

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1075068

Details

Other names	SASW TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1999-04-13
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO PARTICULARLY AMONGST CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN SOUTHPORT, FORMBY AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS AND ELSEWHERE AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT. TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES IN THE SAID LOCALITY AND ELSEWHERE AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

Activities: Supporting 2 full time schools workers who work in schools and colleges providing support to school clubs and assistance in curricular areas (assemblies, religious education,citizenship, PHSE).Working in partnership with other schools/youth workers; joint presentations at Easter, end of school year 6 and Christmas; Encouraging prayer and financial support from Churches and individuals

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SOUTHPORT, FORMBY AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS AND ELSEWHERE
- Knowsley
- Liverpool City
- Sefton
- St Helens
- Wirral

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£86,178	£45,954	-	-
2024-12-31	£80,387	£51,621	-	-
2023-12-31	£73,481	£55,188	-	-
2022-12-31	£40,614	£56,761	-	-
2021-12-31	£56,601	£50,774	-	-
2020-12-31	£64,529	£72,147	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Daniel Parkes	Chair	2019-02-04
Arthur David Richard Lloyd-Jones		2024-04-22
Dr Caroline Broadhurst		2025-03-24
ELIZABETH LACEY		2016-01-24
JOHN MICHAEL FORSHAW		2018-04-16
Martin John Fairweather		2025-03-24
Mrs Anne Pickup		2018-09-18
Rev Ben Dyer		2025-03-24

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Trustees:

Rev Daniel Parkes	- Chair
Caroline Broadhurst	- appointed 24 March 2025
Rev Ben Dyer	- appointed 24 March 2025
Martin Fairweather	- appointed 24 March 2025
John Forshaw	
Stephen Griffiths	
Elizabeth Lacey	
David Lloyd-Jones	
Nicola Millington	- resigned 11 January 2025
Anne Pickup	
Shirley Potts	- resigned 7 January 2025
Tina Powsey	- resigned 14 January 2025

Treasurer: David Lloyd-Jones

Charity Number: 1075068

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SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The trustees submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the receipts and payments basis.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is a Charitable Trust which was registered on 18 January 1999. It is governed by its Declaration of Trust dated 18 January 1999 as amended on 7 July 2008.

Recruitment and appointment of the trustees

The board seeks to achieve a balance of skills and experience amongst the trustees. In order to maintain this, the board reviews its skill and experience mix each year and seeks to recruit new trustees when necessary, subject to the conditions set out in its Declaration of Trust.

Appointment is made by a resolution of the trustees taken at a meeting where a majority of trustees are present and the resolution is recorded in the minutes and signed by the new trustee and chairman. New trustees are required to agree to the Trust Statement of Faith, Declaration of Trustworthiness and policy and procedures reflecting the ethos of the trust.

Trustee induction and training

The current board of trustees will provide any new trustee with an overview of the timetable of board meetings, copies of the recent minutes of meetings, the recent reports and accounts and explain their general and specific responsibilities. The trustees formally met 6 times throughout 2024.

Ongoing training is provided by the board of trustees as and when the need arises.

Risk management - Safeguarding

The trustees take Safeguarding very seriously. They updated and approved their Safeguarding Policy at their meeting on 30 June 2025. There were two minor safeguarding concerns in 2025 which were all dealt with appropriately. Anne Pickup is our lead trustee for safeguarding. She has attended the required safeguarding training so that she can train the other Trustees, workers and volunteers as and when that is required. All Trustees, workers and volunteers hold appropriate DBS certificates. In 2024 we registered with 31:8 and they continue to help us with our safeguarding responsibilities.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects of the charity

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The purpose of the charity is to advance the christian faith in accordance with statement of beliefs, which are available on request, particularly amongst children and young people in the schools, colleges and other educational establishments in Southport, Formby and the surrounding areas and elsewhere as the trustees may from time to time think fit and to advance education in accordance with christian principles in the said locality and elsewhere as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review and summary of the year

In relation to its charitable objectives, the charity has:

- Supported our workers through prayer, pastoral, and professional support and guidance;
- Supported Christian based activities in schools of the locality and provided assistance in curricular areas (assemblies, religious education, citizenship). Provided training and encouragement to them;
- Worked in partnership with other schools/youth workers, schools and churches with joint presentations at Easter, end of school year 6, and Christmas;
- Trained and organised volunteers to assist in schools' work and supported holiday events in the year;
- Encouraged prayer by keeping churches informed of the work and by holding regular prayer times; and
- Continued to promote the financial and prayer support of the work amongst churches and individuals.

While we have only had 1 full time and 1 part time youth worker this year, we have continued to run much of our usual ministry while working to strengthen what we have in preparation for future growth. In April, we hired a part time administrative assistant who has been working towards this goal by increasing communications with volunteers, supporters, and partnering churches while also improving our administrative processes.

Safe Space continues to be a key part of our work. Each day of the week our team of staff and volunteers is in a different high school during lunchtime with our Safe Space Gazebo encouraging students to track their mental health and to engage with a question about the big and little issues of life and faith. This accessible format has continued to provide students with space to process big feelings around friendship struggles, loneliness, exam stress, anxiety and overwhelm (including some who have started to open up with their thoughts of processing the tragedy of the events of summer 2024 in Southport). Our team has had the pleasure of recording primarily positive mental health and having conversations that go beyond one word answers into students openly sharing their thoughts on happiness, resilience, faith, prayer, and big issues such as persecution, charitable causes and responding to violence. For a generation that is increasingly more curious about faith and spirituality, our teams have been able to give students opportunities to share their thoughts and beliefs and to point to other safe spaces, such as our partner church youth groups, where they can seek answers to their questions. Because of the way our team tracks the students' mental health check ins, they are able to pass the information onto the schools' pastoral teams so that they can follow up with students or plan resources based on the struggles of their student body.

As a follow-on project for secondary school students, we also run "Impact" in partnership with Churches Together in Ainsdale. This provides a safe space for students to hang out after school with sports, games consoles, music, and chill space leading into a shared meal and "cake space" where we discuss our Question of the Week with an up front talk and table discussions. Our team has reported good attendance and participation, even when the young people have had outside responsibilities, which has led to strong relationships between students and our team and students stepping up to help, volunteer, and model good behaviour.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Review and summary of the year (continued)

Sweaty Church continues to be a highlight of primary school ministry. After Hettie resigned at the end of 2024 to focus on other things, Simon took over running it in 2025. Sweaty Church is a primary afterschool club that combines sport and games with a worshipping community. This combination has led to active and lively high participation sessions where children and sometimes their families have explored faith by engaging in prayer and in discussions on baptism, sharing faith, and following God. In 2025, our team of volunteers have reported emotional support and care between the children, good teamwork, and even older children eager to take on ownership through volunteering to support their peers. We run this fun and formative club weekly at one of our local schools.

Mission Impossible, our Easter presentation where pupils become secret agents and discover the facts of the Easter story leading to them being given the opportunity to decide for themselves whether the evidence proves the death and resurrection of Jesus, continues to be one of the highlights of this past year. It was great to have a large and diverse spread of volunteers from local churches take on the roles of secret agents in order to give hundreds of children an Easter experience to remember.

The 2025 Christmas production was praised as one of our best productions to date! Christmas Rebuilt brought Minecraft-style adventure to life with 17 showings across our local schools this December. After discovering the theft of the village's most treasured book — a collection of ancient wisdom, poetry, history, and the words to the Special Village Christmas Pageant Show — Simon the Librarian arrived in our world seeking help. Together, Tabz and the children travelled back to his village to track down the thief, rebuild lost resources, and mended broken relationships in time for the big Christmas show. Filled with laughter and problem-solving, the show invited pupils to explore themes of community, forgiveness, redemption, hope, and restored relationships, all whilst clearly sharing the life-changing message of God sending his Son into our broken world to bring light and love. Pupils told us, "It was amazing!" "[the show was] funny, interactive, enjoyable, [and had] good costumes!" "It was great - we can still remember what happened. It made us laugh. It reminded us of the story behind Christmas." School staff said, "The show was completely interactive. It was amazing how many children got involved. It was really engaging." and "It was relevant to the children with the Minecraft theme, yet reflected the true meaning of Christmas. The children were really engaged and had fun!"

We also did our usual Moving On sessions with year 6 students as they prepared to "move on" to secondary school. This year we invited secondary school students, particularly those in year 7, to write a note "to themselves" giving encouragement for starting in high school which we then shared with the year 6 students. The students seemed to collectively find the sessions to be helpful in dispelling fears regarding the move and also to find encouragement in the fact that our team would see them after they made the move. Following these sessions, we noticed particularly good interaction and engagement at Safe Space with the new year 7 students in September.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Review and summary of the year (continued)

We ran various assemblies and lessons throughout 2025 with resources from Christians Against Poverty and Walk Through the Bible. Assemblies on forgiveness; peace; compassion; the Power for Good, taken from Anti-Bullying Week resources; and many others gave us opportunities to give children hope in and encouragement for themselves, their community, and faith.

Other organisations

We continue to be a partner of Scripture Union. Our youth workers attend their annual conference for training, ideas sharing, and encouragement. We also have periodical visits from Rob Steward, the Regional Mission Team Leader for the North of England, who provides pastoral support and guidance for our youth workers. We use many of Scripture Union's resources including their Rooted Hub Conversation cards which have inspired our "Question of the Week" that we bring to secondary schools as a part of Safe Space.

Tabz and Anne, one of our Trustees, are trained to deliver Youthscape Essentials Training which we plan to deliver in 2026.

Tabz is trained and licensed to provide lessons to primary schools from Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and Walk Through the Bible. CAP Money Kids lessons in primary schools teach students skills that will ensure that they are wise with money in the future by teaching life skills and numeracy while developing teamwork and problem solving skills. Walk Through the Bible lessons introduce students to the big picture of the Bible and show them where the familiar stories fit into the whole of the Old Testament through engaging and interactive storytelling.

Connecting with our supporters and the local Church

We have maintained and built our connections with supporters and the local church through a variety of avenues. Because of having a part-time administrative assistant for the first time in many years, we have increased the frequency of our supporter newsletters from once a term to monthly. Here we expand on stories we have highlighted in our weekly social media posts, share prayer requests and praise reports, shine a spotlight on members of our team - whether staff, trustees, or volunteers, give updates about recent stand out ministry, and let our supporters know about things that are coming up in our calendar that they can be praying about or participate in. This year we have also been working to grow our team through advertising roles in partnership with various churches. We have had to work together to decide what we are looking for and what kind of person would suit both aspects of the role. We continue to be reliant on our volunteers from churches throughout Southport and the local area to run weekly and one off ministry and have been working this year on taking steps to make sure they feel valued, appreciated, and like the vital part of the team they are. We have also started bi-monthly prayer meetings to invite Christians throughout Southport to participate in our ministry and to be encouraged by the results we have seen of children and young people growing in their confidence and understanding of faith.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal sources of funding for the charity continue to be donations received from individuals and churches in the local area to which the Trust is so grateful and thankful for.

Financial review of the year

The treasurer monitors the trust finances throughout the year and provides the trustees with up to date information at each trustees meeting. Annual income in 2025 was £86,178 (2024 - £80,387) and expenditure was £45,954 (2024 - £51,621). This resulted in an overall surplus of £40,224 (2024 - £28,766). This surplus will be used to finance the youth work in future years including the possibility of further recruitment.

There has been improvement in our finances during 2025 due partly to increased one-off funding and also the reduction in staffing costs since Hettie resigned. It continues to be clear that the profile of the Trust has been progressively raised among the Churches and individuals in Southport. Not only have we more supporters than ever before, but those supporters have become more generous.

Reserves policy

The trustees have agreed that in order to be able to offer a commitment of continuity of employment to employees and because a large proportion of future income is uncertain, they aim to have in reserve at the year end an amount equal to the following year's estimated expenditure which is calculated to be around £54,500.

In addition to this, the funds of the Trust have been built up to allow the trustees to designate a pot of funding equal to £75,000 which is envisaged to cover the costs of one additional part-time youth worker, shared with Christ Church Southport for the next 5 years which was agreed in order to ensure that the work that is enhanced as a result of having an additional, part-time youth worker, is not short lived and can continue on into the future for many years to come.

