

SOAR Project - Charity Commission Annual Report

1 April 2024 to 31st March 2025

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 (resigned 7 October 2024), Diane Paine (appointed 20 January 2025).

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

Keith M took a sabbatical over the summer, visiting several churches around the UK to study their work amongst “non-churched” people.

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, and also termly meetings where all involved in the education sector are invited. 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, and a matched giving campaign together with a supporting trust. Social media posts continue.

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 have been two full-time permanent employees all year. 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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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

SCHOOLS OUTREACH & RESOURCES PROJECT

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1068361

Set out on pages

(Remember to include the page numbers of a full page of notes)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

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 those 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:

24 APRIL 2025

Name:

HOWARD NEEDHAM

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

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(if any):

Address:

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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.

The Receipts and Payments
for the year ended 31 March 2025
were as attached.

Receipts £ 67,900.59

Payments £ 60,895.79

Balance c/f £ 26,638.50.

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SOAR Project – Receipts and Payments (as at 31-Mar-2025)					
		Tax Year 2024/25	Tax Year 2023/24	Tax year 2022/23	
Income					
	Adhoc Donations (Note 1)	£37,807.47	£28,746.25	£35,046.14	
	Gift Aid Repayment from previous yr	£5,568.43	£5,594.42	£4,398.75	
	Standing Orders	£24,328.36	£23,719.71	£24,922.68	
	Bank Interest	£196.33	£135.15	£70.49	
	Other		£126.00		
		£67,900.59	£58,321.53	£64,438.06	
Expenditure					
	Sundries (notes1 and 2)	£597.58	£523.11	£202.54	
	C Lewney Expenses (Mileage)	£165.06	£386.34	£375.26	
	K Munro Expenses (Mileage)	£1,342.35	£345.60	£309.05	
	Insurance	£585.99	£579.17	£631.09	
	Payroll Expenses (note3)	£56,740.73	£59,311.18	£54,730.14	
	Professional Fees		£1,954.34	£979.25	
	Rent	£499.92	£499.92	£499.92	
	Subscriptions (note 4)	£797.70	£409.96	£483.96	
	DBS (Safeguarding costs)	£86.46	£49.50		
	Training	£80.00			
	Other		£126.00		
		£60,895.79	£64,185.12	£58,211.21	
	Net surplus for year	£7,004.80	-£5,863.59	£6,226.85	
	Bank & Cash Balance b/f	£19,633.70	£25,497.29	£19,270.44	
	Bank & Cash balances c/f (31-March)	£26,638.50	£19,633.70	£25,497.29	
Note 1: Includes £6.50 received in unbankable coins – held as cash – paid to CL as part of Expense reclaim					
Note 2: Comprises Refreshments spend for Youth activities and General office costs					
Note 3: Comprises Net Salaries, PAYE, NICs and KM Pension payments					
NB: Emp Allowance for year = £4805.35					
Note 4: Subscriptions include					
	NCVO – Membership		£52.00	£52.00	
	ThirtyOneEight – Membership	£150.00	£158.00		
	Gmail (to Jun 23 only)		£12.76	£51.79	
	Quickbooks	£237.60	£187.20	£194.40	
	Faithfoto (website hosting)	£157.11		£105.79	
	SquareSpace	£172.80			
	Microsoft Office	£79.99		£79.98	
Total Gift Aided donations enabling reclaim					
	Donations	£9,195.00	£6,650.00		
	Standing Orders	£15,508.36	£15,878.71		
	Expected GA reclaim	£6,175.75	£5,632.00		