

SOAR Project - Charity Commission Annual Report

1 April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Charity Number 1068361
Register of Charities address: 5 Howard Close, Loughborough, Leics. LE11 4TL

Trust Deed dated 22 January 1999

Trustees: Keith Rose, Sue Willetts, Tim Whitehead, Tom Wearn, Charis Daly.

Bankers: National Westminster Bank plc, Market Place, Loughborough, Leics.

Independent Examiner: Mr Howard Needham

Aims and Organisation

The objects of the Charity are the furtherance of the Christian Gospel in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, or elsewhere throughout the world in accordance with the doctrine set out in the Statement of Faith and for the advancement of the Christian religion in anyway which the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion think fit and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing to support the preaching and teaching ministry of evangelists to produce and distribute Christian literature and tape and video recordings to promote the use of Christian music in the advancement of education and the relief of poverty and sickness and to do all such things being charitable as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of these objects or any of them.

Brief Summary of the Activities for the Year

The one full time evangelist (Keith M) continues, and the full-time contract of (Chris L) was converted into a permanent post from August 2023.

Working with schools in the town and local area has continued with assemblies and festival events such as Easter. Coordination with local church youth workers has provided town wide youth work. The Town Chaplaincy work has continued around Loughborough market, and involvement in local community hubs is providing support to local residents.

Fundraising and marketing initiatives have included a programme of presentations at local churches, a new website and a social media campaign.

Public Benefit

In line with our governing document, we provide public benefit by supporting schools in the delivery of their RE obligation and supporting local churches in youth work. Town Chaplaincy helps the wellbeing of those involved with the town's daytime economy through pastoral care, and support to local council community hubs.

Review of Financial Activities and Affairs

Support was received by regular gifts and general donations from individuals, trusts and churches. The SOAR Project is dependent on its supporters to fund its activities.

During the period SOAR has not:

- received government contracts or grants
- carried out trading, and has no trading subsidiaries
- made grants
- Excluding expenses, made payment to any trustee
- Owned any property
- Worked outside the UK
- Been part of a wider group structure
- Had anyone with voting rights beyond trustees.

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Employees and Volunteers

There has been one full-time permanent employee all year, with two since August 2023. Three volunteers have assisted with the Town chaplaincy.

Policies

SOAR has policies for:

Complaints, Equal Opportunities, Finance, Health & Safety, Lone working, Staff handbook, GDPR, Safeguarding, Code of Conduct, Risk management, Whistleblowing.

Safeguarding

DBS checks are in place for all employees and safeguarding trustees.

Serious incidents

None have occurred during the period.

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SOAR Project – Receipts and Payments FY 2023-24 (as at 31-Mar-2024)					
		Tax Year 2023/24	Tax year 2022/23		
Income					
	Donations	£28,746.25	£35,046.14		
	Gift Aid Repayment	£5,594.42	£4,398.75		
	Standing Orders	£23,719.71	£24,922.68		
	Bank Interest	£135.15	£70.49		
	Other (note 1)	£126.00	£0.00		
		£58,321.53	£64,438.06		
Expenditures					
	Sundries	£523.11	£202.54		
	C Lewney Expenses (Mileage)	£386.34	£375.26		
	K Munro Expenses (Mileage)	£345.60	£309.05		
	Insurance	£579.17	£631.09		
	Payroll Expenses	£59,311.18	£54,730.14		
	Professional Fees	£1,954.34	£979.25		
	Rent	£499.92	£499.92		
	Subscriptions	£409.96	£483.96		
	DBS	£49.50	£0.00		
	Other (note 1)	£126.00	£0.00		
		£64,185.12	£58,211.21		
	Net surplus for year	-£5,863.59	£6,226.85		
	Bank & Cash Balance b/f	£25,497.29	£19,270.44		
	Bank & Cash balances c/f	£19,633.70	£25,497.29		
Note 1: DVLA took monies incorrectly from our account for car taxes (!). Subsequently refunded and blocked in discussion with DVLA.					

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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
SCHOOLS OUTREACH & RESOURCES PROJECT

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 MARCH 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1068361

Set out on pages

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(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 **31/03/2024**.

**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**

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]: ~~Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Howard Needham

Date:

2 May 2024

Name:

HOWARD NEEDHAM

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body**

CHARTERED PUBLIC FINANCE ACCOUNTANT (CFIA)

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Oct 2018

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(if any):

Address:

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HOUGHTBOROUGH

WATTS CELL 1135B.

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.

As a result of changes to the Bank Accounts, bank statements for the period 1st April to 30th June 2023 were not available. However, copies of the accounting entries were provided to me, and I am satisfied that these are correct.