In the year to 31 December 2025 the amount available in free, unrestricted reserves was £54,594 (2024 - £89,370) which is perfectly in line with the policy. We give thanks that we were in this position at the end of the year. As we move forward the trustees will continue to monitor the trusts financial position and look to raise further income so that the work can grow further.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

General plans

We are looking forward to building even stronger relationships with our partner churches. Following the success of Simon's time being split between Canning Road Evangelical Church and the SASW Trust, we have hired a new youth worker in partnership with Christ Church Southport who will start with us in March. We are speaking with other churches and denominations about a similar partnership which would enable us to build stronger bridges between churches and the young people in schools with their families.

As we grow the size of our team, we are looking at expanding what we can offer to some of our schools, for example a lunch club in one of our high schools, and also expanding our regular ministry to include some schools that have previously been slightly outside of our key catchment zone. These projects will also require additional volunteers and partners, but plans are moving ahead to make these things possible.

We also have plans to strengthen our current team. In addition to the annual Scripture Union training conference, Simon is looking at attending a new Sport Coaching course to strengthen his leadership of Sweaty Church.

Using the Youthscape resource, we will be running the Youthscape Essentials training course for anyone who is currently interested or involved in volunteering in youth ministry throughout 2026.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b. observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP;
- c. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d. state whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- e. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

This report was approved by the trustees on 2 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



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Rev Daniel Parkes - Chair

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

We report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 10 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is our responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the 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 our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- a) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
- b) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Daniel Styles (Independent examiner)
for and on behalf of Lifestyles Accountancy Limited

Dated: 11 March 2026

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted cash funds 2025 £	Restricted cash funds 2025 £	Total cash funds 2025 £	Total cash funds 2024 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary receipts:					
Donations and gifts	2	84,034	-	84,034	78,769
Investment receipts:	3	2,144	-	2,144	1,618
TOTAL RECEIPTS		86,178	-	86,178	80,387
PAYMENTS					
Charitable activities	4	45,954	-	45,954	51,621
TOTAL PAYMENTS		45,954	-	45,954	51,621
NET RECEIPTS		40,224	-	40,224	28,766
Cash funds at 1 January 2025		89,370	-	89,370	60,604
Cash funds at 31 December 2025		129,594	-	129,594	89,370
Represented by:					
Unrestricted funds	6	54,594	-	54,594	89,370
Designated funds		75,000	-	75,000	-
		129,594	-	129,594	89,370

The notes on pages 12 - 14 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
CASH FUNDS					
Cash at bank	6	129,594	-	129,594	89,370
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		129,594	-	129,594	89,370
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS					
Gift aid tax to reclaim		6,070	-	6,070	4,879
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		6,070	-	6,070	4,879
LIABILITIES					
PAYE to pay to HMRC		1,237	-	1,237	(1,092)
Staff expenses owed		354	-	354	-
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		1,591	-	1,591	(1,092)

Approved and signed on behalf of the trustees on 2 March 2026 by:



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Rev Daniel Parkes - Chair

The notes on pages 12 - 14 form part of these financial statements.

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest whole £.

b Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

c Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have been designated for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements where relevant.

d Receipts

All receipts are included in the statement of receipts and payments when the charity receives the money rather than when it is legally entitled to the income. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

e Payments

All expenditure is accounted for when costs are paid by the charity and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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2 VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted cash funds 2025 £	Restricted cash funds 2025 £	Total cash funds 2025 £	Total cash funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts:				
Donations from churches	32,148	-	32,148	30,455
Donations from individuals	31,816	-	31,816	27,004
Gift aid tax reclaimed	6,133	-	6,133	7,617
Online giving	2,765	-	2,765	4,713
Grants received	4,000	-	4,000	2,970
Legacies received	-	-	-	4,000
Other donations received	7,172	-	7,172	2,010
	<u>84,034</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,034</u>	<u>78,769</u>

3 INVESTMENT RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted cash funds 2025 £	Restricted cash funds 2025 £	Total cash funds 2025 £	Total cash funds 2024 £
Building Society interest received	2,144	-	2,144	1,618
	<u>2,144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,144</u>	<u>1,618</u>

4 COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted cash funds 2025 £	Restricted cash funds 2025 £	Total cash funds 2025 £	Total cash funds 2024 £
Salary costs	37,983	-	37,983	45,868
Staff expenses	6,329	-	6,329	4,771
Miscellaneous	886	-	886	269
Insurance	700	-	700	635
Bank charges	56	-	56	78
	<u>45,954</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,954</u>	<u>51,621</u>

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5 EMPLOYEES

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	2025	2024
	£	£
Total staff costs recognised in the year:		
Wages and salaries	36,984	44,500
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	999	1,368
	<u>37,983</u>	<u>45,868</u>

No employees whose total employee benefits (excluding employer pension and national insurance costs) for the reporting period amounted to over £60,000 (2024 - none).

6 FUNDS

	Balance at	Incoming	Resources	Transfers	Balance at
	1 Jan 25	Resources	Expended	£	31 Dec 25
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	89,370	86,178	(45,954)	(75,000)	54,594
Designated funds:					
5 year worker	-	-	-	75,000	75,000
	<u>89,370</u>	<u>86,178</u>	<u>(45,954)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,594</u>

The newly formed designated fund has been established to set aside sufficient reserves to fund a part time worker for up to 5 years. This was agreed in order to ensure that the work that is enhanced as a result of having an additional, part-time youth worker, is not short lived and can continue on into the future for many years to come.

7 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no known disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

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Trustees: Rev Daniel Parkes - Chair
John Cooper - retired 5 February 2024
John Forshaw
Stephen Griffiths
Elizabeth Lacey
David Lloyd-Jones - appointed 22 April 2024
Nicola Millington
Anne Pickup
Shirley Potts
Tina Powsey

Treasurer: David Lloyd-Jones

Charity Number: 1075068

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SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the receipts and payments basis.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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Recruitment and appointment of the trustees

The board seeks to achieve a balance of skills and experience amongst the trustees. In order to maintain this, the board reviews its skill and experience mix each year and seeks to recruit new trustees when necessary, subject to the conditions set out in its Declaration of Trust.

Appointment is made by a resolution of the trustees taken at a meeting where a majority of trustees are present and the resolution is recorded in the minutes and signed by the new trustee and chairman. New trustees are required to agree to the Trust Statement of Faith, Declaration of Trustworthiness and policy and procedures reflecting the ethos of the trust.

Trustee induction and training

The current board of trustees will provide any new trustee with an overview of the timetable of board meetings, copies of the recent minutes of meetings, the recent reports and accounts and explain their general and specific responsibilities. The trustees formally met 6 times throughout 2024.

Ongoing training is provided by the board of trustees as and when the need arises.

Risk management - Safeguarding

The trustees take Safeguarding very seriously. They regularly review their safeguarding policy and have updated it to take into account all the appropriate protocols relating to working online. There were two minor safeguarding concerns in 2024 which were all dealt with appropriately. Anne Pickup is our lead trustee for safeguarding. She has attended the required safeguarding training so that she can train the other trustees as and when that is required. All trustees, workers and volunteers hold appropriate DBS certificates. During the year we registered with Thirtyone:eight to help us with our safeguarding responsibilities.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects of the charity

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The purpose of the charity is to advance the christian faith in accordance with statement of beliefs, which are available on request, particularly amongst children and young people in the schools, colleges and other educational establishments in Southport, Formby and the surrounding areas and elsewhere as the trustees may from time to time think fit and to advance education in accordance with christian principles in the said locality and elsewhere as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review and summary of the year

In relation to its charitable objectives, the charity has:

- Supported two full time workers through prayer, pastoral and professional support and guidance;
- Supported Christian based activities in schools of the locality and provided assistance in curricular areas [assemblies, religious education, citizenship, RSE, PSHE]. Provided training and encouragement to them;
- Worked in partnership with other schools/youth workers, schools and churches; joint presentations at Easter, end of school year 6 and Christmas; trained and organised volunteers to assist in schools work; supported holiday events in the year;
- Encouraged prayer by keeping churches informed of the work and by holding regular prayer times; and
- Continued to promote the financial and prayer support of the work amongst churches and individuals.

2024 marked the 25th Anniversary of the start of the Schools Worker Trust and we wanted to make this a special year of celebration. It is amazing to stop and reflect on all that has gone on during the past 25 years and how the work has grown over those years. We are still being invited into new schools and continue to be invited into the schools we started having links with in 1999. We now employ two full time workers and partner with a local church who give us a part time worker. It's great to see how our number of volunteers and supporters have grown over the years. As part of our celebrations we encouraged churches and supporter to hold 'Safe Space Coffee Mornings' to mark a quarter of a century of creating safe spaces in schools to explore the big issues of life and faith. David produced a pack to help those who wanted to organise one. We hoped this would be a good way of helping our supporters to further engage with the work of the Trust and encourage others to get on board. The first one was held in March at Scarisbrick New Road Baptist Church on the set of Mission Impossible.

Our lunch time 'Safe Spaces' continued to be the key to our work in secondary schools, as we pop-up our gazebo setup out on the school yard. We are now working in each of the five secondary schools in Southport and have two sessions each week in Meols Cop High; most lunch times speaking to over 100 students in each school. These sessions give the young people an opportunity to discuss matters of faith and the big issues of life and an opportunity to rate their mental health and wellbeing with our traffic light system. The school can use this information to shape their pastoral care. They explore the roots of how they are feeling and explore positive practices. Our workers then have an opportunity to support them and offer them hope. These sessions are very much appreciated by the pupils and by staff.

The pupils who meet our workers in these Safe Space Sessions are forming good relationships with our workers and volunteers. As a result we have seen a growth in the numbers attending church youth groups because they meet the same workers or volunteers in churches as they do in schools. Churches find it hard to get young people to go to activities in church and the link with Safe Space is absolutely vital if our churches are going to grow their youth work.

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Review and summary of the year (continued)

We continued to help run "Impact" in Ainsdale. This is a community youth project run under the umbrella of the Churches Together in Ainsdale, which aims to take the ethos and success of our secondary schools Safe Spaces into the local community. It is run in the café/lounge and sports hall at Ainsdale Methodist Church once a week when the space is transformed into a youth venue with big screens, games consoles, lights, music, chill out space and a variety of sports. Half way through the evening the youngsters are provided with a small meal and cake followed by 'Cake Space'- an opportunity to gather together to chat over cake and drinks, build community in a fun way and discuss our Rooted Question of the week from Scripture Union. This is a very successful project and we would like to see more of these projects developed in different parts of our town.

There continued to be many different opportunities for the Trust to get involved in work in primary schools.

During the year we have been invited to take Assemblies on several topics. Our World Book day assembly was received positively when we were able to show the children that the Bible is a library with books for everyone: history poems, adventure, songs, letters love stories, battles miracles and incredible stories. The children were excited to share their favourite bible story.

We have run Awesome Clubs in some primary schools which are based upon the Fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, kindness, patience etc.

Hettie continued to teach RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) lessons in primary schools.

It has been encouraging to see the children at St Philips Sweaty church grow and develop. Some of the older children are now doing tasks to help run with running it.

David delivered the Christians Against Poverty money course to year 6's again this year helping the children to understand how to use money wisely. This included looking at budgeting, saving, giving, and learning about the work of Christian charities in debt relief especially the work of our local Compassion Acts Charity.

David was able to teach Walk Through The Bible (WTTB) lessons in three primary schools this year. These are interactive energetic primary school RE lessons on the Old Testament, which makes the Bible come to life for the children. The children really engaged with these lessons and enjoyed them. It was encouraging having Simon and Adam (a local WTTB trained volunteer) joining in these lessons this year.

The National Anti-bullying week in November is always a popular week for schools booking us in for our annual Antibullying sessions. This year's theme was 'Choose Respect'. It was great to be back visiting a couple of our schools for the first time in a while.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Review and summary of the year (continued)

Our three main presentations, Mission Impossible, 'Moving On' and the Christmas Production were as popular as ever.

Mission Impossible, which is the Easter presentation where pupils become secret agents and discover the facts of the Easter story, and are given the opportunity to decide for themselves whether the evidence proves the death and resurrection of Jesus, is one of the highlights of the year. It was great to have a large and diverse spread of volunteers from local churches take on the roles of secret agents in order to give hundreds of children an Easter experience to remember.

