

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1077876

Details

Other names	SHARP MEMORIAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND CHARITABLE TRUST, SHARP MEMORIAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1999-10-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: I) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION EITHER IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR OVERSEAS. II) THE ADVANCEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF RELIGIOUS OR OTHER EDUCATION. III) THE RELIEF OF THE AGED POOR SICK OR DISABLED, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON HELP FOR THE BLIND.

Activities: Charitable objects (i) The advancement of the Christian religion either in the UK or Overseas (ii) The advancement for the public benefit of religious or other education (iii) The relief of the aged, poor, sick or disabled, in particular the blind. The primary objective of the Charity is to support The Sharp Memorial School for the Blind, Rajpur, Dehra Dun, Uttarakhand, India.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Disability, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE UNITED KINGDOM OR OVERSEAS.
- India

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£26,442	£35,285	-	-
2024-04-05	£42,297	£35,128	-	-
2023-04-05	£33,325	£45,000	-	-
2022-04-05	£39,474	£56,800	-	-
2021-04-05	£73,444	£66,882	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
STEPHEN APLIN	Chair	
ANN TODD		
JEAN KALLMEIER		2016-05-14
LARA KARAT		
RICHARD TODD		

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Accounts

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

Activities

The Charity has been run in accordance with the Trust Deed dated 30 June 1999 as amended.

The primary objective of the Charity is to receive donations for the support of the education and care of about 60 visually impaired children at The Sharp Memorial School for the Blind, Rajpur, Dehra Dun, Uttarakhand, India. The School is a registered charitable organisation in India and provides for children mostly from poor backgrounds. The Trustees are satisfied that the School's aims are for the public benefit.

Trustees

Mr Stephen Aplin Mrs Lara Karat Miss Jean Kallmeier
Mrs Ann Todd Mr Richard Todd

Finances

Income from donors of £26,362 was down 38% compared with the prior year.

Grants of £35,125 to The Sharp Memorial School, were similar to the previous year. Higher exchange rates meant that the amount of rupees received by the School was 4% higher than the previous year.

The trustees set the level of grant to utilise reserves at the start of the year, however, extra income late in the year resulted in the Charity's funds decreasing in the year by £8,843 to £10,989. The Trustees plan to further reduce reserves in order to maintain support for the School.

The Trustees will continue to make grants to the School, principally towards the ongoing running costs of schooling and accommodation. The Charity has no commitment to make grants other than from the available reserves, which comprises income received from a faithful group of supporters – for whom the Trustees are very grateful.

The Trustees hope that donors will maintain their support for the Charity. The Trustees aim to make grants of £30,000 in the year ahead, which will result in a fall in reserves.

The Charity's bank account is with The Co-Operative Bank plc.

In the twenty four years of its activities the Charity had total income of £856,000, made grants of £845,000, and now has £11,000 in reserves.

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025 (continued)

Sharp Memorial School

The School continually looks out for blind or visually impaired children who could benefit from schooling and care, and each year children are admitted from disadvantaged backgrounds. The school also provides education to local children which means all pupils benefit from integration between children with a range of abilities. For many good reasons older children move on to adult life with skills and confidence.

There are nineteen teaching staff and the head teacher and superintendent are responsible for the management of the School. They report to the board which has oversight of the running of the School.

The School maintains a good reputation for its work and Christian ethos.

Risk Management

Each year the trustees consider the risks that the charity faces, and take suitable steps to counter those risks. The primary risk is of reduced income which determines the level of grants which can be made. There is no fundraising activity apart from periodic sharing news of the School with supporters. The secondary risk is in the mis-use of grants. This is addressed through regular contact with the School, who provide confirmation to the trustees that funds were used for the stated purpose – the care and education of visually impaired children.

