

THE FILLING STATION TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1131753

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [06946144](#)

Registered 2009-09-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THROUGH ECUMENICAL CHRISTIAN MINISTRY, AND THE PROMOTION OF TEACHING ON ALL ASPECTS OF CHRISTIAN LIFE AND FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES. IN PARTICULAR BUT WITHOUT LIMITATION BY FACILITATING PRAYER MEETINGS, SUNG CORPORATE WORSHIP, STUDY GROUPS, AND THE PRODUCTION AND/OR DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE TO ENLIGHTEN OTHERS ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION (THE "OBJECTS").

Activities: PROMOTING THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN BRITAIN.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- France
- Northern Ireland
- Norway
- Scotland
- South Africa
- Sweden
- United States
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£356,945	£365,255	-	-
2024-10-31	£317,224	£348,061	-	-
2023-10-31	£269,887	£284,374	-	-
2022-10-31	£260,749	£234,517	-	-
2021-10-31	£189,477	£185,254	-	-
2020-10-31	£221,951	£192,808	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony Lewis Hugh Cryer		2021-11-12
Dr Charles Raymond Warren		2020-01-24
Giles Spencer Lawson-Johnston		2015-09-09
JAMES BENJAMIN RANK		2016-07-07
Julie Christine De Jongh		2018-06-14
Richard Patrick Fothergill		2009-09-01

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(A company limited by guarantee)

FOR THE YEAR TO 31st OCTOBER 2025

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Directors (Trustees) on the date of this report:

The Rev Richard Fothergill
Mr James Rank
Mr Giles Lawson-Johnston (Chairman of Trustees)
Mrs Jules de Jongh
Dr Charles Warren
The Rev Hugh Cryer

Company Secretary

The Rev Richard Fothergill

Charity Bankers:

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Independent examiner:

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Directors' Report

For the twelve months ended 31st October 2025

The Directors have pleasure in presenting their twelfth report of the Company for the twelve months ended 31st October 2025.

The Company is limited by Guarantee and is also a registered Charity. The Directors (who are also the Trustees) have adopted the provisions of the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRSSE SORP) Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in January 2015.

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The Directors have considered the Charity Commissioners' guidance on public benefit.

Performance during the period under review

During the period ended 31st October 2025 the Company has continued to be active in encouraging the Christian religion, particularly in rural areas of Great Britain,

The Filling Station promotes the Christian Religion through informal, mid-week monthly evening meetings in non-church owned properties, such as cafes, converted barns and village halls. As of October 2025 there were 74 active Filling Station meetings. At that time, some 3,200+ people attended a Filling Station somewhere each month. 4 new meetings opened during the period in review in: Cape Town, South Africa, Oakham, Rutland and two in Yorkshire (Doncaster & Ripon). 5 meetings closed their doors permanently in Warwickshire, Cornwall, Norfolk and Cheshire. All Filling Station meetings were planned and actioned through local lay Christian volunteers, who are encouraged & supported by the Trust's employees. Meeting host teams relate to local Churches of all denominations in their areas and wish to encourage the local Christian community.

During the year, the Company continued to employ The Rev Richard Fothergill (full time) to service all the existing Filling Station meetings, to promote new ones and to inform all interested parties about the Filling Station model of supporting the local Christian community. 9 part-time employees (two on 1 day per week, one on 2 days per week, five on 3 days per week and one on 4 days per week) are on the team to support Richard in this work and help the existing FS meetings.

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Three on-line teaching ministries, 'FillingStation@Home', 'Empower & Equip' and 'Conversations' (three staff members discussing on a vlog) have grown over the period and more people are attending these monthly and bi-monthly evening Zoom sessions. We learn that isolated and rural Christians really value this spiritual input which would otherwise not be available to them.

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The annual Filling Station Renewal Conference for 2025 took place on November 7th/8th, just outside the period under review and will be noted in next year's annual Report.

In November 2024, the Norwegian Filling Station host teams paid for several of the UK staff team to come to Alesund for a weekend to teach & minister. There are two FS meetings currently in Norway.

In March 2025 some of the staff team paid their own way to visit South Africa and assist with a Holy Spirit teaching day in Anglican Church, Church of the Holy Spirit, Kirstenhof, Cape Town. They also assisted the Waterberg Filling station meeting in the North of the country.

