

## **ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHARTIES COMMISSON**

Over the past year we have grown numerically with new people joining us regularly though out the year. We meet on a Sunday morning at 10;30am for worship, teaching, prayer and fellowship, we also meet informally in homes. At various times through out the year we have visiting speakers from other churches and Christian organizations that widen our vision, one of our leaders does a thought for the day on YouTube which has quite a large following.

We have links with Awaken Love which is a charity that supports an orphanage and school in Kenya. Some of our congregation support some of the children and we take up an offering when they have a pressing need such as repairing a storm damaged roof, or repairing a broken down vehicle.

We also support a child in Togo that the letter writing group correspond with regularly through Compassion.

We have several interest groups that we call connect groups which serve the wider community, which includes a craft group which bring their own projects to work on. A writing group that have a subject set for them and they write a short story about it, a photography group, a letter writing group that write to people who are lonely, a carers support group that help people caring for a loved ones, then we have singing for fun where we have a mix of people including people with dementia come from a nearby care home. They really en joy it. A seniors coffee morning for the elderly when, they have coffee and cake they enjoy the quiz and a good chat. All these groups meet once a month, in the summer and at Christmas we put on a party when we bring all the groups together. We also have a gardening group and a workshop group for men and woman, that meets weekly, and we have someone who is qualified to oversee the session in the workshop.

We are involved with Baby Basics UK and give a Moses basket full of items needed for a newborn baby and mum, the referrals come through midwives or heath visitors when they see the need from across south somerset. This is enabled through donations of items required or money. There is a dedicated group of volunteers that make this happen.

We are also involved with Sunflowers of Somerset who distribute seeds throughout the community (schools, care homes, cafes, galleries, etc) to brighten the environment, encourage creativity.

Financially we are in a good place with people giving regularly, we have a number that gift aid, we also received a grant from Somerset Community Foundation.

The trustees meet once a quarter are regularly in contact though our what's app group. We are up to date with our safe guarding training. We are in the prosses of reviewing our policies and procedures'.

# **THE MONKS YARD TRUST**

**Registered Charity No. 1100060**

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## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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### **1. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Charity Name:** The Monks Yard Trust

**Charity Number:** 1100060

**Principal Address:**

Monks Yard  
Horton Manor  
Horton Cross  
Ilminster  
Somerset  
TA19 9PY

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#### **Trustees**

- David Marks
  - Roy Maguire
  - Sarah Maguire
  - Marjorie Edwards
  - Sophie McLachlan
  - Andrew Osborne
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#### **Independent Examiner**

CMW Accounting Services Ltd

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The trustees remain grateful for the continued support of donors, volunteers and partner organisations.

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## **6. FINANCIAL REVIEW (CASH BASIS)**

The financial statements have been prepared on a **receipts and payments basis**.

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### **6.1 RECEIPTS**

| <b>Income</b>         | <b>£</b>         |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Tithes & Offerings    | 14,576.67        |
| Specific Gifts        | 2,182.42         |
| Awaken Love           | 740.00           |
| Grants                | 6,665.99         |
| Baby Basics           | 1,493.61         |
| Gift Aid Repayments   | 7,148.94         |
| Interest Received     | 27.27            |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> | <b>32,834.90</b> |

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### **6.2 PAYMENTS**

| <b>Expenditure</b>           | <b>£</b> |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Miscellaneous Purchases      | 100.00   |
| Hospitality Expenses         | 312.85   |
| Compassion                   | 384.00   |
| Baby Basics Supplies         | 3,439.22 |
| Baby Basics Wages            | 2,953.12 |
| Community Gardens & Workshop | 309.80   |
| Awaken Love                  | 2,060.00 |

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## 6.5 CASH AT BANK

| Account                | £                |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Current Account        | 7,661.88         |
| Deposit Account        | 3,358.53         |
| Deposit Account        | 329.08           |
| <b>TOTAL CASH HELD</b> | <b>11,349.49</b> |

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## 7. RESERVES POLICY

The trustees aim to maintain reserves equivalent to approximately three months of operating expenditure to ensure financial stability and continuity of charitable activities.

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## 8. TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The trustees are responsible for:

- Keeping proper accounting records
  - Safeguarding the assets of the charity
  - Ensuring funds are used appropriately
  - Preparing accounts on a receipts and payments basis
  - Preventing fraud and ensuring financial controls are maintained
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## 9. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

Approved by the trustees on: 7/07/26

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

*A. A. Gibson*

**David Marks**

Chair

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