Our 'Moving On' presentation was very popular. We use material produced by ourselves and Scripture Union which give lots of tips and advice for pupils who make the move from year 6 into year 7. The children are always excited when they hear that they will see the schools workers when they move into year 7 in High School. This is an encouragement to them that there will be a familiar face and a familiar message when they meet the challenges in secondary schools.

Our Christmas Presentation this year was entitled 'Festivable Me' – celebrating the difference even the mini- est children can make to their community through the power of Christmas. We performed the show 15 times to 4,000 children in total with another 4,000 views on YouTube. It showed the importance of being together and looking out for each other over the Christmas season was even more fitting this year. It showed how the Christmas message can bring love and life to our friends, families, and community.

However 2024 has been a difficult and challenging year following the horrific events in Southport in July which were beyond devastating. Southport is a close knit community and the whole town has been affected by what happened. Our workers had to work out how we could support the children and young people of our town in the aftermath of these events especially as it happened in the school holidays where we didn't have the same contact with children and young people. Initially David produced some social media content and a video to share to try and help these youngsters process their thoughts and later some flyers which could be handed out in churches and schools. He also used the Trust gazebo and held a drop in centre in one of the town centre churches one afternoon a week in August where young people could just drop in to spend time and chat if they needed to. Church leaders contacted David to say that the Trust had a bigger role to play now in supporting and helping the children and young people in our town than ever before.

Instead of holding our usual Celebration Service it was decided to hold a 'Silver Anniversary Gathering' where Churches and supporters from far and wide were invited to gather to celebrate the great work done in our local schools but also to pray for Southport's response to all that has happened over the summer, hearing from our schools ministry team about what we have been working on and where we need to be moving forwards. We were delighted to have David Newton, National Director of Scripture Union, with us to share about the power of local churches working together to reveal Jesus and bringing much needed hope to young people in our town. This was well attended and proved to be a powerful and encouraging time.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Review and summary of the year (continued)

As the autumn term commenced we realised just how valuable it was for us to be in schools acknowledging that our workers had been involved in difficult pastoral conversations following the tragic events of the summer.

One of our local churches decided to organise the distribution of backpacks containing gifts to all Southport primary school children to demonstrate that they are loved. This was known as the 'Blessing in a Backpack' project. The Trust was involved in distributing these at primary school assemblies.

However as the work continues to grow, we need more resources both in terms of manpower and finances particularly in the light of the fact that in December we said good bye to Hettie, one of our workers, who is now concentrating on her own primary school teaching career. We are so grateful to her for the contribution she has made to the work of the Trust especially in sports ministry. The Trustees have been looking at how we resource the work in the future. We have been successful in being awarded some grant funding during the year.

The partnership arrangement we have with Canning Road has been very successful and it is great to have Simon working with us. We are now exploring some sort of partnership with Christ Church Southport. These discussions are very positive and it is hoped that we might be in a position to advertise for a worker later in the year.

We are very grateful for an increase in the number of volunteers who joined in the work of the Trust during the year which meant that the Mission Impossible Presentation and the Safe Space ministry in High Schools was better resourced. A further increase is needed again now with the loss of Hettie.

We are also very grateful to the increased number of individual supporters who give so faithfully and pray for the work and to the local churches who support us in prayer and with finance.

Other organisations

We are delighted to be able to partner with Scripture Union in our schools ministry. It is great to work with a recognised national and global organisation. We appreciate the networking this gives us with other Trusts and Youth Workers and the training and resources which are available. We join with Scripture in their Revealing Jesus Mission Framework and this has helped us to clarify our own vision as we seek to help children and young people connect, explore, respond and grow in their journey of faith. They seek to have faith guides in local churches who can help young people on their own journey. Our workers are faith guides and David has just recruited three more faith guides from local churches. David has also attend Scripture Union conferences during the year.

We were privileged to attend a meeting earlier in the year to promote our work at 'Impact,' the youth group in Ainsdale, at a Merseyside Police Forum. The outcome was that we received a grant of £2,000 from the Merseyside Police Authority.

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Connecting with our supporters and the local Church

We send out regular newsletters and prayer requests to all our supporters so that they can be fully informed about the work we do and are grateful for their prayers and financial support without which we would not be able to continue the work.

Canning Road Chapel have given us 50% of the time of their youth pastor who is working alongside our workers. This partnership is working really well.

We are very grateful for other youth workers and volunteers from local churches who partner with us and are invaluable members of the team.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal sources of funding for the charity continue to be donations received from individuals and churches in the local area.

Reserves policy

The trustees are of the opinion that ideally, in order to be able to offer a commitment of continuity of employment to our employees, and because a large proportion of our future income is uncertain, we should aim to have in reserve at the year end an amount equal to the following year's estimated expenditure which is calculated to be around £55,000.

In the year to 31 December 2024 the amount available in free, unrestricted reserves was £89,370 (2023 - £60,604). We give thanks that we were in this position at the end of 2024 and were able to exceed our reserves policy. As we move forward the trustees will continue to monitor the trusts financial position and look to raise further income so that the work can grow.

Financial review of the year

The treasurer monitors the trust finances throughout the year and provides the trustees with up to date information at each trustees meeting. Annual income in 2024 was £80,387 (2023 - £73,481) and expenditure was £51,621 (2023 - £55,188). This resulted in an overall surplus of £28,766 (2023 - £18,293). This surplus will be used to finance the youth work in future years including the possibility of further recruitment.

There has been a significant improvement in our finances during 2024. It is very obvious that the profile of the Trust has been progressively raised among the Churches and individuals in Southport. Not only have we more supporters than ever before, but those supporters have become more generous. We also managed to secure small grants from the Westhill Endowment Fund and the Merseyside Police Fund.

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

General plans

The Trustees and Schools Workers are fully committed to developing the work of the Trust and to take advantage of new opportunities as they arise, whilst continuing with the work which is so appreciated by local schools, children, young people, parents, and churches.

In order to grow the work and respond to all the requests we get to serve the schools we will need more resources. In our immediate situation, we find ourselves unable to respond to all the requests, and existing commitments are sometimes cancelled due to current lack of personnel. The Trustees are however committed to filling this gap and are making looking at ways of resourcing the work a priority.

It is hoped that more can be done to get other churches to follow a partnership model. We cannot stress how important the links between churches and the Trust are if we want to build up our church youth groups. If churches want to reach out to children and young people what better way to do than to be involved with the Schools Worker Trust which already has so many positive links with the local schools.

We are looking at ways in which we might be able to encourage churches to take on some of the schools work themselves or at least provide volunteers to work with us. us. This is especially the case in our local Church schools.

As we look back over the past 25 years it is amazing to see how the work has developed and become so important and appreciated by the local schools and how the work has impacted the lives of thousands of children and young people in Southport. We give thanks for all the workers and volunteers who have partnered with us over the years and we are excited about what God will do through the work of the Trust as we look forward to the future and move into 2025 and beyond.

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b. observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP;
- c. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d. state whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- e. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

This report was approved by the trustees on 10 February 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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Rev Daniel Parkes - Chair

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

We report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 11 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is our responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the 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 our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- a) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
- b) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Daniel Styles (Independent examiner)
for and on behalf of Lifestyles Accountancy Limited

Dated: 12 February 2025

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted cash funds 2024 £	Restricted cash funds 2024 £	Total cash funds 2024 £	Total cash funds 2023 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary receipts:					
Donations and gifts	2	78,769	-	78,769	72,613
Investment receipts:	3	1,618	-	1,618	868
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>80,387</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,387</u>	<u>73,481</u>
PAYMENTS					
Charitable activities	4	51,621	-	51,621	55,188
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>51,621</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,621</u>	<u>55,188</u>
NET RECEIPTS		<u>28,766</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,766</u>	<u>18,293</u>
Cash funds at 1 January 2024		60,604	-	60,604	42,311
Cash funds at 31 December 2024		<u>89,370</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,370</u>	<u>60,604</u>

The notes on pages 13 - 15 form part of these financial statements.

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
CASH FUNDS					
Cash at bank	6	89,370	-	89,370	60,604
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		89,370	-	89,370	60,604
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS					
Gift aid tax to reclaim		4,879	-	4,879	5,071
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		4,879	-	4,879	5,071
LIABILITIES					
PAYE to pay to HMRC		1,092	-	1,092	-
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		1,092	-	1,092	-

Approved and signed on behalf of the trustees on 10 February 2025 by:



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SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest whole £.

b Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

c Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have been designated for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements where relevant.

d Receipts

All receipts are included in the statement of receipts and payments when the charity receives the money rather than when it is legally entitled to the income. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

e Payments

All expenditure is accounted for when costs are paid by the charity and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted cash funds 2024 £	Restricted cash funds 2024 £	Total cash funds 2024 £	Total cash funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts:				
Donations from churches	30,455	-	30,455	18,120
Donations from individuals	27,004	-	27,004	33,060
Donations from organisations	-	-	-	5,000
Gift aid tax reclaimed	7,617	-	7,617	4,574
Online giving	4,713	-	4,713	6,659
Grants received	2,970	-	2,970	5,000
Legacies received	4,000	-	4,000	-
Other donations received	2,010	-	2,010	200
	<u>78,769</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,769</u>	<u>72,613</u>

3 INVESTMENT RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted cash funds 2024 £	Restricted cash funds 2024 £	Total cash funds 2024 £	Total cash funds 2023 £
Building Society interest received	1,618	-	1,618	868
	<u>1,618</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,618</u>	<u>868</u>

4 COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted cash funds 2024 £	Restricted cash funds 2024 £	Total cash funds 2024 £	Total cash funds 2023 £
Salary costs	45,868	-	45,868	49,297
Staff expenses	4,771	-	4,771	4,797
Miscellaneous	269	-	269	349
Insurance	635	-	635	635
Bank charges	78	-	78	110
	<u>51,621</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,621</u>	<u>55,188</u>

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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5 EMPLOYEES

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	2024	2023
	£	£
Total staff costs recognised in the year:		
Wages and salaries	44,500	47,862
Pension costs	1,368	1,435
	<u>45,868</u>	<u>49,297</u>

No employees whose total employee benefits (excluding employer pension and national insurance costs) for the reporting period amounted to over £60,000 (2023 - none).

6 FUNDS

	Balance at	Incoming	Resources	Balance at
	1 Jan 24	Resources	Expended	31 Dec 24
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	60,604	80,387	(51,621)	89,370
	<u>60,604</u>	<u>80,387</u>	<u>(51,621)</u>	<u>89,370</u>

7 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no known disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

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Accounts

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Trustees: Rev Daniel Parkes - Chair
John Cooper
John Forshaw
Stephen Griffiths
Elizabeth Lacey
Sonya Marshall - resigned June 2023
Nicola Millington
Anne Pickup
Shirley Potts
Tina Powsey

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Ongoing training is provided by the board of trustees as and when the need arises.

Risk management - Safeguarding

The trustees take safeguarding very seriously. They regularly review their safeguarding policy and have updated it to take into account all the appropriate protocols relating to working online. There were 10 minor safeguarding concerns in 2023 which were all dealt with appropriately. Anne Pickup is our lead trustee for safeguarding. She has attended the required safeguarding training so that she can train other trustees as and when that is required. All trustees, workers and volunteers hold appropriate DBS certificates.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects of the charity

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The purpose of the charity is to advance the christian faith in accordance with statement of beliefs, which are available on request, particularly amongst children and young people in the schools, colleges and other educational establishments in Southport, Formby and the surrounding areas and elsewhere as the trustees may from time to time think fit and to advance education in accordance with christian principles in the said locality and elsewhere as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review and summary of the year

In relation to its charitable objectives, the charity has:

- Supported two full time workers through prayer, pastoral and professional support and guidance;
- Supported Christian based activities in schools of the locality and provided assistance in curricular areas [assemblies, religious education, citizenship, RSE, PSHE]. Provided training and encouragement to them;
- Worked in partnership with other schools/youth workers, schools and churches; joint presentations at Easter, end of school year 6 and Christmas; trained and organised volunteers to assist in schools work; supported holiday events in the year;
- Encouraged prayer by keeping churches informed of the work and by holding regular prayer times; and
- Continued to promote the financial and prayer support of the work amongst churches and individuals.

2023 was a busy year for the Schools Worker Trust. We were inundated with requests for our workers to go into the schools. However, if we are to take advantage of all the requests the trust will need more resources both in terms of manpower and finances. The trustees have been looking at how to raise more finance and at ways in which they can partner with local churches so that we have more staff time.

