

Trustees Annual Report for the Period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Social and Economic Action Resource of Churches in Hull and District; also known as **SEARCH**

Registered Charity No. 1073079

Address: St John's Church, Rosmead Street, Hull HU9 2TB

Trustees:

Mr. Andrew Dorton - Chair

Miss Jackie Berry

Mr. Christopher Hembury

Mrs. Lynn Warelow

Revd. Eileen Connolly

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is constituted as a Charitable Trust. It is governed by a Trust Deed. The existing trustees have powers to co-opt additional trustees.

Objectives and Activities

Summary of Objects - SEARCH exists to assist churches in the key mission aim of engaging with God's world in compassion, care and service, in the context of their local communities. By direct advice and support, by the gathering and sharing of information and experience, by networking and the publication of materials, and by delivery of training, we enable churches to do more to meet local need.

There were no plans to change our activities, as described in previous TARs, as we approached the year but covid and the furlough of staff who could do not work because of the forced inactivity of the vast majority of churches/related organisations (beyond food bank delivery in which SEARCH is not involved), meant that all activity ceased.

Achievements and Performance

We noted in the previous report a slow pick-up in the months after covid. That pattern continued for some months in this year although after the summer things became busier.

Our development worker left that role of ten years and started delivery of a new project to work with parents who are parenting whilst recognising and dealing with their own childhood trauma. Also in February 2022 our sessional worker started working two day per week in a particularly deprived parish, lacking resources, paid with money from the Lottery 'Big Local' for the area. Both these arrangement continued throughout this year and beyond this year end.

A potentially significant project addressing land use and food production for eight or so church-related 'community food outlets'; and another addressing in-work support for self-employed and under-employed people were developed to 'oven ready' by the Trustees during 2021 and 2022. Those schemes will hopefully come to fruition as we eventually manage to employ a new development worker which we have been trying to do!

Meanwhile, trustees maintained the necessary workings of the organisation.

Finances

Our finances at 31/3/23 were in a good state and we will be able to maintain activities without need to spend too much time fundraising, but rather focussing on delivery.

It is the policy of the charity to aim to keep at least 6 month's of operating expenditure in reserves.

No funds were materially in deficit.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees: Andrew Dorton

24th January 2024

Social and Economic Action Resource of Churches in Hull and District (“SEARCH”)
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Annual Report and Accounts
For the period ended 31 March 2023

Bankers:

Unity Trust Bank plc
Nine Brindleyplace
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Birmingham
B1 2HB

Independent Examiner

R M Miles
Chartered Accountant
10 Melrose Park
Beverley

**Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of
Social and Economic Action Resource of Churches in Hull and District ("*SEARCH*"),
Charity number 1073079,
on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 set out on the attached page**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

R M Miles
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20 November 2023

Social and Economic Action Resource of Churches in Hull and District (SEARCH)

Receipts and Payments Account for the period ended 31 March 2023

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>
Income Receipts		
Donations received		
Deanery Synod	500.00	
BSA Ideas Fund		25,250.00
Greatfield Big Local		6,000.00
Believe in Hull		35.40
DOC/CEC Closure	24,727.91	
H Petch		2,500.00
Other	20.00	
Transfer from Restricted Funds account	4,933.17	(4,933.17)
Other Income		
Rent/room hire		
Investment Income		
Bank interest	661.69	
Total Receipts	<u>£ 30,842.77</u>	<u>£ 28,852.23</u>
Direct Charitable Expenditure		
Salaries		21,240.37
Project Development & Coordination		
Wages preparation		175.20
Workers expenses: travel		
Project expenses		543.08
Sessional fees (project delivery)		
Events/workshops/training	255.00	-
Office rents & other costs		
Insurances	224.06	
Stationery & office supplies		
Telephone & broadband		
Bank charges	72.00	
Sundry expenses		
Trustees expenses		
Total Payments	<u>£ 551.06</u>	<u>£ 21,958.65</u>
Bank balances at 31 March 2023	<u>£ 46,730.33</u>	<u>£ 62,426.88</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2023

Monetary Assets:

 Bank balances:

Current account	35,069.14
Deposit account	74,088.07
	<u>£ 109,157.21</u>

Andrew Dorton, Treasurer
For and on behalf of the Trustees

October 2023

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