In May 2025 some of the staff team assisted the Swedish FS meetings host a weekend Conference in Stockholm, paid for by that country's FS host teams. Held in St.Clara Kirk in the city, some 400+ guests attended. There are now 6 Filling Stations in Sweden.

Financial review

The total incoming resources for the period ended 31st October 2025 were **£356,945** (2024 £317,224). The income was mainly from gifts amounting to £171,947 (2024 £181,000).

The major area of expense during the period ended 31st October 2025 related to salaries. The other headings of expenditure related to the promotion and encouragement of the monthly meetings, and the continued development of the Company's charitable activities.

The operating loss for the period ended 31st October 2025 is **£8,310** (2024: loss of £30,838)

Political and charitable donations

£ 11,386.43 (2024 £7,711) worth of charitable donations were made during the period under review to six UK Christian charities: 'Hands at Work', an African AIDS orphans charity (handsatwork.org). 'Opens Door' who deal with the persecuted Church (opendoorsuk.org). International Justice Ministry (IJM <https://www.ijm.org/>) who deal with modern slavery, x-outloud / Core Issues Trust, a Christian charity

working in the LGBTQ community, (<https://xoutloud.com/>), Refuel (<https://refuelscotland.org.uk/>) and Right to Life, a UK anti-abortion charity (<https://righttolife.org.uk/>).

Plans for future years

As mentioned above, the Company is continuing to develop new Filling Station meetings around the country and to a limited extent abroad. The Directors are pleased with the progress that is being made to develop the network of Filling Station meetings and support those currently in operation.

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company for the year and of its incoming resources and resources expended during the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
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- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue to function.
- a safeguarding policy has been adopted for the Trust's paid employees. Local Filling Station teams are responsible for safeguarding policy at their monthly meetings.
- Information collected about FS meetings is carefully managed in line with Government direction from the Data Protection Act 1998 (& update 2019).

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 relevant Companies Act and Charities Act. They 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.

Independent Examiner

These financial statements have been examined by Richard Beath BSc FCCA.

This report was approved by the Directors on



By order of the Trustees

Mr Giles Lawson Johnston (Chairman of Trustees)

Rev Richard P Fothergill (CEO)

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Filling Station Trust

I report on the accounts of the Company for the period ended 31st October 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Trustees (who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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 needed. The Charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 but was below £500,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Certified Accountants in England and Wales.

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

Basis of 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 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 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 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 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.



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The Filling Station					
Statement of Financial Activities					
For the year ended 31st October 2025					
Income and Expenditure					
				Oct-25	Oct-24
	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds		Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Gifts	2	171,947	0	171,947	181,000
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities					
Other Income	3	184,998	0	184,998	136,224
Total Incoming Resources		356,945	0	356,945	317,224
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities					
Salaries including Regional consultants	4	264,921	0	264,921	240,008
Direct operating expenses	4a	94,242	0	94,242	100,731
Other governance expenses		6,092	0	6,092	7,322
Total Resources Expended		365,255	0	365,255	348,061
Net Movement in Funds		-8,309	0	-8,309	-30,838
Fund balances brought forward		289	0	289	31,230
Prior year adjustments		6,533		6,533	-103
Total Funds Carried Forward		-1,487	0	-1,487	289

The Filling Station					
Balance Sheet					
At 31st October 2025					
		Oct-25	Oct-25	Oct-24	Oct-24
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets			0		0
Current Assets					
Debtors		0		0	
Other debtors		0		0	
Bank reserve and events account		7,770		3,328	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		1,038		3,255	
Refuel bank and cash		265		89	
Total current assets			9,073		6,672
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			(10,561)		(6,533)
Net Current Assets			(1,487)		139
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			(1,487)		139
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			0		0
Net Assets			(1,487)		139
Funds					
Restricted Funds			0		0
Unrestricted Funds - members equity			(6,724)		(4,948)
Unrestricted Funds - share capital			5,237		5,237
Total Funds			(1,487)		289

Directors' statements required by Section 475 for the period ended 31st October 2025

In approving these financial statements as Directors of the Company, we hereby confirm:

- (a) that for the year stated above, the Company was entitled to the exemption conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the Company pursuant to Section 476 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 30th June 2012; and
- (c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:
 - (1) ensuring that the Company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386, and
 - (2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the year and of its profit and loss for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 13th January 2021 and signed on behalf of the board by

R. P. Fothergill

R P Fothergill, Director

Continuing Operations

The Company carried on all trading activities as in the previous period and no activities were discontinued in the year.