We are very grateful for an increase in the number of volunteers who joined in the work of the trust during the year which meant that the Mission Impossible Presentation and the Safe Space ministry in High Schools was properly resourced.

We have had help from Sefton Council for Voluntary Service on how to apply for grants more effectively. We continue to look for potential grant funders who we can apply to. We are very grateful to all our individual supporters who give so faithfully and to the local Churches who support our work financially. We are particularly grateful to one local supporter who undertook a sponsored bike ride in France and raised nearly £10,000 for the work of the Trust. During the year David put together a booklet which was distributed to supporters, churches and others interested in the work describing what we do and how much the various projects cost.

We have found that one of the most effective ways of engaging with young people in our secondary schools is through the lunchtime Safe Space Project. We are now operating Safe Space sessions in all five of our local High Schools. and these sessions continued to thrive in 2023. They give the young people an opportunity to discuss matters of faith and the big issues of life and to tell us how they are feeling. We then have an opportunity to support them and offer them hope. These sessions are very much appreciated by the pupils and by staff. They add to the pastoral care being offered by the schools. We are now partnering with Meols Cop in an after school Safe Space well- being session.

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Review and summary of the year (continued)

Scripture Union have produced some Rooted Questions which are used to start discussions. An example of the questions which are used are: - How would you describe good mental health? What does it mean to belong? This tackles the problem of loneliness. How would you describe resilience? What do you love about where you live? What to do when things get tough? If you could, would you go back in time? If so, why? It was surprising that young people said they would go back and change mistakes or choices they had made. The workers had the opportunity to discuss forgiveness and especially what it means in the Christian faith. The young people are very open and willing to discuss these issues.

The pupils who meet our workers in these Safe Space Sessions are forming good relationships with our workers and volunteers, and so, if they are then invited to go to church youth events in the town, they are more likely to go. The Nerf Challenge at Christ Church was an example of this. Lakeside youth club has grown because the young people have been invited at school. Churches find it hard to get young people to go to activities in church and the link with Safe Space is absolutely vital if our churches are going to grow their youth work.

Stanley High School invited David to their open evening in September. It was a testament to how they value the work we do through the Safe Space Project at lunchtime which only started in January 2023. David set up a mini version of Space Safe and spoke to 120 plus children and their families about the work we do in the school.

We continued to help run "Impact" which is a weekly youth-based activity under the umbrella of the Churches Together in Ainsdale. Scripture Union gave us a grant of £5,000 to help us develop this work further. They are hoping that we will develop greater links with the churches in Ainsdale, which might eventually lead to developing a worshipping group of young people in Ainsdale, with extra youth work staff giving young people the opportunity to respond to and grow in their faith. The Ainsdale Village URC Church is particularly supportive and there may be funding available from the United Reformed Church.

We were able to put on a mini version of Impact at the Ainsdale Show in July. It was good connecting with children some of whom we had met in schools and chatting with their parents who were very appreciative of the work we do in supporting their children.

We were invited to take assemblies in Greenbank this year.

There are so many more different opportunities for the trust to get involved in work in primary schools.

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Review and summary of the year (continued)

During the year we have been invited to take Assemblies on several topics. Sweaty Church has continued at St Philips and in May we partnered with the Community Church, and were joined by some Brazilian students working with 'Youth with A Mission' who were on placement with the Community Church. We have run Awesome Clubs in some primary schools which are based upon the Fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, kindness, patience etc. We were able to lead some prayer workshops and it was encouraging to see the children themselves taking a leading role in these workshops and praying for their friends. Hettie continued to teach RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) lessons in some primary schools.

As part of Hettie's part time teaching training course, she spent 8 weeks doing her teaching training placement at St Philips School. She really benefitted from this and was able to continue some of the work that she does as part of her Trust work.

David delivered the Christians Against Poverty money course in several schools helping the children to understand how to use money wisely. This included looking at budgeting, saving, giving, and learning about the work of Christian charities in debt relief.

In 2022 David undertook some refresher training on the 'Walk thru the Bible' project which helped him to continue to deliver interactive energetic primary school RE lessons on the Old Testament, which makes the Bible come to life for the children. He was able to take this into two primary schools this year. The children really engaged with these lessons and enjoyed them.

The National Anti-bullying week in November is always a popular week for schools booking us in for our annual Antibullying sessions. This year's theme was Make A Noise about Bullying. Using the Bible story of Esther, the children were encouraged to stand up for the oppressed and go to the people who can put a stop to oppression and make a noise so that they can see what is going on and sort it out for good. 1230 primary school children were inspired to make a difference from the playground to the wider world.

This past year we have been invited into two primary schools who we have had little contact with over the past 10 years which is a great encouragement.

Our three main presentations, Mission Impossible, 'Moving On' and the Christmas Production were as popular as ever.

Mission Impossible, which is the Easter presentation where pupils become secret agents and discover the facts of the Easter story, and are given the opportunity to decide for themselves whether the evidence proves the death and resurrection of Jesus, is one of the highlights of the year. It was decided to put on a public performance on a Saturday morning while it was set up in Scarisbrick New Road Church. We were disappointed in the number of people who came but those who did enjoyed it and we were very encouraged when two children who were from different schools made friends and found that they were going to the same secondary school in September.

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Review and summary of the year (continued)

Our 'Moving On' presentation was very popular. We use material produced by ourselves and Scripture Union which give lots of tips and advice for pupils who make the move from year 6 into year 7. This year we asked some year 7's what advice they would give to year 6's who would be moving up into year 7 in September. There were some very helpful comments. It was very encouraging to see many of the year 6's that we had contact with, coming to the Safe Space in secondary schools when they started year 7 in September.

Our Christmas Presentation this year was entitled 'To Nativity and Beyond' and was based upon the Toy Story films. It showed how the Christmas message can bring love and life to our friends, families, and community. It was well received and was said to be the best Christmas presentation yet. We performed 15 showings of the production to over 3200 children. It is now on our YouTube channel. We ran out of spaces and so some children watched previous years shows on line.

One of the highlights of previous years was the Sonfest Southport Music Festival held in July in the town centre. However, this was cancelled in 2023 and so David and Hettie came up with an alternative event. It was agreed to have a Vision of Hope Conference on 15th July and combine it with the annual celebration service. There was a celebration of the work which the Trust had been doing during the past academic year in the morning, and some children from St Philips School led the worship. A new promotional video about our work was shown. Then in the afternoon there were keynote speakers from Hope Together and Scripture Union with some discussion and the day finished with a time of worship. Numbers of supporters attending the Celebration in the morning was as expected, but fell off in the afternoon. This was discouraging to the team and some fear this was indicative of a lack of desire for such conference-style events, or indeed 'future-thinking' amongst local churches, leaving question marks over what to do in future years.

Other organisations

It is always helpful for our workers to meet and network with other youth workers and for the trust to partner with other organisations. David and Hettie had a great time at the Scripture Union Retreat in May. It was good catching up with others who work with children and young people and hearing what was happening around the country and share ideas with each other.

We continued partnering with Compassion Acts. During the October half term David took part in a Family Space Xtra Day run by Compassion Acts. He was able to pilot a resource that he had been developing called 'Valu£ You'. It was great to use interactive experiences to learn about money, whilst sharing a deeper message of how amazingly loved and valuable each child is. The resources will become available for secondary school teachers to download and run as a lesson with accompanying exercise booklets.

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Connecting with our supporters and the local Church

A retreat was held at St John Stone in Ainsdale for students from Christ the King High School. The 18 students who attended were encouraged to look at their own journey of faith. This was a very special time and it is hoped that it can be repeated next year.

During 2022 the trustees had started discussions with Canning Road Evangelical Church, one of the local churches who have been long standing supporters of the work of the trust, to see how sharing a worker might work in practice. In August 2023 Canning Road Evangelical Church employed a Youth Pastor and offered 50% of his time to the work of the trust. This was a tremendous encouragement to the Trustees and we were delighted to welcome Simon to the team in September.

It was very encouraging to have the youth worker from Christ Church join us in schools in the autumn following some time out due to illness and to welcome some interns from the Community Church.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal sources of funding for the charity continue to be donations received from individuals and churches in the local area.

Reserves policy

The trustees are of the opinion that ideally, in order to be able to offer a commitment of continuity of employment to our employees, and because a large proportion of our future income is uncertain, we should aim to have in reserve at the year end an amount equal to the following year's estimated expenditure which is calculated to be around £55,000.

In the year to 31 December 2023 the amount available in free, unrestricted reserves was £60,604 (2022 - £42,311). We give thanks that we were in this position at the end of 2023 and were able to meet our reserves policy. As we move forward the trustees will continue to monitor the trusts financial position and look to raise further income so that the work can grow.

Financial review of the year

The treasurer monitors the trust finances throughout the year and provides the trustees with up to date information at each trustees meeting. Annual income in 2023 was £73,481 (2022 - £40,614) and expenditure was £55,188 (2022 - £56,761). This resulted in an overall surplus of £18,293 (2022 - £16,147 deficit). this surplus will be used to finance the youth work in future years.

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

Financial review of the year (continued)

There has been a significant improvement in our finances during 2023 and the previous years deficit of £16,147 has been more than reversed by the surplus of £18,293. It is very obvious that the profile of the trust has been progressively raised among the people of Southport. Not only have we more supporters than ever before but those supporters have become more generous. This year we have been blessed by some very generous individual donations and also by one supporter who completed a sponsored bike ride and raised nearly £10,000 for the work of the trust. Income from churches was boosted by a gift of £7,500 and we received a gift of £5,000 from Scripture Union towards the work in Ainsdale.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

General plans

The trustees and schools workers are committed to developing the work of the trust and to take advantage of new opportunities as they arise whilst continuing with the work which is so appreciated by local schools, children, young people, parents, and churches.

During the year the trustees have been sharing ideas about how the work might grow in the future. However, in order to grow the work, we need more resources both financial and workers. The trustees are committed to looking at this.

It is hoped that more can be done to get other churches to follow the model that we have in place with Canning Road Evangelical Church where churches are prepared to work in partnership with us.

In January 2024 we launched a new primary assembly series called 'Can you stick it?' The aim is to help the children to understand that people sticking with each other makes the tough times more manageable and the good times more enjoyable. David will use the example of his own faith of how God sticks with him.

It is amazing to have so many supporters who stick with us and are committed to impacting the children and young people for the better. We want to say thank you to them. Without the support of volunteers, local churches, and individuals we would not be able to do the work.

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b. observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP;
- c. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d. state whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- e. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

This report was approved by the trustees on 5 February 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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Rev Daniel Parkes - Chair

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

We report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 11 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is our responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the 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 our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- a) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
- b) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Daniel Styles (Independent examiner)

for and on behalf of Lifestyles Accountancy Limited

Dated: 26 September 2024

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted cash funds 2023 £	Restricted cash funds 2023 £	Total cash funds 2023 £	Total cash funds 2022 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary receipts:					
Donations and gifts	2	72,613	-	72,613	39,764
Investment receipts:	3	868	-	868	850
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>73,481</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,481</u>	<u>40,614</u>
PAYMENTS					
Charitable activities	4	55,188	-	55,188	56,761
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>55,188</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,188</u>	<u>56,761</u>
NET OF (PAYMENTS) / RECEIPTS		<u>18,293</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,293</u>	<u>(16,147)</u>
Cash funds at 1 January 2023		42,311	-	42,311	58,458
Cash funds at 31 December 2023		<u>60,604</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,604</u>	<u>42,311</u>

The notes on pages 13 - 15 form part of these financial statements.

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
CASH FUNDS					
Cash at bank	6	60,604	-	60,604	20,612
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		60,604	-	60,604	20,612
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS					
Gift aid tax reclaim		5,071	-	5,071	3,635
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		5,071	-	5,071	3,635
INVESTMENT ASSETS					
Investment with Green Pastures		-	-	-	21,699
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		-	-	-	21,699
LIABILITIES					
Accrued costs		-	-	-	-
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		-	-	-	-

Approved and signed on behalf of the PCC on 5 February 2024 by:



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Rev Daniel Parkes - Chair

The notes on pages 13 - 15 form part of these financial statements.

