

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 06778181 (England and Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1128122

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for The Year Ended 31 October 2023
For
Bushfire Ministries International

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For the Year Ended 31 October 2023

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Report of the Trustees **For the Year Ended 31 October 2023**

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

06778181 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1128122

Registered office

427 Halifax Road, Sheffield S35 8PB

Trustees

Mr A C Tiplady

Mrs D H Tiplady

Mr A Blundell

Mrs C Johnston

Dr Ian Grant

Mrs D Grant

Company Secretary

Mrs D H Tiplady

Independent Examiner

Mr C Jackson, 2, Raisen Hall Place, Sheffield S5 7LZ

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's objectives and in planning its future activities.

The charity's objects are:

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in the Schedule, here to attached, in such ways and in such parts of Sheffield, the United Kingdom, or the world as the trustees may from time to time deem fit.
- To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of Sheffield, the United Kingdom, or the world as the trustees may from time to time deem fit.

Project mission statement: Bushfire Ministries operates to engage with people of all ages and backgrounds, to promote their physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing and life prospects through fellowship, activities, training and courses.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

During the year ended 31 October 2023, this being the completion of the charity's fifteenth year as a charitable company limited by guarantee, the charity has:

1. Provided training through teaching, conferences and weekly meetings to advance the Christian faith and to release individuals into their full potential.
2. Provided Sheffield-based physical central place of meeting for gatherings and conferences.
3. Maintained in-person meetings and conferences while maintaining Zoom and Livestream access for individuals both local and international who are unable to attend.
4. Hosted a number of prayer and fellowship weeks in Scotland.
5. Further supported seven children of Metro Ministries in Kenya.
6. Supported a feeding and educational programme with Viva Foundation, South Africa for children and their families.
7. Provided food hampers to community within Kampala, Uganda for Christmas 2022, providing food to families and the vulnerable within their area.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and objectives

The fifteenth year as a charitable company limited by guarantee has seen the charity:

- Maintain monthly support to Kenyan children through Metro Ministries
- Support families and elderly through food provisions in Uganda, Kampala over Christmas period
- Support school children and their families through Viva Foundation in South Africa.
- Provide support to Sheffield-based individuals experiencing financial hardship.
- Hosted a number of prayer and fellowship weeks in rural parts of Scotland.
- Maintain the rental fee for the hire of the Bushfire building.
- Maintain the basic part-time salary of senior leadership.
- Invested into the local, regional and international community by facilitating training provided by international speakers in-person and via livestream/zoom.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS (FOR THE SIXTEENTH YEAR, NOV 2023 – OCT 2024)

The charity plans to:

1. Continue to train and equip people through teaching, conferences and regular meetings to advance the Christian faith and to release individuals into their full potential.
2. Host prayer and fellowship weeks in rural parts of Scotland.
3. Further support the poverty-stricken children of Metro Ministries in Kenya, and the families and orphans in South Africa through Viva Foundation.
4. Research different approach to meetings and/or downsize central meeting place.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

A Tiplady – Trustee, Chairman

24 July 2024

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of
Bushfire Ministries International

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2023 set out on pages five to twelve.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself 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 2011 Act.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's 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 these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's 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
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Section 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have 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.

Mr Chris Jackson

26th July 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 October 2023

	Notes	31.10.23 Unrestricted Funds £	31.10.22 Unrestricted Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income		70,436	73,422
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Costs of generating funds			
Costs of generating voluntary income		45,082	34,984
Charitable activities			
Overseas mission		3,461	15,686
Internal mission		22,254	19,604
Governance costs		313	313
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Total resources expended		71,110	70,586
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NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(674)	2,836
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		62,022	59,186
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		61,348	62,022
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The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
At 31 October 2023

		31.10.23	31.10.22
		Unrestricted	Unrestricted
		Funds	Funds
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	4	8,199	10,440
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	5,792	0
Cash at bank	6	47,457	51,682
		-----	-----
		53,249	51,682
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(100)	(100)
		-----	-----
NET CURRENT ASSETS		53,149	51,582
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		61,348	62,022 -----
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NET ASSETS		61,348	62,022
		=====	=====
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	8	61,348	62,022
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TOTAL FUNDS		61,348	62,022
		=====	=====

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Balance Sheet - continued

At 31 October 2023

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 October 2023.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- a) Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006, and
- b) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 26 July 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

A Tiplady – Trustee, Chairman

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 October 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis 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 resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and Machinery etc.	- 25% on reducing balance
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Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable activities at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

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2. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.10.23	31.10.22
	£	£
Depreciation – owned assets	2,610	1,497
Rent	18,000	18,000
Audit and accountancy fees	300	300
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3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Remuneration of £26,421 was paid to two trustees working as officers of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2023 (£25,882 remuneration paid for the year ended 31 October 2022), but no other benefits were paid for the year ended 31 October 2023 nor for the year ended 31 October 2022.

Trustees' Expenses

There were no trustee's expenses paid for the year ended 31 October 2023, nor for the year ended 31 October 2022.

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4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Plant and
Machinery etc.

£

COST

At 1 November 2022

31,410

Additions

369

At 31 October 2023

31,779

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DEPRECIATION

At 1 November 2022

20,970

Additions

2,610

At 31 October 2023

23,580

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NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 October 2023

8,199

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At 31 October 2022

10,440

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5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

31.10.23

31.10.22

£

£

Gift Aid due

5,278

0

Insurance prepayment

514

0

5,792

0

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6. CASH AT BANK

	31.10.23	31.10.22
	£	£
Current account	47,457	48,600
Internet account	0	3,082
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	47,457	51,682
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7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.10.23	31.10.22
	£	£
Other creditors	100	100
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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	31.10.22	Net movement in funds	
			31.10.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	62,022	(674)	61,348
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TOTAL FUNDS	62,022	(674)	61,348
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Net movement in funds, included in the above, are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	70,436	71,110	(674)
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TOTAL FUNDS	70,436	71,110	(674)
	=====	=====	=====