Supporters

The Trustees are grateful to individual supporters, churches and charitable trusts supporting the Charity and School by taking an interest, through prayer and in giving. The lives of many blind children are prospering at the School and the School's periodic newsletters encourage supporters. However, supporter numbers are modest with limited opportunities to introduce the work of the school to potential donors. The Trustees satisfy the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper books of account with respect to the affairs of the Charity. 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 May 2025 and signed on their behalf by the chair Trustee:

S Aplin

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the period ended 5 April 2025

Receipts and Payments

	2025	2024
	£	£
<i>Receipts:</i>		
<i>Voluntary Receipts:</i>		
Churches	2,300	1,871
Grant making Trusts	1,200	1,200
Individuals	18,648	35,511
Tax refunds	4,214	3,715
Bank interest	80	-
Total Receipts	<u>26,442</u>	<u>42,297</u>
<i>Payments in respect of the Charity's objectives:</i>		
Grants to The Sharp Memorial School for the Blind	(35,125)	(35,000)
Bank fees on grant payments	<u>(160)</u>	<u>(128)</u>
Total Payments	<u>(35,285)</u>	<u>(35,128)</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	(8,843)	7,169
Transfers between funds	-	-
Net movement in funds in the year	<u>(8,843)</u>	<u>7,169</u>
Total Funds at start of year	19,832	12,663
Total Funds at end of year	<u>10,989</u>	<u>19,832</u>

The financial statements set out on pages 3 to 5 for the year ended 5 April 2025 are as approved by the Trustees.

Richard Todd

Hon Treasurer

Date: 10 May 2025

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 5 April 2025

Assets and Liabilities		
	2025	2024
	£	£
<i>Bank and cash balances</i>		
Bank Account - The Cooperative Bank		
Deposit account	9,980	19,832
Current account	1,009	-
Total	<u>10,989</u>	<u>19,832</u>
<i>Other assets and liabilities</i>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	1,403	1,859

All the assets and liabilities are in respect of the charity's unrestricted funds.

Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Charity Information

Bartimaeus Charitable Trust is a charity with registered charity number 1077876. It was established in 1999 and is registered and domiciled in England at the address of 27 Radway Road, Southampton, SO15 7PL.

2 Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

3 Donations

All donation income is available for the general purposes of the Trust. Donations were received from 34 individuals (2024 - 42) of which 18 made regular periodic donations. Of these 9 made donations via Charities Aid Foundation or Stewardship Services, who pass on donations plus tax recovered, after deducting a small fee.

Income from churches:	2025	2024
	£	£
St Mary Le More, Wallingford	2,000	1,500
Sundridge & Ide Hill PCC	300	266
Other	-	105
	<u>2,300</u>	<u>1,871</u>

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 5 April 2025

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

4 Grants Payable

Grants to the Sharp Memorial School for the Blind were made quarterly to meet the costs of education and maintenance of the visually impaired children in the care of the School.

The amount in rupees was 3,704,000 at an average rate of 105.5 rupees to the £, compared with 3,568,000 at an average rate of 101.9 rupees to the £ in the prior year.

The year's grants of £35,000 cover approximately 40% of the direct costs of schooling and accommodation of pupils. The School has confirmed that the grants have been applied for the intended purposes.

5 Declarations on certain matters

The charity has no paid employees.

Except for donations from Trustees, there were no transactions with Trustees or related parties.

No expenses, other than bank fees, were incurred by the Charity in respect of the charitable activities.

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Bartimaeus Charitable Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Bartimaeus Charitable Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 5 April 2025 on pages 3 to 5.

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: J Gay

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Chartered Certified Accountant

Address: LOWER ASHFIELD HOUSE, ROMSEY. HANTS SO51 9NJ

Date: 20 June 2025

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST

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Accounts

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

Activities

The Charity has been run in accordance with the Trust Deed dated 30 June 1999 as amended.

The primary objective of the Charity is to receive donations for the support of the education and care of about visually impaired children at The Sharp Memorial School for the Blind, Rajpur, Dehra Dun, Uttarakhand, India. The School is a registered charitable organisation in India and provides for children mostly from poor backgrounds. The Trustees are satisfied that the School's aims are for the public benefit.

Trustees

Mr Stephen Aplin	Mrs Lara Karat	Miss Jean Kallmeier
Mrs Ann Todd	Mr Richard Todd	

Finances

Income from donors of £42,297 was up 27% compared with the prior year. A significant portion of the income was received in the final quarter and was added to reserves in anticipation of making a grant of £15,000 just after the year end.

Grants of £35,000 to The Sharp Memorial School, were 22% lower than in the previous year. However, higher exchange rates meant that the amount of rupees received by the School was 15% lower than the previous year.