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest whole £.

b Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

c Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have been designated for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements where relevant.

d Receipts

All receipts are included in the statement of receipts and payments when the charity receives the money rather than when it is legally entitled to the income. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

e Payments

All expenditure is accounted for when costs are paid by the charity and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2 VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted cash funds 2023 £	Restricted cash funds 2023 £	Total cash funds 2023 £	Total cash funds 2022 £
Donations and gifts:				
Donations from churches	18,120	-	18,120	11,954
Donations from individuals	33,060	-	33,060	21,338
Donations from organisations	5,000	-	5,000	-
Gift aid tax reclaimed	4,574	-	4,574	4,536
Online giving	6,659	-	6,659	-
Grants received	5,000	-	5,000	1,333
Other donations received	200	-	200	597
Miscellaneous income	-	-	-	6
	<u>72,613</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,613</u>	<u>39,764</u>

3 INVESTMENT RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted cash funds 2023 £	Restricted cash funds 2023 £	Total cash funds 2023 £	Total cash funds 2022 £
Investment interest received	868	-	868	850
	<u>868</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>868</u>	<u>850</u>

4 COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted cash funds 2023 £	Restricted cash funds 2023 £	Total cash funds 2023 £	Total cash funds 2022 £
Salary costs	49,297	-	49,297	51,449
Office rent	-	-	-	1,000
Staff expenses	4,797	-	4,797	1,156
Miscellaneous	349	-	349	3,156
Insurance	635	-	635	-
Bank charges	110	-	110	-
	<u>55,188</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,188</u>	<u>56,761</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

5 EMPLOYEES

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	2023	2022
	£	£
Total staff costs recognised in the year:		
Wages and salaries	47,862	50,000
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs	1,435	1,449
	<u>49,297</u>	<u>51,449</u>

No employees whose total employee benefits (excluding employer pension and national insurance costs) for the reporting period amounted to over £60,000 (2022 - none).

6 FUNDS

	Balance at	Incoming	Resources	Balance at
	1 Jan 23	Resources	Expended	31 Dec 23
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	42,311	73,481	(55,188)	60,604
	<u>42,311</u>	<u>73,481</u>	<u>(55,188)</u>	<u>60,604</u>

7 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no known disclosable related party transactions during the year. In 2022 rent of £1,000 was paid to Scarisbrick New Road Baptist Church for use of their property as an office of operations. Rev Daniel Parkes is a PCC member and the incumbent at that church.

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

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Southport & Area Schools Worker Trust
A Local Mission Partner of
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHARITY COMMISSION 31/12/2022
Report for financial year beginning 01/01/22 and ending 31/12/22

Legal and Administrative information:

Name and Address Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust
SASW Trust Office
1 Scarisbrick New Road
Southport
PR8 6PU

Registered charity number: 1075068

Name of Charity Trustees: Dan Parkes (Chair), John Cooper, John Forshaw, Stephen Griffiths, Elizabeth Lacey, Sonya Marshall, Nicola Millington, Shirley Potts, Anne Pickup, Tina Powsey.

Professional Advisers:

Bankers: HSBC, Lord Street, Southport

Structure, Management and Governance:

Governing document: DECLARATION OF TRUST [Trust Deed 18/01/99]

The work of the Trust is managed by Trustees in accordance with the Trust Deed. The Trustees met five times during 2022.

Name of person or body entitled to appoint a trustee:

THE TRUSTEES and by a resolution of the trustees taken at a meeting where a majority of trustees are present and the resolution recorded in the minutes and signed by the new Trustee and Chairman. New Trustee/s to agree to the Trust Statement of Faith, Declaration of Trustworthiness and policy and procedures reflecting the ethos of the Trust.

Financial review:

The Treasurer monitors the Trust finances throughout the year and provides the Trustees with up to date information at each Trustees meeting. Annual income in 2022 was £40,614 and expenditure was £56,761. This resulted in an overall deficit of £16,147. This deficit will be financed from reserves. Cash reserves as at 31st December 2022 amounted to £42,311.

The Trustees are of the opinion that ideally in order to be able to offer a commitment of continuity of employment to our employees, and because a large proportion of our future income is uncertain, we should aim to have in reserve at the year-end an amount equal to the following year's estimated expenditure. This now is not the case. Our income over recent years has been boosted by occasional one off generous donations from individuals but more particularly by grants from various

sources, which have come to an end. The Trustees are fully aware of the financial situation and have set up a fund raising group to specifically look at raising more income and in particular raising more income from grants.

Safeguarding

The Trustees take Safeguarding very seriously. They regularly review their safeguarding policy and have updated it to take into account all the appropriate protocols relating to working online. There were thirteen minor safeguarding concerns in 2022 which were all dealt with appropriately. Anne Pickup is our lead Trustee for Safeguarding and during the year she attended the required safeguarding training so that she can train the other Trustees as and when that is required. All Trustees, workers and volunteers hold appropriate DBS certificates.

Objectives and Activities

Objects of the charity To advance the Christian faith amongst young people in educational establishments and to advance education in accordance with Christian Principles.

Charity's activities during the year in relation to its objectives

- Supporting two full time workers through prayer, pastoral and professional support and guidance.
- Supporting Christian based activities in schools of the locality and providing assistance in curricular areas [assemblies, religious education, citizenship, RSE, PSHE]. Providing training and encouragement to them.
- Working in partnership with other schools/youth workers, schools and churches; joint presentations at Easter, end of school year 6 and Christmas; training and organising volunteers to assist in schools work; supporting holiday events in the year
- Encouraging prayer by keeping churches informed of the work and by holding regular prayer times.
- Continuing to promote the financial and prayer support of the work amongst churches and individuals.

The Trustees reviewed the objectives of the Trust during the year and agreed that they were still appropriate and being met by our activities.

Achievements and Performance

2022 was one of the busiest years for the Schools Worker Trust. The Trust was inundated with requests for the schools' workers to go into the schools. It is so encouraging that the work of the Trust is so appreciated and valued by the schools but there is a limit to the time David and Hettie, our two full time workers, have. We are very grateful to our team of volunteers who work with us particularly in the Safe Space lunchtime sessions. Without them we would not have been able to achieve as much as we have done.

We are very encouraged that some of the children and young people themselves are now helping with the activities they are involved in.

We have found that one of the most effective ways of engaging with young people in our secondary schools is through the lunchtime Safe Space Project and these sessions continued to thrive in 2022. They give the young people an opportunity to discuss matters of faith and the big issues of life and to tell us how they are feeling. We then have an opportunity to support them and offer them hope.

We have a traffic light system to help them express their emotional well-being and this is an excellent way of getting them to open up about how they are feeling. In the Safe Space lunchtime sessions, we used a traffic light system and a chart of different emoji's for young people to check in with us on their well-being. If they are feeling red we give them space to talk and then they are encouraged to seek help from a trusted source, if amber we talk about how we can develop personal habits to help ourselves improve our own mood and if they feel green, then we encourage them to share their positive feelings to help others. This proved to be very popular and enabled our workers to help young people with their feelings and be a positive influence on them. During the winter months they met indoors but when the weather improved, they set up a gazebo outside and this has proved very successful in getting more students to engage with us.

We have a loyalty card system where students get a stamp every week for checking in with us and they keep the card reminding them to be loyal to themselves and others. This acts as an incentive for them to check in with us regularly. Cards which have six stamps are entered into a prize draw at the end of the term and a box of goodies presented to the winner to support them with their own well-being and help them to explore the big issues of life and faith at home. At the end of the spring term 315 were entered into the draw at one school which demonstrates that students appreciate and enjoy these sessions. We now have a box of cards and leaflets at these sessions sign posting pupils to our on-line channels, you tube videos for more support. We did a survey of the % of those indicating whether they were red, amber or green and shared the results with the staff who appreciated it because it helps them to understand the emotional well-being of the school.

Schools take the mental health of their students very seriously. During Mental Health Awareness Week in May we had opportunity to talk to 350 students in schools to discuss what they do to rest and relax and to share with them what God has to say about caring for our mental health.

Through the Safe Space sessions, we have engaged with hundreds of pupils each week in four of our local secondary schools. It has always been our aim to have Safe Spaces in all five of our secondary and following the success of the Project in one particular school we entered into discussions with the fifth local secondary school and eventually in January 2023 we were invited to hold a lunch time Safe Space in that school for which we give thanks.

We continued to help run "Impact" which is a weekly youth-based activity under the umbrella of the Churches Together in Ainsdale. This has the same ethos as our lunch time Safe Spaces but with lots more extra fun. Numbers attending have grown. One school's year 6 had a school trip to visit the "Impact" youth group as a taster to encourage them to come when they reached year 7. We also ran a safe space session at the Ainsdale Show. We were encouraged that some young people came to "Impact" as a result of meeting us at the Show.

During Lent David was invited by the school Chaplaincy at Christ the King Secondary School to share in their Ash Wednesday service. The pupils were looking at Jesus' Journey to the cross and the impact it has on our world today. David had the privilege of sharing his own personal testimony of his journey with Jesus.

There are so many more different opportunities for the Trust to get involved in work in primary schools.

Our three main presentations, Mission Impossible, 'Moving On' and the Christmas Production were as popular as ever and we were invited into schools where we had not previously been.

Mission Impossible is the Easter presentation where pupils become secret agents and discover the facts of the Easter story and are given the opportunity to decide for themselves whether the evidence proves the death and resurrection of Jesus. This year Mission Impossible was extended to three weeks so that we could still maintain our presence in the secondary school Safe Spaces. It was great to be able to do this presentation in person this year after having produced an online version during the covid pandemic. We took the opportunity to redesign and modernise two of the investigation zones. We were very grateful for new volunteers coming on board for the first with this presentation this year. They were very enthusiastic and the 550 kids who saw the presentation loved it.

David was challenged by the Youth Worker at Lakeside church to work on a new project entitled Mission Impossible Mini. This involved turning the main mission impossible material into a 'science museum' style exhibit which children and their families could explore at their own pace at the likes of a church family fun day or outreach event. David rose to the challenge and the new exhibit was used by Lakeside Church at their Easter eggstravaganza outreach day. During a 3-hour period it was estimated that 100 people took part in the activity.

Our 'Moving On' presentation was very popular. We used material produced by ourselves and Scripture Union which gave lots of tips and advice for pupils who make the move from year 6 into year 7. It was very encouraging to see many of the year 6's that we had contact with coming to the Safe Space in secondary schools when they started year 7 in September.

Our Christmas Presentation this year was entitled 'The Mativity' and was based upon everyone's favourite bookworm Matilda. We had fun with Matilda as she and her classmates guided us through their story with fun, comedy, music, festivity and meaning and heard about how Jesus came to change the world with a message of hope and joy and how with the power within us, we can make a difference. We performed 18 showings of the production to over 4000 children and received very positive feedback.

Hettie continued to run 'Sweaty Church' with the children at St Philips school. She had written some Alpha style-based material called the Starting Line which allows children to explore the basis of the Christian Faith and used this as part of 'Sweaty Church'. This material has also been used by two local churches in their children's work.

As part of Hettie's part time teaching training course, she spent 6 weeks doing her teaching training placement at St John's Ainsdale. She really benefitted from this and developed further links with the school.

In 2021 Hettie had written material to be used as part of the RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) curriculum. She continued to teach this in several of our primary schools this year.

Several primary schools have asked for prayer spaces. In one school Hettie planned one prayer space with five zones for each class to spend an hour in and in another school she planned a whole day of prayer spaces for the whole school. We now have these that can be used elsewhere. It was encouraging to see the children engaging in prayer.

The Anti bullying workshops were repeated and proved very helpful.

David delivered the Christians Against Poverty money course in several schools helping the children to understand how to use money wisely. This included looking at budgeting, saving, giving, and learning about the work of Christian charities in debt relief.

It was a privilege for David to be invited to join with one primary school when they went to a big leavers service at the Anglican Cathedral and spent the day with the children as they explored the Christian faith, purpose, roots of our beliefs and the hope and strength they have for the journey ahead. They also managed a quick visit to a synagogue.

One of the highlights of the year was the Sonfest Southport Music Festival held in July in the town centre. This was a perfect ending to the school year. David and Hettie put a lot of hard work into organising and promoting this but it was well worth it. A whole range of artists performed including some big names, alongside a Soul Children's Gospel Choir who we had led at St Philips. It was a privilege to be in the town centre working with local churches. Lots of young people engaged with what was going on as we explored a little more of the Christian message. Around 500 engaged with what was on during the day. The day was a huge success but the highlight was seeing so many of our Safe Space young people and hearing the Soul Children Gospel Choir from St Philips as they performed some modern gospel songs.

