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2023		2022
	£		£
Salaries and wages	12,200		12,000
Social security & pension costs	366		360
	12,566		12,360

The average weekly number of employees during the year	2023		2022
	1		1

No employees received remuneration amounting to more than £50,000 in either year.

10. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no remuneration (2023 - £Nil).



Notes forming part of the financial statements
For the year ended 30th June 2023

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land & buildings	Leasehold Property	Sound & PA Equipment	Music Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost and valuation:						
At 1st July 2022	601,151	144,535	10,137	1,702	3,714	761,239
Additions during the year	-	20,202	-	-	-	20,202
Disposals during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 30th June 2023	601,151	164,737	10,137	1,702	3,714	781,441
Depreciation						
At 1st July 2022	-	-	9,046	1,702	3,714	14,462
This year	-	-	546	-	-	546
On disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 30th June 2023	-	-	9,592	1,702	3,714	15,008
Net Book Value:						
At 30th June 2023	601,151	164,737	545	-	-	766,433
At 30th June 2022	601,151	144,535	1,091	-	-	746,777

12. Debtors: Amounts falling due with one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other debtors	17,188	16,364
Prepayments	2,714	2,458
	19,902	18,822

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
		£
Trade creditors	894	87
Other creditors	-	23
Accruals and accrued income	839	758
	1,733	870



Notes forming part of the financial statements
For the year ended 30th June 2023

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Funds		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds
	£		£		£		£
Tangible fixed assets	766,433						766,433
Current assets	91,291				3,000		94,291
Current liabilities	(1,733)						(1,733)
Net assets at 30 June 2023	855,991				3,000		858,991

15. Movements in funds

	At 1 July 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 30 June 2023 £
Restricted funds:					
Property	-	-	-	-	-
Carpet	3,000	-			3,000
D Jupp Memorial	-	-		-	-
Total Restricted funds	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds:					
Mission, speakers & donations	125	-	5,197	5,500	428
General funds	829,099	65,649	33,685	(5,500)	855,563
Total unrestricted funds	829,224	65,649	33,685	-	855,991
Total funds	832,224	65,649	33,685	-	858,991