The trustees set the level of grant to utilise reserves at the start of the year, however, extra income late in the year resulted in the Charity's funds increasing in the year by £7,169 to £19,832. The Trustees plan to reduce reserves in order to maintain support for the School.

The Trustees will continue to make grants to the School, principally towards the ongoing running costs of schooling and accommodation. The Charity has no commitment to make grants other than from the available reserves, which comprises income received from a faithful group of supporters – for whom the Trustees are very grateful.

The Trustees hope that donors will maintain their support for the Charity. The Trustees aim to make grants of £35,000 in the year ahead, which may result in a fall in reserves.

The Charity's bank account is with The Co-Operative Bank plc.

In the twenty four years of its activities the Charity had total income of £830,000, made grants of £810,000, and now has £20,000 in reserves.

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024 (continued)

Sharp Memorial School

The School continually looks out for blind or visually impaired children who could benefit from schooling and care, and each year children are admitted from disadvantaged backgrounds. The school also provides education to local children which means all pupils benefit from integration between children with a range of abilities. For many good reasons older children move on to adult life with skills and confidence.

There are seventeen teaching staff and the head teacher and superintendent are responsible for the management of the School. They report to the board which has oversight of the running of the School. The School maintains a good reputation for its work and Christian ethos.

Risk Management

Each year the trustees consider the risks that the charity faces, and take suitable steps to counter those risks. The primary risk is of reduced income which determines the level of grants which can be made. There is no fundraising activity apart from periodic sharing news of the School with supporters. The secondary risk is in the mis-use of grants. This is addressed through regular contact with the School, who provide confirmation to the trustees that funds were used for the stated purpose – the care and education of visually impaired children.

Supporters

The Trustees are grateful to individual supporters, churches and charitable trusts supporting the Charity and School by taking an interest, through prayer and in giving. The lives of many blind children are prospering at the School and the School's periodic newsletters encourage supporters. However, supporter numbers are modest with limited opportunities to introduce the work of the School to potential donors. The Trustees satisfy the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper books of account with respect to the affairs of the Charity. 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 11 May 2024 and signed on their behalf by the chair Trustee:

S Aplin

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the period ended 5 April 2024

Receipts and Payments

	2024	2023
	£	£
<i>Receipts:</i>		
<i>Voluntary Receipts:</i>		
Churches	1,871	2,120
Grant making Trusts	1,200	1,200
Individuals	35,511	27,899
Tax refunds	3,715	2,106
Total Receipts	<u>42,297</u>	<u>33,325</u>
<i>Payments in respect of the Charity's objectives:</i>		
Grants to The Sharp Memorial School for the Blind	(35,000)	(45,000)
Bank fees on grant payments	(128)	-
Total Payments	<u>(35,128)</u>	<u>(45,000)</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	7,169	(11,675)
Transfers between funds	-	-
Net movement in funds in the year	<u>7,169</u>	<u>(11,675)</u>
Total Funds at start of year	12,663	24,338
Total Funds at end of year	<u>19,832</u>	<u>12,663</u>

The financial statements set out on pages 3 to 5 for the period ended 5 April 2024 are as approved by the Trustees.

Richard Todd

Hon Treasurer

Date: 11 May 2024

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the period ended 5 April 2024

Assets and Liabilities		
	2024	2023
	£	£
<i>Bank and cash balances</i>		
Bank Account - The Cooperative Bank	19,832	12,663
<i>Other assets and liabilities</i>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	1,859	731

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Charity Information

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2 Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

3 Donations

All donation income is available for the general purposes of the Trust. Donations were received from 42 individuals (2023 - 39) of which 20 made regular periodic donations. Of these 11 made donations via Charities Aid Foundation or Stewardship Services, who pass on donations plus tax recovered, after deducting a small fee.

Income from churches:	2024	2023
	£	£
St Mary Le More, Wallingford	1,500	1,500
Sundridge & Ide Hill PCC	266	245
Other	105	375
	<u>1,871</u>	<u>2,120</u>

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the period ended 5 April 2024

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

4 Grants Payable

Grants to the Sharp Memorial School for the Blind were made quarterly to meet the costs of education and maintenance of the visually impaired children in the care of the School.