David undertook some refresher training on the 'Walk thru the Bible' project which helps him to continue to deliver interactive energetic primary school RE lessons on the Old Testament, which makes the Bible come to life for the children.

David and Hettie were asked to join school staff for some behaviour training with the aim of helping to create an environment that makes good behaviour the easy option and which leads to more effective and positive sessions with the children and young people. We welcomed this opportunity given by schools for our workers to join staff for this training.

Other Organisations

It is always helpful for our workers to meet and network with other youth workers and for the Trust to partner with other organisations.

David and Hettie were able to join in with an online Youth Evangelism Conference and David was able to attend the Scripture Union north regional gathering.

David and Hettie met up with the National Director of Scripture Union who was very encouraged by the way our work fits in with their Revealing Jesus Framework.

David met with local secondary school police officers and 3 secular funded youth projects in Southport. He was made aware of some of the issues around local gangs' anti-social behaviour and exploitation. This is particularly useful because the workers meet many of those connected with police issues when working in the schools or when out and about on detached walkabouts.

David and Hettie were able to help a new youth worker in Formby as she started to reach out to children and young people in the Formby area.

David, Hettie and Anne Pickup were involved with some training at the Salvation Army based on street youth work. If children and young people don't attend the local churches then we need to find ways of meeting them where they are. There is some detached youth work in the Ainsdale area.

We continued partnering with Compassion Acts. David and Hettie were involved in organising sports workshops as part of the easter holiday club run by Compassion Acts in the Christ the King secondary school sports hall. We are also involved in developing a project with them for year 7 students called "Value£ You"

David also met with representatives from Good News for Everyone, formerly Gideons UK, to explore ways in which we might partner with them in schools' ministry in the future.

Hettie has continued working at Canning Road in their "Hero Academy" and youth programme.

Connecting with our supporters and the local Church

We held our annual celebration service on Sunday 18th September. This was held in person and online. Supporters receive regular updates of what is going on and are encouraged to join our prayer chain. They were also encouraged to take part in the National Day of Prayer for schools in September.

During the year we have been thinking and praying about how we can enable local church members to better connect with young people in their community. We would like to find ways to equip the whole church to be better equipped to serve the future generations of children and young people and to build bridges between the church and community. One of our local church leaders joined in with 3 of the secondary school safe spaces and got invaluable experience of meeting with hundreds of teenagers. As our work increases volunteers are crucial to our vision and we need to empower the local church to get involved.

In September we put on the Youthscape Essentials training course. This is a ten-week course for anyone already helping with children and youth work in their own church or as a starting point for those thinking about getting involved or for anyone who is interested in connecting with young people. The aim is to equip the church to connect with young people. It gives an insight into the lives of young people and practical activities to help everyone feel more confident crossing the generation gap. The course went well and those who attended found it very helpful. Numbers were less than expected although there was a varied age, and range of backgrounds, of those attending. The course will be run again and we will try to encourage more folk to attend.

During the year David had been invited to speak to the Catholic Synodal Council for Southport and Formby about our work and to give them an insight into the lives of young people today. A group of them have been invited to join in the next Youthscape training


The Trustees have entered into discussions with one of the local churches who have been long standing supporters of the work of the Trust, to see how sharing a worker might work in practice.

Plans for the Future

The Trustees and Schools Workers are committed to developing the work of the Trust and to take advantage of new opportunities as they arise whilst continuing with the work which is so appreciated by local schools, children, young people, parents, and churches.

During the year the Trustees have been sharing ideas about how the work might grow in the future. However, in order to grow the work, we need more resources both financial and workers. The Trustees are committed to looking at this.

Discussions will continue as to how we might partner with one local church and how this model might work with other local churches.

Signed: 
(Chairman of the Trust)

Date: 20/02/23



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01.01.2022	To	31.12.2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
From Churches	11,954	-	-	11,954	17,874
From individuals	21,338	-	-	21,338	20,742
Gift Aid rebate	4,536	-	-	4,536	4,014
Other donations	597	-	-	597	4,638
Interest	850	-	-	850	833
Grants	1,333	-	-	1,333	8,500
Miscellaneous	6	-	-	6	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	40,614	-	-	40,614	56,601
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	40,614	-	-	40,614	56,601
A3 Payments					
Salary costs	51,449	-	-	51,449	44,227
Office rent	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous	1,156	-	-	1,156	743
Staff Expenses	3,156	-	-	3,156	4,804
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	56,761	-	-	56,761	50,774
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	56,761	-	-	56,761	50,774
Net of receipts/(payments)	(16,147)	-	-	(16,147)	5,827
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	58,458	-	-	58,458	52,631
Cash funds this year end	42,311	-	-	42,311	58,458

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC	20,612	-	-
	Invested with Green Pasture	21,699	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	42,311	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	John Cooper	20.02.2023

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1075068

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHARITY COMMISSION 31/12/2021

Report for financial year beginning 01/01/21 and ending 31/12/21

Legal and Administrative information:

Name and Address Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust
SASW Trust Office
1 Scarisbrick New Road
Southport
PR8 6PU

Registered charity number: 1075068

Name of Charity Trustees: Dan Parkes (Chair), John Cooper, John Forshaw, Stephen Griffiths Elizabeth Lacey, Sonya Marshall, Anne Pickup, Tina Powsey,

Professional Advisers:

Bankers: HSBC, Lord Street, Southport

Structure, Management and Governance:

Governing document: DECLARATION OF TRUST [Trust Deed 18/01/99]

The work of the Trust is managed by Trustees in accordance with the Trust Deed. The Trustees met five times during 2021.

Name of person or body entitled to appoint a trustee:

THE TRUSTEES and by a resolution of the trustees taken at a meeting where a majority of trustees are present and the resolution recorded in the minutes and signed by the new Trustee and Chairman. New Trustee/s to agree to the Trust Statement of Faith, Declaration of Trustworthiness and policy and procedures reflecting the ethos of the Trust.

Financial review:

The Treasurer monitors the Trust finances throughout the year and provides the Trustees with up to date information at each Trustees meeting. Annual income in 2021 was £56,601 and expenditure was £50,774. This resulted in an overall surplus of £5,827. This surplus will be used to finance future year's expenditure. Cash reserves as at 31st December 2021 amounted to £58,458

However there were some one off donations in 2021 which may not be repeated in the future. During the year we did some work with Compassion Acts, a local charity which aims to reduce poverty and increase wellbeing in Southport and the surrounding area. They paid us £1,800 for the time that our Schools Workers developing some resources which could be used in schools. This was a very helpful source of finance. We are looking forward to possibly working with them again in the future.

Our schools workers were asked to help provide activities at the National Methodist Youth Conference for which they reimbursed the time and associated expenses (£1,667). £1,200 is still to be paid out. We are very grateful to Mr. Willatts who made us a grant of £24,000 over three years. We are due to receive the final instalment of £1,334 in 2022. So although we made a small surplus of £5,827 there is no guarantee that this will be sustained in future years.

The Trustees are of the opinion that in order to be able to offer a commitment of continuity of employment to our employees, and because a large proportion of our future income is uncertain, we should aim to have in reserve at the year-end an amount equal to the following year's estimated expenditure. We give thanks that we were in this position at the end of 2021 and were able to meet our reserves policy. As we move forward the Trustees will continue to monitor the Trust's financial position and take appropriate action when needed.

Safeguarding

The Trustees take Safeguarding very seriously. During the year the Trustees reviewed their safeguarding policy and have updated it to take into account all the appropriate protocols relating to working online. It was accepted by the Trustees. There were five small safeguarding concerns in 2021 which were all dealt with appropriately. All Trustees, workers and volunteers hold appropriate DBS certificates.

Objectives and Activities

Objects of the charity To advance the Christian faith amongst young people in educational establishments and to advance education in accordance with Christian Principles.

Charity's activities during the year in relation to its objects

- Supporting a full time coordinator/schools worker and a full time sports ministry worker through prayer, pastoral and professional support and guidance.
- Supporting Christian Unions in schools and colleges of the locality and providing assistance in curricular areas [assemblies, religious education, citizenship, PSHE]. Providing training and encouragement to them.
- Working in partnership with other schools/youth workers, schools and churches; joint presentations at Easter, end of school year 6 and Christmas; training and organising volunteers to assist in schools work; supporting holiday events in the year
- Encouraging prayer by keeping churches informed of the work and by holding regular prayer times.
- Continuing to promote the financial and prayer support of the work amongst churches and individuals.

The Trustees reviewed the objectives of the Trust during the year and agreed that they were still appropriate and being met by our activities.

Achievements and Performance

The work of the Trust continued to grow and develop during 2021 as we responded to the changing needs of the schools, children and young people in our town.

At the beginning of 2021 we found ourselves back in lockdown as restrictions were reintroduced to control the spread of the Covid 19 virus.

We continued to connect with the children and young people through digital media continuing to use the projects which had been set up in the previous year. This includes video versions of assemblies, a YouTube channel, live streams and much more, all of which was circulated via schools remote links to home and via social media. We continued to produce new material and resources which could be accessed online. This included our Safe Space project in secondary schools, primary schools online assemblies and Impact live which is a virtual youth group via video group sessions. We continued to produce new videos as part of our Connect Kids project which is a resource for churches to use in their work with children and young people which can be watched on our YouTube channel or down loaded onto their own YouTube channels.

'Hatching Hope' was a new Easter video production. A new Mission Impossible video which explored the events of Easer with years 5 and 6 was produced and new videos to be used as part of collective worship in primary schools.

We continued with our usual Instagram posts and had a live session on our YouTube and Instagram channels on a Wednesday after school.

As part of our Connect kid's project we developed a series of videos called 'The Starting line' which is a 12 part Children's Alpha series with a sports theme using our Good Sport resources. This helps children to explore the Christian faith for

themselves with input on the topic, questions for them to discuss, games, challenges and thoughts from other Christians. These sessions were also made into RE lessons and after school club sessions.

Hettie wrote some material called 'You, me and RSE' which she later used to deliver in person lessons as part of the relationships, and sex education curriculum in primary schools which is in line with Government guidance whilst maintaining a level of Christian input.

We were approached by Compassion Acts, a local charity which aims to reduce poverty and increase wellbeing in Southport and the surrounding areas by running a foodbank, a food pantry and providing advice on debt and money matters, to see if we could work alongside them in schools. David started to write resources for them which they could use in schools which we could assist with.

The Safe Space Project is the main way we connect with young people in our secondary schools. Not knowing how long it would be before we would be physically accepted back into secondary schools, we continued to develop on line material which could be helpful for schools delivering the Personal, Social Citizenship and Health Education, Religious Education, and Spiritual, Moral Social and Cultural Development topics within the schools' curriculum.

From May restrictions were eased and our schools workers were accepted back into schools. After a year of predominantly online work David and Hettie found themselves spending time with children and young people every day as the in person work started to take off and less time was spent developing on line resources.

We were able to successfully restart Impact in Ainsdale with more young people attending than before the start of the pandemic and we were able to build further links with the community.

In person work in Primary Schools has continued positively with Sweaty Church at St Philips. In May we started Sweaty Church at St Philips again initially for years 4 and 5 which was extended to other years the following term. We had to keep to bubbles but the smaller group had its advantages and the children enjoyed being together with us again.

It was encouraging to begin talks with Holy Trinity School and Church with a view to starting Sweaty Church at Holy Trinity.

Hettie was initially invited into three primary schools to deliver 4 lessons using the You, Me and RSE material she had written as part of the RSE curriculum. By the end of the year, with help from the youth worker from Lakeside Church, she had delivered 30 lessons. We received very positive feedback from teachers and parents all of whom had appreciated the way the subject had been taught and from the children who had enjoyed her lessons.

David took lessons using the Christians Against Poverty money lesson material and this was also appreciated.

The work with Compassion Acts developed during the year. The material that David had produced was used in schools and again was well received. David and Hettie were able to help with activities during the summer holiday clubs organised by Compassion Acts for some local school children.

Our workers were invited to take part in St Philips scheme of leaver's fun for the year 6s, including a trip to Liverpool, sports day, leaver's services and were involved in making a photo memory video of the pupils as a leaving gift.

