

Café 1821 Limited

Registered Charity Number: 1089182

Registered Company Number: 04095364

Directors' Report and Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

CAFÉ 1821 LIMITED

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Company Information

Directors / Trustees	Mrs S M Milligan	Resigned 1.6.2025
	Mrs E Lacey	Resigned 1.6.2025
	Mr J Sexton	Resigned 1.6.2025
	Mr M R P Hague	
	Mr C G Lunt	Appointed 1.6.2025
	Mrs S Barker	Appointed 1.6.2025
Charity Constitution	Memorandum and Articles of Association 24 October 2000, amended 30 October 2001.	
Company Registration Number	4095364	
Charity Registration Number	1089182	
Registered Office	Christ Church Lord Street, Southport, PR8 1AA	
Independent Examiners	JA Fell & Company 40 Hoghton Street, Southport, PR9 0PQ	
Bankers	HSBC 331 Lord Street, Southport, PR8 1NJ	

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Report of the Directors For the year ended 31 December 2024

The Directors present their report and financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2024.

Objects of the charity

The company was formed for the advancement of the Christian religion, in particular by the provision of a Christian coffee bar where people can gather together in a welcoming environment to eat and drink.

Structure, Governance and Management

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Consequently no director has held any financial interest in the company. The day to day management of the company is done by the directors.

Review of Activities

The company has completed more than twenty years of trading, initially from premises in Tulketh Street Southport but since 2007 has operated from premises at Christ Church, Lord Street, Southport. We work alongside the church in the fulfilment of its vision. Many of those folk attending mid-week activities at the Church make use of the café and some of our customers are now joining in with our church activities and services.

Our aim is to provide good quality refreshments for anybody, but in a place where people find a warm welcome and a listening ear for those who are lonely or just want to chat.

On 1st June 2025 three of our long-serving directors retired from the charity and we welcomed on board two new directors as detailed on charity information page.

We are a member of the Warm Welcome Campaign which operates throughout the UK. The aim is to provide a warm space for those who are struggling with the cost of living, with mental health problems or those who are just lonely and in need of friendship. We provided free light refreshments and drinks on one day of the week and sought to engage with members of our local community. We received a grant from the Sefton CVS to help fund this.

Financial Review

During the year ended 31 December 2024 incoming resources totalled £98,582 (£97,716 – 2023) from café sales and donations. Resources expended in the period, which is detailed in the Statement of Financial Activities totalled £105,377 (£94,960 – 2023), leaving a deficit for the year of £6,795 (surplus 2023 of £2,755).

Reserves Policy

The directors maintain a policy of retaining a minimum of £10,000 in available unrestricted funds at any one point in time to cover short term working capital and other requirements. As at 31 December 2024 the unrestricted fund balance was £16,785 (£23,560 – 2023), and it is intended to reduce the surplus reserves in the current year.

Governance

A board of Directors who are also the trustees of the Charity governs the Company. Appointment of new directors/trustees is a matter for the whole board. The board would give due consideration to the induction required for any new directors or trustees. The board meets formally at least twice per year.

Risk Statement

The Directors have reviewed the risks to which the company is exposed. Appropriate procedures are in place to identify, monitor and review these risks on a regular basis.

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**Report of the Directors
For the year ended 31 December 2024**

Related Parties

There were no instances of transactions with related parties throughout the year.

Public Benefit

The café aims to provide food and drink at a realistic price. Alongside this we seek to meet the social needs of those in our community who do not have resources to pay for food. We also offer friendship, advice and prayer plus an easy threshold into the life of the church. The directors therefore consider that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Director's Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the net incoming resources of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

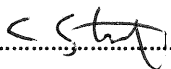
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approval

This report was approved by the Directors on22-9-2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr C G Lunt
Director

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CAFÉ 1821 LIMITED

I report on the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charities trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charities 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.

Having being satisfied that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for Independent examination it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
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
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with s386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Dated:

23/9/2025

Oliver Grills FCA
J A Fell & Company Chartered Accountants
40 Hoghton Street
Southport
PR9 0PQ

Registered with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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**Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Note	31.12.2024 Total £	31.12.2023 Total £
Income from:			
Donations	2(a)	1,773	3,560
Charitable Activities	2(b)	95,059	92,656
Government Grants	2(c)	1,750	1,500
Total		<u>98,582</u>	<u>97,716</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable Activities	3(a)	105,377	94,960
Total		<u>105,377</u>	<u>94,960</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		<u>(6,795)</u>	<u>2,756</u>
Reconciliation of Funds:			
Total Funds brought forward		23,560	20,804
Total Funds carried forward		<u>16,765</u>	<u>23,560</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 7-9 form part of these financial statements.