The amount in rupees was 3,568,000 at an average rate of 101.9 rupees to the £, compared with 4,208,000 at an average rate of 93.5 rupees to the £ in the prior year.

The year's grants of £35,000 cover approximately 40% of the direct costs of schooling and accommodation of pupils. The School has confirmed that the grants have been applied for the intended purposes.

5 Declarations on certain matters

The charity has no paid employees.

Except for donations from Trustees, there were no transactions with Trustees or related parties.

No expenses, other than bank fees, were incurred by the Charity in respect of the charitable activities.

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Bartimaeus Charitable Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Bartimaeus Charitable Trust (the Trust) for the period ended 5 April 2024 on pages 3 to 5.

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: J Gay

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Chartered Certified Accountant

Address: LOWER ASHFIELD HOUSE, ROMSEY. HANTS SO51 9NJ

Date: 23 May 2024

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1077876

Accounts

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

Activities

The Charity has been run in accordance with the Trust Deed dated 30 June 1999 as amended.

The primary objective of the Charity is to receive donations for the support of the education and care of about visually impaired children at The Sharp Memorial School for the Blind, Rajpur, Dehra Dun, Uttarakhand, India. The School is a registered charitable organisation in India and provides for children mostly from poor backgrounds. The Trustees are satisfied that the School's aims are for the public benefit.

Trustees

Mr Stephen Aplin Mrs Lara Karat Miss Jean Kallmeier
Mrs Ann Todd Mr Richard Todd

Finances

Income from donors of £33,325 was down 15% compared with the prior year. Grants of £45,000 to The Sharp Memorial School, were 21% lower than in the previous year. In addition lower exchange rates meant that the amount of rupees received by the School was 25% less than the previous year.

The trustees set the level of grant to utilise reserves at the start of the year, and as a result the Charity's funds decreased in the year by £11,675 to £12,663. The Trustees plan to reduce reserves further in order to maintain support for the School.

The Trustees will continue to make grants to the School, towards the ongoing running costs. The Charity has no commitment to make grants other than from the available reserves, which will comprise solely income received from a faithful group of supporters.

The Trustees hope that donors will maintain their support for the Charity. The trustees hope to make grants of £35,000 in the year ahead, which will result in a further fall in reserves.

The Charity's bank account is with The Co-Operative Bank plc.

In the twenty three years of its activities the Charity had total income of £788,000, made grants of £775,000, and now has £13,000 in reserves.

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023 (continued)

Sharp Memorial School

The School continually looks out for blind or visually impaired children who could benefit from Schooling and care. Each year children are admitted while older children move on to adult life with confidence.

The situation in India as a result of the covid pandemic saw the School return to full teaching in person from the start of 2022.

Last year a new superintendent and a new head teacher took on responsibility for the management of the School. They report to the board which has oversight of the running of the School.

The School maintains a good reputation for its work and Christian ethos.

Risk Management

Each year the trustees consider the risks that the charity faces, and take suitable steps to counter those risks. The primary risk is of reduced income which determines the level of grants which can be made. There is no fundraising activity apart from periodic sharing news of the School with supporters. The secondary risk is in the use of grants. This is addressed through regular contact with the School, who provide regular confirmation to the trustees that funds were used for the stated purpose – the care and education of visually impaired children.

Supporters

The Trustees are grateful to individual supporters, churches and charitable trusts supporting the Charity and School by taking an interest, through prayer and in giving. We know that the lives of many blind children are prospering at the School and the School's periodic newsletters encourage supporters. However, supporter numbers are falling and there are limited opportunities to introduce the work of the School to potential donors.

The Trustees satisfy the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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This report was approved by the Trustees on 13 May 2023 and signed on their behalf by the chair Trustee:

S Aplin

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the period ended 5 April 2023

Receipts and Payments

	2023	2022
	£	£
<i>Receipts:</i>		
<i>Voluntary Receipts:</i>		
Churches	2,120	2,837
Grant making Trusts	1,200	1,200
Individuals	27,899	30,980
Tax refunds	2,106	4,457
Legacies	-	-
Total Receipts	<u>33,325</u>	<u>39,474</u>
<i>Payments in respect of the Charity's objectives:</i>		
Grants to The Sharp Memorial School for the Blind	(45,000)	(56,800)
Total Payments	<u>(45,000)</u>	<u>(56,800)</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	(11,675)	(17,326)
Transfers between funds	-	-
Net movement in funds in the year	<u>(11,675)</u>	<u>(17,326)</u>
Total Funds at start of year	24,338	41,664
Total Funds at end of year	<u>12,663</u>	<u>24,338</u>

The financial statements set out on pages 3 to 5 for the period ended 5 April 2023 are as approved by the Trustees.