A limited number of the 'Moving On' presentations took place this year for children moving from year 6 into year 7 and Scripture Union gifted us 60 'It's Your Move' books to give out as prizes. The sessions were more limited than usual due to having to keep to bubbles but the online video version from last year was also available for schools to use.

The online booking system was up and running and we quickly started to receive bookings for the Christmas presentation, Mission Impossible next year, as well as Schools Assemblies. This demonstrates how much the schools appreciate our work in schools.

From September, the number of visits into schools increased further and was an exciting start to a new academic year.

Teachers, parents, children and young people have found the effects of the Covid pandemic particularly difficult, not being able to go into school, see friends, and having to deal with home schooling and online learning. This has had a detrimental effect on the mental health of children and young people and much of our work this year has been to address these problems, particularly in secondary schools meeting young people at lunchtime in our Safe Space Project. This gives the young people an opportunity to discuss matters of faith and the big issues of life and to tell us how they are feeling. We then have the opportunity to support them and offer them hope.

Initially when we were accepted back into secondary schools we met outside. We acquired a gazebo and had hoodies printed with the words youth worker on the back and used these to increase our visual presence and be more identifiable. We found working out in the school yards vastly different to being hidden away in a classroom, with a dramatic increase in engagement from young people, and earning a much greater understanding and higher profile amongst students and staff as to our purpose

in working with their schools. This all taught us a great deal more about the importance of a Christ-like approach to humbly 'going out' to where the young people are and ministering to their needs.

In the Safe Space lunchtime sessions we used a traffic light system and a chart of different emoji's for young people to check in with us on their well-being. If they are feeling red we give them space to talk and then they are encouraged to seek help from a trusted source, if amber we talk about how we can develop personal habits to help ourselves improve our own mood and if they feel green, then we encourage them to share their positive feelings to help others. This proved to be very popular and enabled our workers to help young people with their feelings and be a positive influence on them.

We had been offering traffic light lollies to those attending the sessions but decided to launch a new scheme. We now have a new loyalty card system where students get a stamp every week for checking in with us and they keep the card reminding them to be loyal to themselves and others. This acts as an incentive for them to check in with us regularly. When they have 3 stamps then they receive a lolly. If they attend for 6 weeks they receive a second lolly and enter a half term prize draw. By the end of the summer term we were meeting outside in 4 high schools meeting with literally hundreds of young people each week. This was far more than before the covid pandemic.

As the year progressed and the weather got colder we were able to move indoors when the school had suitable communal areas large enough to accommodate us safely.

One exciting new development was working with a large primary school who we haven't had much contact with. David helped to run a project called Key To Life at Churchtown Primary. This ran for a week and gave every class in the school the chance to join us on the Key to Life lorry which inside has a fully immersive and interactive projection suite. David helped others to guide each class through a multimedia exploration of the life of Jesus- including Jesus in history, Jesus' teachings, miracles and his death and resurrection – sharing the importance of the Cross in the Christian Gospel in one of the most incredibly creative, experiential and well produced ways.

Another highlight was when Greenbank year 7's visited 3 of our local churches as part of their RE syllabus. David and Hettie were able to meet up with them at one of the Churches and have positive conversations about the relevance of the work of the Church and Christianity today. As a result David was asked by the Head of Greenbank if he would go in and help with teaching the module on evangelism as part of the GCSE syllabus. Yet another opportunity for us to serve the local schools.

During Anti Bullying week in November we toured 6 schools and a youth group with a message of treating others as you would like to be treated and starting a chain of kindness.

This year it was great to be able to share a live Christmas Presentation again with primary school children and we had 17 performances of our superhero themed production as we sought to encourage the children to share the real meaning of Christmas. That Christmas is about sharing the love and kindness shown by Jesus as he entered our world as the ultimate Saviour and hero. Due to a desire to be flexible around schools and Covid restrictions, we also created a video version of the entire production available for public viewing on our YouTube channel.

Other organisations

The partnership with Compassion Acts is working well and we look forward to developing this partnership in the future.

David continued his secondment to Scripture Union by working with them to continue developing their 'connect, explore, respond and grow' project locally, an initiative to reach the 95% of children and young people with no church connection. This is working particularly well with the churches in Ainsdale and David and Hettie are still acting as faith guides

David and Hettie started talks with youth leaders in other churches in Southport to discuss the possibility of doing detached youth work in the town centre. There is support for this and discussions are moving forward albeit slowly. The Salvation Army are hoping to put on some training in the New Year and Scripture Union are in discussion with us as to how we might partner together with them in this work.

The national Methodist Conference asked David and Hettie to help with the provision of activities at their Youth Conference in Birmingham at the end of the October half term.

Connecting with our supporters

We held our annual celebration service on Sunday 19th September. This was held in person although was streamed on YouTube in order to reach a wider audience. Supporters have received regular newsletters throughout the year and have been encouraged to pray for the various projects. They are also encouraged to watch the videos etc. on our YouTube channel which helps supporters, who would not be allowed to come into schools with us, to see what we do with the children and it encourages their support.

For those who missed the celebration service, David produced a short documentary video entitled 'For Such A Time As This' which encapsulates the story of children's and youth work professionals and volunteers serving Southport's young people through the pandemic including a picture of pre pandemic, the depths of lockdown and a wealth of post pandemic opportunities to support children and young people in the aftermath.

It has been encouraging to have more volunteers join us in the work particularly with Sweaty Church at St Philips.

Supporters were encouraged to use the prayer trails that David had put together to help pray for schools at the start of a new academic year in September. They were also encouraged to join in praying on 28th September, a day set aside for Christians everywhere to pray for schools.

Plans for the future

The Trustees and Schools Workers are committed to developing the work of the Trust and to take advantage of new opportunities as they arise whilst continuing with the work which is so appreciated by local schools, children and young people, parents and churches.

We are hoping to be able to develop links with new schools which we have only had tentative links with in the past

It has been encouraging during this past year to receive so much positive feedback from teachers and children and young people telling us how much they appreciate what we are doing and what a help it has been to them having a Christian presence in schools during what has been a particular difficult year. We trust that this will continue into the future as we seek to serve the schools and young people in our town and continue to be a positive Christian presence.

In July, our Chairman, Rev Stewart Reid decided to retire from the Trust after having been involved with the work since its inception in 1999. We are very grateful to Stewart for all his hard work and leading over the past 22 years. We were able to mark his retirement and thank him formally with a gift at the Celebration Service in September. Rev Dan Parkes has taken over as Chairman and we look forward to his leadership as we move forward into a new phase of ministry.

Signed:



Date: 7th February 2022

(Chairman of the Trust)



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Receipts and payments accounts

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	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
From Churches	17,874		-	17,874	21,938
From Individuals	20,742		-	20,742	24,561
Gift Aid rebate	4,014		-	4,014	4,447
Other donations	4,638		-	4,638	1,100
Interest	833		-	400	816
Grants	8,500		-	8,500	11,667
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	56,601			56,168	64,529
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	56,601	-	-	56,601	64,529
A3 Payments					
Salary Costs	44,227			44,227	45,917
Office rent	1,000			1,000	1,000
Equipment				-	2,000
Miscellaneous	743			743	739
Events				-	20,390
Staff expenses	4,804			4,804	2,101
Sub total	50,774			50,774	72,147
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	50,774	-	-	50,774	72,147
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,827	-	-	5,827	(7,618)
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	52,631			52,631	60,249
Cash funds this year end	58,458			58,458	52,631

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC	37,209		-
	Invested with Green pasures	21,249	-	-
	Total cash funds	58,458	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>E. Lacey</i> SECRETARY	MRS E. LACEY	07.02.2022

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Year ending December 31	2021	2020
RECEIPTS		
From Churches	17873.84	9622.50
From Churches for HT		12315.00
From Individuals	20741.75	22581.27
From Individuals for HT		1980.00
Tax rebate	4014.20	4447.00
Green Past. Interest	400.00	400.00
SU grant Tabz 2ndment		5000.00
G9 Gift for HT		1100.00
C&E Trust	500.00	
Mr Willatts	8000.04	6666.69
Street Pastors	500.00	
Compassion Acts	1800.00	
Misc,Schools,Methodists	2338.32	
Total Receipts	56168.15	64112.46
PAYMENTS		
D Taberner	18491.47	18338.67
H Taberner	17392.65	17248.11
Inland Revenue	5218.62	7228.54
Pension	3124.59	3101.28
M.Trust Higher Tour		15390.00
M.Trust Sunfest 2019 etc		5000.00
Telephones	40.92	121.74
Insurance	532.61	517.22
Expenses	4803.57	2101.08
Laptop		2000.00
Presents	169.16	100.00
Office Rent	1000.00	1000.00
Total Payments	50773.59	72146.64
Surplus/Deficit	5394.56	-8034.18
C/f from Previous Year	31814.94	39849.12
Bank Account	37209.50	31814.94
Green Pastures	21248.64	20816.00
TOTAL	58458.14	52630.94
	Dec-21	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

**On accounts for the year
ended**

December 31st 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1075068

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 **31/12/2021**

**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 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:

JS Attwater

Date:

07 MARCH 2022

Name:

John S Attwater

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

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SOUTHPORT AND AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1075068

Accounts



SASW trust

Southport & Area Schools Worker Trust
A Local Mission Partner of
Scripture Union

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHARITY COMMISSION 31/12/2020
Report for financial year beginning 01/01/20 and ending 31/12/20

Legal and Administrative information:

Name and Address Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust
SASW Trust Office
1 Scarisbrick New Road
Southport
PR8 6PU

Registered charity number: 1075068

Name of Charity Trustees: Stewart Reid (Chair), John Allen, John Cooper, Dan Parkes
John Forshaw, Elizabeth Lacey, Sonya Marshall, Anne Pickup.

Professional Advisers:

Bankers: HSBC, Lord Street, Southport

Structure, Management and Governance:

Governing document: DECLARATION OF TRUST [Trust Deed 18/01/99]

The work of the Trust is managed by Trustees in accordance with the Trust Deed. The Trustees met five times during 2019.

Name of person or body entitled to appoint a trustee:

THE TRUSTEES and by a resolution of the trustees taken at a meeting where a majority of trustees are present and the resolution recorded in the minutes and signed by the new Trustee and Chairman. New Trustee/s to agree to the Trust Statement of Faith, Declaration of Trustworthiness and policy and procedures reflecting the ethos of the Trust.

Financial review:

The Treasurer monitors the Trust finances throughout the year and provides the Trustees with up to date information at each Trustees meeting. Annual income in 2020 was £64,529 and expenditure was £72,147 which included restricted income of £15,395 and restricted expenditure of £15,390 which was for the Higher Tour event. This resulted in an overall deficit of £7,618, Cash reserves as at 31st December 2020 amounted to £52,631 after having funded the 2020 deficit. However in 2020 the Trust received £11,667 by way of grants. Without this, the unrestricted income would have been £37,467 and unrestricted expenditure £56,757 which would have resulted in a deficit of £19,290. The last instalment of Mr Willatts grant is due in 2021/22. The Trustees are of the opinion that in order to be able to offer a commitment of continuity of employment to our employees, and because a large proportion of our future income is uncertain, we should aim to have as a reserve at the yearend an amount equal to the following year's estimated expenditure. If we take out the 'one-off' unrestricted expenditure

of £5,000 on events then at the end of 2020 we just about met our reserves policy. However as we move forward, and with the uncertainty of how the current Covid 19 pandemic will impact Trust finances, it is clear that we have major financial challenges ahead. The Trustees are aware of the situation and will be taking action to address it.

Safeguarding

The Trustees take Safeguarding very seriously. During the year the Trustees reviewed their safeguarding policy and have updated it to take into account all the appropriate protocols relating to working online. There was one safeguarding concern in 2020 which was dealt with appropriately.

Objectives and Activities

Objects of the charity To advance the Christian faith amongst young people in educational establishments and to advance education in accordance with Christian Principles.

Charity's activities during the year in relation to its objects

- Supporting a full time coordinator/schools worker and a full time sports ministry worker through prayer, pastoral and professional support and guidance.
- Supporting Christian Unions in schools and colleges of the locality and providing assistance in curricular areas [assemblies, religious education, citizenship, PSHE]. Providing training and encouragement to them.
- Working in partnership with other schools/youth workers, schools and churches; joint presentations at Easter, end of school year 6 and Christmas; training and organising volunteers to assist in schools work; supporting holiday events in the year
- Encouraging prayer by keeping churches informed of the work and by holding regular prayer times.
- Continuing to promote the financial and prayer support of the work amongst churches and individuals.

