

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 06778181 (England and Wales)**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1128122**

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Financial Statements for The Year Ended 31 October 2024**  
**For**  
**Bushfire Ministries International**

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**For the Year Ended 31 October 2024**

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## **Bushfire Ministries International**

### **Report of the Trustees** **For the Year Ended 31 October 2024**

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 2024. 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**

61 Bridge Street, Kington, Herefordshire, HR5 3DJ

##### **Trustees**

Mr A C Tiplady

Mrs D H Tiplady

Mr A Blundell

Mrs C Johnston

##### **Company Secretary**

Mrs D H Tiplady

##### **Independent Examiner**

Mr C Jackson, Apt 318, Buchanan Green, Sheffield S5 8EH

#### **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.

## **Bushfire Ministries International**

### **Report of the Trustees** **For the Year Ended 31 October 2024**

#### **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 2024, this being the completion of the charity's sixteenth 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. Held in-person meetings and conferences while maintaining Zoom and Livestream access for individuals both local and international who are unable to attend.
3. Further supported seven children of Metro Ministries in Kenya.
4. Continued to fund a feeding and educational programme with Viva Foundation, South Africa for children and their families.
5. Provided food hampers to community within Kampala, Uganda for Christmas 2023, providing food to families and the vulnerable within their area.
6. Hosted communal prayer weeks in rural Scotland.

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### **Report of the Trustees** **For the Year Ended 31 October 2024**

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Investment policy and objectives**

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

- Host prayer and fellowship gatherings in rural Scotland with both regular participants and international visitors, providing partial subsidies to enable those to attend in financial difficulty.
- 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 individuals experiencing financial hardship
- 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.
- Donated equipment to start-up church and community organisation in South Yorkshire

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS (FOR THE SEVENTEENTH YEAR, NOV 2024 – OCT 2025)**

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. Further support the poverty-stricken children of Metro Ministries in Kenya, the families and orphans in South Africa through Viva Foundation and support the Christmas feeding initiative in Kampala, Uganda through known contacts.
3. Downsize from regular meeting hall in Sheffield, change patterns of meeting from weekly public setting to weekly home based and online meetings, and quarterly in-person meetings using rented or other accommodation.
4. Seek out and establish rural location/s for regular in-person gatherings and training, incorporating a community agricultural small holding / allotment with facilities for accommodation / camping.
5. Look to organise international conference in Spring 2026 in suitable hotel in the south of Scotland.

#### **ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**

A Blundell – Trustee, Chairman

26th July 2024

**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of**  
**Bushfire Ministries International**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2024 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

**Bushfire Ministries International**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the Year Ended 31 October 2024**

	Notes	31.10.24 Unrestricted Funds £	31.10.23 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>			
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>			
Voluntary income		66,216	70,436
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>			
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>			
Costs of generating voluntary income		40,251	45,082
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Overseas mission		5,077	3,461
Internal mission		21,276	22,254
<b>Governance costs</b>		313	313
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<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>66,917</b>	<b>71,110</b>
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<b>NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>		<b>(701)</b>	<b>(674)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>61,348</b>	<b>62,022</b>
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>60,647</b>	<b>61,348</b>
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The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet**  
**At 31 October 2024**

		31.10.24	31.10.23
		Unrestricted	Unrestricted
		Funds	Funds
	Notes	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Assets	4	6,149	8,199
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	5	1,395	5,792
Cash at bank	6	53,203	47,457
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		54,598	53,249
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(100)	(100)
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<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		54,498	53,149
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>60,647</b>	<b>61,348</b> -----
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>60,647</b>	<b>61,348</b>
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<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted funds	8	60,647	61,348
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>60,647</b>	<b>61,348,</b>
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**Balance Sheet - continued**  
**At 31 October 2024**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 October 2024.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2024 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 Blundell – Trustee, Chairman

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Bushfire Ministries International**

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended 31 October 2024**

**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**

**For the Year Ended 31 October 2024**

**2. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES**

Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.10.24	31.10.23
	£	£
Depreciation – owned assets	2,050	2,610
Rent	18,000	18,000
Audit and accountancy fees	300	300
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**3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

Remuneration of £29,277 was paid to two trustees working as officers of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2024 (£26,421 remuneration paid for the year ended 31 October 2023), but no other benefits were paid for the year ended 31 October 2024 nor for the year ended 31 October 2023.

**Trustees' Expenses**

There were no trustee's expenses paid for the year ended 31 October 2024, nor for the year ended 31 October 2023.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**

**For the Year Ended 31 October 2024**

**4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

Plant and  
Machinery etc.

£

**COST**

At 1 November 2023

31,779

Additions

0

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At 31 October 2024

31,779

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**DEPRECIATION**

At 1 November 2023

23,580

Additions

2,050

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At 31 October 2024

25,630

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**NET BOOK VALUE**

At 31 October 2024

6,149

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At 1 November 2023

8,199

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**5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

31.10.24

31.10.23

£

£

Gift Aid due

0

5,278

Insurance prepayment

0

514

Scotland Prayer Meeting

1,365

0

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1,365

5,792

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**

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**6. CASH AT BANK**

	31.10.24	31.10.23
	£	£
Current account	53,203	47,457
Internet account	0	0
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	53,203	47,457
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**7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.10.24	31.10.23
	£	£
Other creditors	100	100
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**For the Year Ended 31 October 2024**

**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	31.10.23	Net movement in funds	
			31.10.24
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	61,348	(701)	60,647
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	61,348	(701)	60,647
	=====	=====	=====

Net movement in funds, included in the above, are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	66,216	66,917	(701)
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	66,216	66,917	(701)
	=====	=====	=====