Richard Todd

Hon Treasurer

Date: 13 May 2023

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the period ended 5 April 2023

Assets and Liabilities		
	2023	2022
	£	£
<i>Bank and cash balances</i>		
Bank Account - The Cooperative Bank	12,663	24,338
<i>Other assets and liabilities</i>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	731	681

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Charity Information

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2 Basis of Preparation

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3 Donations

All donation income is available for the general purposes of the Trust. Donations were received from 39 individuals (2022 - 51) of which 18 made regular periodic donations. Of these 10 made donations via Charities Aid Foundation or Stewardship Services, who pass on donations plus tax recovered, after deducting a small fee.

Income from churches:	2023	2022
	£	£
Kendal Road Covenanters	225	637
Rickmansworth Baptist	150	348
St Mary Le More, Wallingford	1,500	1,250
Sundridge & Ide Hill PCC	245	102
Mill End Baptist	-	500
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	2,120	2,837

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the period ended 5 April 2023

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

4 Grants Payable

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5 Declarations on certain matters

The charity has no paid employees.

Except for donations from Trustees, there were no transactions with Trustees or related parties.

No expenses were incurred by the Charity in respect of the charitable activities.

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

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Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: J Gay

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Chartered Certified Accountant

Address: LOWER ASHFIELD HOUSE, ROMSEY, HANTS SO51 9NJ

Date: 23 May 2023

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1077876

Accounts

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

Activities

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The primary objective of the Charity is to receive donations for the support of the education and care of about visually impaired children at The Sharp Memorial School for the Blind, Rajpur, Dehra Dun, Uttarakhand, India. The School is a registered charitable organisation in India and provides for children mostly from poor backgrounds. The Trustees are satisfied that the school's aims are for the public benefit.

Trustees

Mr Stephen Aplin Mrs Lara Karat Miss Jean Kallmeier
Mrs Ann Todd Mr Richard Todd

Finances

Income from donors of £39,474 was down 9% compared with the prior year. Grants of £56,800 to The Sharp Memorial School, were 15% lower than in the previous year. Due to improved exchange rates the amount of rupees received by the school was 10% less than the previous year. The trustees set the level of grant to utilise reserves at the start of the year, and as a result the Charity's funds decreased in the year by £17,326 to £24,338. The Trustees plan to reduce reserves further in order to maintain support for the School.

The Trustees will continue to make grants to the School, towards the ongoing running costs. The Charity has no commitment to make grants other than from the available reserves, which will comprise solely income received from a faithful group of supporters.

The Trustees hope that donors will maintain their support for the Charity. The trustees hope to make grants of £45,000 in the year ahead, which will result in a further fall in reserves.

The Charity's bank account is with The Co-Operative Bank plc.

In the twenty three years of its activities the Charity had total income of £754,000, made grants of £730,000, and now has £24,000 in reserves.

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022 (continued)

Covid 19 impact

The charity has not been affected directly by the pandemic in the UK. The situation in India resulted in the school ceasing teaching in person from mid 2020 until the start of 2022. During the pandemic a few children and some staff remained on campus.

In May 2021, the superintendent, Mr P M Samuel, died from covid 19. Responsibility for the school transferred to the previously nominated successor and took immediate effect, so there was little disruption to the management of the school.

Risk Management

Each year the trustees consider the risks that the charity faces, and take suitable steps to counter those risks. The primary risk is of reduced income which determines the level of grants which can be made. There is no fundraising activity apart from periodic sharing news of the school with supporters. The secondary risk is in the use of grants. This is addressed through regular contact with the School, who provide regular confirmation to the trustees that funds were used for the stated purpose – the care and education of visually impaired children.