Achievements and Performance

There was an encouraging start to 2020. Preparations continued for our largest mission to secondary schools yet, partnering with The Message Trust and local churches, connecting with secondary schools in Southport and beyond, during the first week of March.

Alongside that our usual weekly ministry continued with lunchtime clubs in secondary and primary schools, Safe Space sessions in high schools, Sweaty Church, RE lessons in primary schools, using the 'Walk through the Bible' series, primary school assemblies and we started to trial a gospel choir project in one of the local primary schools.

It was also encouraging to have so many youth workers from around the town working together in schools. This gave the young people extra support and helped to build relationships and connect with the local church.

Higher Tour

The Higher Tour went ahead in the first week of March and was a highlight of the year. Although we were not able to connect with as many classes as originally planned, due to circumstances outside our control, it was a great success. The bands were very popular with the young people as they used music, faith stories and games to bring a message of hope, resilience and identity to the young people. The young people really engaged with the bands with energy and enthusiasm. There was a real sense of excitement as the young people looked forward to the concert at the Southport Floral Hall Complex on the Friday evening. Over 300 young people attended the concert and heard the bands bring a message of hope through words and music. The young people had an opportunity to discuss issues of faith and the Christian message, and 183 young people responded in some way, wanting to explore this message further. Follow up groups were started in the high schools and were well attended.

However, shortly after this, the country began to feel the effect of Covid 19 and by the end of March schools were closed to most students, and remained closed until towards the end of the summer term. Even then, not all children returned to school until the start of the autumn term in September. Children and young people found this time particularly difficult, not being able to go to school, having to learn from home and not being able to meet up with friends.

And so the work of the Trust was needed more than ever to help children and young people cope with the struggles they faced, whilst our workers couldn't have face to face contact with the children and young people. Our workers, David and Hettie had to think imaginatively and creatively how they could still connect with the children and young people.

Research shows that watching YouTube is the top activity that 81% of young people enjoy doing. So they acquired the equipment, software and training in order to produce video content of a professional standard to publish resources online. This included video versions of assemblies, a YouTube channel, live streams and much more, all of which was circulated via schools remote links to home and via social media. The younger generation relates so well to these methods of communication and during the year the work went from strength to strength and this provides us with an incredible opportunity to share faith issues through digital media. Much of the work that would have been delivered in a classroom setting is now being done online via the following projects.

1. Safe Space Lockdown (for youth)

This is done through YouTube videos for youth and is aimed at young people who we connect with in schools (and beyond). The videos contain fun, games, questions, thoughts and challenges. We tried to share this further with local High Schools, especially after the success of the Higher Tour.

In the summer term, the focus changed to looking at big issues mainly around mental health, using personal stories to share faith and hope and give young people ways to help themselves and signposted them where to go for further support. Treats were taken into year 6 classes who were back in school at the end of term with information about Safe Space online sessions so that they could stay in touch over the summer holidays and during their transition from year 6 into year 7 at secondary school. We also provided videos for secondary schools to support in the Y6 to Y7 transition.

There has been a lot of stress, uncertainty and anxiety over the months and so we created an extra Safe Space where young people can relax, unwind and find peace listening to music. This was done through the Safe Space Southport YouTube channel on a Sunday evening. Our supporters were encouraged to pray for this at that time, that the young people would experience something of the peace that God can give during the storms of life and that the school staff would experience some rest.

In September the schools settled into the new and different academic year, and we had to agree risk assessments with the staff which would allow us to go back into one of our local Secondary Schools safely. We had plans to see one year group per Safe Space lunchtime drop-in and were originally given the opportunity to run multiple lunchtime drop-ins in that school and hoped, if deemed safe, that we could continue in other schools too! However another lockdown occurred and this wasn't possible. David and Hettie are very much looking forward to getting back to being face to face with the young people. They have been running Safe Spaces online since the start of the academic year, via YouTube and Instagram Live, where young people can watch and comment in real time so there can be live interaction. It has been a lot of fun and great for creating community. We saw an increase in our numbers over the autumn term, with some schools having put posters up in classrooms. We were live at 4pm on Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays doing different things each time including involving local youth workers as guests.

Our YouTube uploads have discussed many of the big issues facing young people at the moment and are appropriate content for use in school lessons as part of the personal, social, health and citizen education curriculum.

2. Primary School Video Collective Worship Assemblies: for use in school or at home

These videos are for use in Primary Schools and for families to use at home at this time. They can expect fun, games, and a story from the Bible, a thought and a challenge or some sort of response. Each video has a theme that schools often ask for, and learning objectives, so the staff can see what they can expect the children to gain from the assembly. These are accessible on YouTube and have been sent to schools with outlines, aims and objectives to show how they fit with the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development curriculum. We have received positive feedback from the schools indicating that they have used the videos at a time where collective worship is done in class bubbles rather than in the whole school. The children have shared how much they have been enjoying them when they have been in school.

In particular we were able to produce a 25 minutes video workshop for classroom/online use during anti-bullying week which was well used.

We were able to go back into schools from September and had the opportunity to teach some lessons across three primary schools and also to take some live zoom assemblies. We were of course very careful to adhere to all the social distancing rules so it was safe to be there and we absolutely loved being face to face with them.

These videos have been used by national organisations to share how to create quality assemblies via videos. More recently, they were used by Scripture Union as part of their training of youth workers across the country. We are grateful to David who has the skills and equipment to produce such outstanding resources.

3. Connect Kids: Children's ministry videos for local churches

These videos take our assembly themes deeper for children who are already involved in a local church's children's work or kids clubs. We appreciate that not all churches have workers that are able to produce these kind of videos so we thought that

we would help support the discipleship of children at this time. David and Hettie were living with the Kids and Youth Pastor at Christ Church during lockdown and so were able to work together and share ideas and expertise to develop this project. Connect Kids videos involve fun, games, a Bible story, a thought on the Bible story and a response. Churches are welcome to use these themselves, send them out to families or upload them to their own YouTube etc. to make it easier for their families to access it.

4. Instagram: a social media platform to connect with young people.

We have been using Instagram to connect with young people. We share images to bring positivity and in particular support positive mental health at this time. There is a feature called 'story' where we can get interaction from young people using questions and polls etc. This is also where we can link young people to our YouTube videos. We have used 'Instagram Live' as a way of connecting in real time with young people. We go live on video, chatting and having fun. Young people can ask questions that you can share with the other viewers; they can share comments in real time that we can respond to verbally and more. It has been a lot of fun to explore this and we have found that interaction has been brilliant! A regular group of young people join us each week as they would do if we were in school. This has been very popular with young people and they have been encouraging their friends to join in.

Our Instagram has been shared nationally to all the PAIS teams to show them how to do youth work and schools ministry using this platform. It is really encouraging that others want to look at what we are doing.

5. Impact Live Virtual Higher Tour follow up

Many of the young people who were part of the Higher Tour follow up in schools have been accessing our social media and YouTube videos to continue the conversation. We have been able to keep in closer contact with some young people who were part of follow up outside of school. After continuing the connection through emails to parents, our videos, Instagram comments and our Instagram Live, we started to go deeper using a group video call (which was requested by multiple young people!). We have a great opportunity to see them face to face on a screen (as a group) and have fun, play games and have quizzes (sometimes led by the young people themselves), chat about faith and be involved in discussions. We also have some amazing journals for them to reflect daily on their thoughts, feelings and beliefs.

At first it was a challenge to get the young people to take part in discussion via video call. We have learnt from this and use the chat function to share their thoughts with the whole group and online tools that allow them to take part in polls and answer and ask questions anonymously. Very often, they are more willing to share their thoughts this way. Again, David and Hettie are looking forward to when they are allowed to meet up with the young people face to face.

Before the summer, we completed all of the Higher Tour follow up sessions with a group of young people and had some good discussions and conversations. In the autumn term we used the SU Rooted materials/journals so that the young people could reflect personally and explore their own faith in a way that can continue throughout the week. We saw the levels of discussion, thought and engagement increase because of this way of running the sessions and the opportunities this has created for the leaders to share their faith journey and testimonies has been brilliant. It is clear that the young people are really exploring faith for themselves. We are really excited to see these young people grow and develop further.

Christmas Production

For many years, the Trust has written and performed Christmas productions across many Primary Schools, sharing the true story of Christmas, with lots of fun! This year, due to school year groups staying separate, it was not possible to do our Christmas Productions as we have done previously, and so David and Hettie put together a 45 minute video production full of fun, laughs, songs, thoughts and animation called 'A very merry, laughs – a –plenty 2020 Christmas'. This was a light hearted, engaging way of exploring the original meaning of Christmas with a message for today which could be watched in class bubbles. We believed this was watched by around 3,500 primary school pupils this year. The production was also premiered online and we had over 2,500 views.

So although we have been unable to go into schools and meet staff and pupils face to face during the past year, the Trustees are so grateful to David and Hettie who have worked so hard using their gifts to create and develop online material and use social media to keep connecting with children and young people and serving the schools. In fact we believe that we are connecting with many more children and young people than we did previously.

All our online resources can be accessed through our website www.saswtrust.com or our YouTube channel.

Other organisations

During with the year Scripture Union launched a new framework aimed at reaching the 95% of children and young people with no church connections. This new 'Revealing Jesus' framework is based on connect, explore, respond and grow and aims to

connect young people with 'faith guides' and worshipping communities. The Trust was asked if they would pilot this with SU and David and Hettie were interviewed as part of the launch event. David and Hettie are involved as faith guides and are working on how to get others involved locally.

During the year David and Hettie joined with our youth workers to discuss how youth work can be developed in a Covid 19 world. They met up with SU staff and local mission partners for prayer and discussion and attended nationwide conferences.

Our video projects have been used not only by schools but by other churches, regional groups, national organisations e.g. PAIS and Scripture Union and even internationally.

David had been seconded to Scripture Union for one day a week to work with churches in the surrounding area to set up work with schools and young people. Because of ongoing restrictions this has been put on hold during 2020 although hopefully he will be able to make the time up in the coming months.

Connecting with our supporters

We held our annual celebration on Sunday 16th August. This had to be online this year with a chat function. However one of the advantages of being on line was that many more people watched it from their own homes than would have come to a live service and it certainly promoted the work of the Trust amongst supporting churches and individuals. Supporters have received regular newsletters throughout the year and have been encouraged to pray for the various projects and were encouraged to join in a day of prayer for the work of the Trust on 24th September. An added advantage of having this material online is that our supporters who would not be allowed to come into schools with us can see what we do with the children and it encourages their support.

Plans for the future

At the time of writing this report, schools remain closed to the majority of pupils and even when they reopen there will still be restrictions in place and so it is uncertain when David and Hettie will be able to go back into schools to do most face to face work, however bookings are coming in for lessons in the summer term.

They are presently creating active RE lessons under the 'Good Sport' project banner, of which much of our sports work has been on hold due to restrictions. They are currently planning for the Mission Impossible Easter Presentation to be online in 2021, which had to be cancelled in 2020.

All the online projects will continue and although it is difficult to quantify, because we believe this ministry is productive, some of the online ministry may well continue in the future, alongside face to face contact in schools.

Hettie has been writing, by request from local primary schools, new material to use in lessons as part of the Relationships and Sex Education curriculum with a major focus on positive and healthy relationships. 3 schools have been in contact about booking this for the summer term.

The Trust have been approached by Compassion Acts, a local Christian Charity, who want to go into schools to help students think through and discuss topics such as UK poverty, social exclusion, hunger and debt, to ask if the Trust would like to be involved in this project in some way. This will be discussed at future meetings of the Trustees as they look at developing the work of the Trust as they continue to connect with children and young people and serve the local schools.

Signed:



Date:

23/3/21

(Chairman of the Trust)

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC	31,815	-	-
	Invested with Green pasures	20,816	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	52,631	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

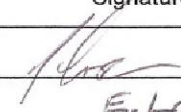
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
 E. Lacey	John Cooper Elizabeth Lacey	23-3-21 23-3-21



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 (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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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.

I have have obtained independent verification of all bank accounts and investments

Signature of independent examiner *J S Attwater*

Name of independent examiner *JOHN S. ATTWATER*

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