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**Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2024**

	Note	31.12.2024 Total £	31.12.2023 Total £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	5	<u>1,216</u>	<u>2,433</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		654	683
Debtors and prepayments	6	874	1,544
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>21,021</u>	<u>22,732</u>
		<u>22,549</u>	<u>24,959</u>
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN 1 YEAR	7	(7,000)	(3,832)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	8	15,549	21,127
NET ASSETS		<u>16,765</u>	<u>23,560</u>
FUNDS	9	<u>16,765</u>	<u>23,560</u>

For the financial year ended 31 December 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and FRS 102.

Approved by the board for issue on 22-9-2025

CS Lunt

Mr C G Lunt
Director

Company Registration No. 04095364

The notes on pages 7-9 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1. Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charitable Company's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The Charitable Company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

1.2. Funds

General funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the charity. All funds are unrestricted and no restricted funds were received during the year or held at the year end.

Restricted funds represent funds donated for a particular purpose of the charity.

1.3. Incoming resources

Voluntary income and donations are included in incoming resources when they are receivable. Tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised at the same point the income to which the tax relates is recognised. Grants and legacies to the charity are accounted for as soon as the charity is notified of its legal entitlement and the likely amount due.

Income from charitable events and activities is recognised at the point of sale.

1.4. Resources used

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Rentals applicable to operating leases are included in expenditure as incurred.

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

1.5. Fixed Assets

Equipment within the charity premises costing £1,000 or less is expensed as soon as it is acquired.

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	25% Straight Line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.6 Government Grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

1.7 Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis as the directors have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operation.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024**

	2024 Total	2023 Total
2. Income		
2(a). Donations		
Donations	<u>1,773</u>	<u>3,560</u>
	1,773	3,560
2(b). CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Café turnover	<u>95,059</u>	<u>92,656</u>
	95,059	92,656
2(c). Grants		
Grant - Sefton CVS	<u>1,750</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	1,750	1,500
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>98,582</u>	<u>97,716</u>
3. RESOURCES USED		
3(a). ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE WORK OF THE CHARITY		
Food and drink purchases	24,171	22,368
Consumables	677	1,441
Wages	61,003	50,335
Insurance	938	922
Cleaning, refuse and hygiene	2,761	3,324
Equipment	1,063	-
Rent and rates	10,781	11,626
Sundries	198	1,119
Bank charges	1,129	1,647
Staff travel expenses	364	336
Accountancy	711	625
Repairs	364	-
Depreciation	1,217	1,217
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	<u>105,377</u>	<u>94,960</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024**

	2024	2023		
	Total	Total		
4. STAFF COSTS				
Staff Meals & Gifts	-	659		
Salaries	59,901	49,129		
Pension costs	1,102	1,206		
Staff travel expenses	364	336		
	<u>61,367</u>	<u>51,330</u>		
Average number of employees in the year	4	3		
No employee received annual remuneration of over £60,000.				
5.FIXED ASSETS				
	Equipment	Total		
Cost				
At 1.1.24	4,867	4,867		
Additions in year	-	-		
At 31.12.24	<u>4,867</u>	<u>4,867</u>		
Depreciation				
At 1.1.24	2,434	2,434		
Charge for the year	<u>1,217</u>	<u>1,217</u>		
At 31.12.24	<u>3,651</u>	<u>3,651</u>		
Net book value				
At 31.12.24	<u>1,216</u>	<u>1,216</u>		
At 31.12.23	<u>2,433</u>	<u>2,433</u>		
6. DEBTORS				
	2024	2023		
	Total	Total		
Prepayments	<u>874</u>	<u>1,544</u>		
	<u>874</u>	<u>1,544</u>		
7. LIABILITIES AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN 1 YEAR				
Accruals	<u>7,000</u>	<u>3,832</u>		
	<u>7,000</u>	<u>3,832</u>		
8. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUNDS				
Current assets	22,549	24,959		
Current liabilities	<u>(7,000)</u>	<u>(3,832)</u>		
	<u>15,549</u>	<u>21,127</u>		
9. ANALYSIS OF ACTIVITIES BY FUND				
	Balance at	Incoming	Resources	Balance at
	31.12.2023	Resources	Expended	31.12.2024
UNRESTRICTED FUND				
General Fund	23,560	98,582	105,377	16,765