Supporters

The Trustees are grateful to individual supporters, churches and charitable trusts supporting the Charity and School by taking an interest, through prayer and in giving. We know that the lives of many blind children are prospering as a result and we welcome new supporters. The Trustees satisfy the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper books of account with respect to the affairs of the Charity. 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 14 May 2022 and signed on their behalf by the chair Trustee:

S Aplin

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the period ended 5 April 2022

Receipts and Payments

	2022	2021
	£	£
<i>Receipts:</i>		
<i>Voluntary Receipts:</i>		
Churches	2,837	2,500
Grant making Trusts	1,200	1,200
Individuals	30,980	34,772
Tax refunds	4,457	4,679
Legacies	-	30,000
<i>Other receipts:</i>		
Investment income	-	293
Total Receipts	<u>39,474</u>	<u>73,444</u>
<i>Payments in respect of the Charity's objectives:</i>		
Grants to The Sharp Memorial School for the Blind	(56,800)	(66,882)
Total Payments	<u>(56,800)</u>	<u>(66,882)</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	(17,326)	6,562
Transfers between funds	-	-
Gains /(losses) on investments		
Realised	-	2,395
Unrealised	-	-
Net movement in funds and Total Recognised Gains and Losses in the Year	(17,326)	8,957
Total Funds at start of period	<u>41,664</u>	<u>32,707</u>
Total Funds at end of period	<u>24,338</u>	<u>41,664</u>

The financial statements set out on pages 3 to 5 for the period ended 5 April 2022 are as approved by the Trustees.

Richard Todd

Hon Treasurer

Date: 14 May 2022

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the period ended 5 April 2022

Assets and Liabilities		
	2022	2021
	£	£
<i>Bank and cash balances</i>		
Bank Account - The Cooperative Bank	24,338	41,664
<i>Other assets and liabilities</i>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	681	2,223

All the assets and liabilities are in respect of the charity's unrestricted funds.

Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Charity Information

Bartimaeus Charitable Trust is a charity with registered charity number 1077876. It was established in 1999 and is registered and domiciled in England at the address of 27 Radway Road, Southampton, SO15 7PL.

2 Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

3 Donations

All donation income is available for the general purposes of the Trust. Donations were received from 51 individuals (2021 - 59) of which 19 made regular periodic donations. Of these 11 made donations via Charities Aid Foundation or Stewardship Services, who pass on donations plus tax recovered, after deducting a small fee.

Income from churches:	2022	2021
	£	£
Kendal Road Covenanters	637	300
Mill End Baptist	500	600
Rickmansworth Baptist	348	350
St Mary Le More, Wallingford	1,250	1,250
Sundridge & Ide Hill PCC	102	-
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	2,837	2,500

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the period ended 5 April 2022

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

4 Grants Payable

Grants to the Sharp Memorial School for the Blind were made quarterly to meet the costs of education and maintenance of the visually impaired children in the care of the school. The amount in rupees was 5,632,000 at an average rate of 99.1 rupees to the £, compared with 6,239,000 at an average rate of 93.3 rupees to the £ in the prior year.

5 Fixed Asset Investments

Market Value	2022	2021
	£	£
At start of period	-	11,006
Disposals		(13,401)
Change in market value		2,395
At end of period	-	-

Investments in the Sarasin Endowments Fund were managed by Sarasin Investment Funds Limited.

6 Declarations on certain matters

The charity has no paid employees.

Except for donations by Trustees, there were no transactions with Trustees or related parties.

No expenses were incurred by the Charity in respect of the charitable activities.

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Bartimaeus Charitable Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Bartimaeus Charitable Trust (the Trust) for the period ended 5 April 2022 on pages 3 to 5.

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: J Gay

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Chartered Certified Accountant

Address: LOWER ASHFIELD HOUSE, ROMSEY. HANTS SO51 9NJ

Date: 6 June 2022

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1077876

Accounts

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

Activities

The Charity has been run in accordance with the Trust Deed dated 30 June 1999 as amended.

The primary objective of the Charity is to receive donations for the support of the education and care of about visually impaired children at The Sharp Memorial School for the Blind, Rajpur, Dehra Dun, Uttarakhand, India. The School is a registered charitable organisation in India and provides for children mostly from poor backgrounds. The Trustees are satisfied that the school's aims are for the public benefit.

Trustees

Mr Stephen Aplin Mrs Lara Karat Miss Jean Kallmeier
Mrs Ann Todd Mr Richard Todd

Finances

Income from donors of £43,151 was down 5% compared with the prior year. Unexpected income was a legacy of £30,000. Grants of £66,882 to The Sharp Memorial School, were 6% higher than in the previous year. Due to improved exchange rates the amount of rupees received by the school was 14% more than the previous year.

As anticipated, the remaining investments were sold to fund part of the grants in the year.

Due to higher income, the Charity's funds increased in the year by £8,957 to £41,664. In future, the Trustees plan to reduce reserves further in order to maintain support for the School.

The Trustees hope that donors will maintain their support for the Charity. They plan to make grants of £55,000 in the year ahead. From now on the level of income will determine the grants made.

The Trustees will continue to make grants to the School, towards the ongoing running costs, and to exhaust the restricted reserves for this purpose in the next year. Thereafter the Charity has no commitment to make grants other than from the available unrestricted reserves, which will comprise solely income received from a faithful group of supporters.

The Charity's investments were held with Sarasin Investment Funds Limited and the bank account is with The Co-Operative Bank plc.

In the twenty two years of its activities the Charity had total income of £715,000, made grants of £673,000, and now has £42,000 in reserves.

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021 (continued)

Covid 19 impact

The charity has not been affected directly by the pandemic in the UK. The situation in India resulted in the school ceasing teaching in person from mid 2020. A few children and some staff remain on campus. In May 2021, the superintendent, Mr P M Samuel, died from covid 19. This sad death will mean that responsibility for the school by the already nominated successor will have to take immediate effect. The board and staff will need support to maintain the school in this transitional period.

Risk Management

Each year the trustees consider the risks that the charity faces, and take suitable steps to counter those risks. The primary risk is of reduced income which determines the level of grants which can be made. The secondary risk is in the use of grants. This is covered by regular contact with the School, who provide regular confirmation to the trustees that funds were used for the stated purpose – the care and education of visually impaired children.

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This report was approved by the Trustees on 15 May 2021 and signed on their behalf by the chair Trustee:

S Aplin

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the period ended 5 April 2021

Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
<i>Receipts:</i>				
<i>Voluntary Receipts:</i>				
Churches	2,500		2,500	5,495
Grant making Trusts	1,200		1,200	1,200
Individuals	34,772		34,772	35,283
Tax refunds	4,679		4,679	3,596
Legacies	30,000		30,000	-
<i>Other receipts:</i>				
Investment income	-	293	293	856
Total Receipts	<u>73,151</u>	<u>293</u>	<u>73,444</u>	<u>46,430</u>
<i>Payments in respect of the Charity's objectives:</i>				
Grants to The Sharp Memorial School for the Blind	(53,188)	(13,694)	(66,882)	(63,090)
Total Payments	<u>(53,188)</u>	<u>(13,694)</u>	<u>(66,882)</u>	<u>(63,090)</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	19,963	(13,401)	6,562	(16,660)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Gains /(losses) on investments				
Realised	-	2,395	2,395	882
Unrealised	-	-	-	(929)
Net movement in funds and Total Recognised Gains and Losses in the Year	19,963	(11,006)	8,957	(16,707)
Total Funds at start of period	<u>21,701</u>	<u>11,006</u>	<u>32,707</u>	<u>49,414</u>
Total Funds at end of period	<u>41,664</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,664</u>	<u>32,707</u>

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Richard Todd

Hon Treasurer

Date: 15 May 2021

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the period ended 5 April 2021

Assets and Liabilities		
	2021	2020
	£	£
<i>Fixed Asset Investments</i>		
Investments at market value	-	11,006
<i>Bank and cash balances</i>		
Bank Account - The Cooperative Bank	41,664	21,701
<i>Other assets and liabilities</i>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	2,223	2,421

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	<u>2,500</u>	<u>5,495</u>

THE BARTIMAEUS CHARITABLE TRUST (No:1077876)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the period ended 5 April 2021

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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5 Fixed Asset Investments

Market Value	2021	2020
	£	£
At start of period	11,006	26,553
Disposals	(13,401)	(15,500)
Change in market value	2,395	(47)
At end of period	-	11,006

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Date: 3 June 2021