Total Recognised Gains and Losses

There are no recognised gains or losses in the above financial year other than those passing through the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The twelve months ended 31st October 2025

1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are set out below. These accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. They follow the recommendations in the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued March 2005, revised in May 2008) and the Companies Act 2006.

Incoming Resources

Income is recognised by the Company as follows:

Voluntary income such as donations, gifts and legacies is included in full at the point of receipt; income from fundraising activities is stated gross before any expenses.

Resources Expended

Resources expended are recognised in the year in which they are incurred. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs directly incurred by the Company in the delivery of its charitable activities. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activity and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a specific activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Taxation

The activities of the Charity fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Funds held by the Charity are either:

Unrestricted funds – these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Directors, or

Restricted funds – these are funds which can only be used for the particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular purpose.

2 Incoming Resources

During the year, the Charity received gifts subject to Gift Aid which have been used for the charitable purposes of the Charity.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
Period ended to 31st October 2024

3 Other Income

During the year, the Charity received a large donation amounting to £94,969.

4 Employees

There was one full-time employee of the Company during the year and six part-time staff.

	2025	2024
Gross Salary plus oncosts (R Fothergill) £59,679	£58,518	
Other salaries	£13,779	£29,062
National insurance / pensions £2,383	£1,761	
Regional consultants' salaries	£190,861	£148,885
Total	£264,921	£240,008

4a. Other Expenses

	2025	2024
Staff Expenses	£10,640	£12,506
Office expenses £5,932	£5,915	
Refuel expenses	£17,799	£44,174
Advertising & promotion	£5,460	£7,033
Grants and donations	£11,492	£7,711
Fundraising hospitality	£2,301	£993
Other expenditure	£40,635	£22,382
Total	£94,242	£100,231

5 Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets were made up of a laptop purchased in 2013/14, for £665, which has now been fully depreciated and disposed of.

6 Debtors

	2025	2024
Gift Aid due from HMRC	£0	£0

7 Capital Commitments

There were no capital commitments as at 31st October 2025.

8 Contingent Liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the end of the period.

9 Company Status

The members of the Company are the Directors named in the Directors' Report. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

12 Related party disclosures

There were the following related party transactions between the Charity and Richard Fothergill, a trustee of the Charity.

	2025	2024
• Remuneration (Gross annual excl oncosts)	£51,456	£53,676
• Other expenses & travel	£24,439	£5,660
• Total	£75,894	£59,336

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Independent Examiner's Report

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The Filling Station					
Statement of Financial Activities					
For the year ended 31st October 2024					
Income and Expenditure					
				Oct-24	Oct-23
	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds		Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Gifts	2	181,000	0	181,000	198,808
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities					
Other Income	3	136,224	0	136,224	71,079
Total Incoming Resources		317,224	0	317,224	269,887
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities					
Salaries including Regional consultants	4	240,008	0	240,008	200,302
Direct operating expenses	4a	100,731	0	100,731	80,710
Other governance expenses		7,322	0	7,322	3,361
Total Resources Expended		348,061	0	348,061	284,374
Net Movement in Funds		-30,838	0	-30,838	-14,487
Fund balances brought forward		31,230	0	31,230	48,507
Prior year adjustments		-103		-103	-2,790
Total Funds Carried Forward		289	0	289	31,230

The Filling Station					
Balance Sheet					
At 31st October 2024					
		Oct-24	Oct-24	Oct-23	Oct-23
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets			0		0
Current Assets					
Debtors		0		0	
Other debtors		0		28	
Bank reserve and events account		3,328		26,352	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		3,405		4,299	
Refuel bank and cash		89		0	
Total current assets			6,822		30,678
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			(6,533)		(42)
Net Current Assets			289		30,637
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			289		30,637
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			0		0
Net Assets			289		30,637
Funds					
Restricted Funds			0		0
Unrestricted Funds - members equity			(4,948)		25,993
Unrestricted Funds - share capital			5,237		5,237
Total Funds			289		31,230

Directors' statements required by Section 475 for the period ended 31st October 2024

In approving these financial statements as Directors of the Company, we hereby confirm:

- (a) that for the year stated above, the Company was entitled to the exemption conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the Company pursuant to Section 476 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 30th June 2012; and
- (c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:
 - (1) ensuring that the Company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386, and
 - (2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the year and of its profit and loss for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 13th January 2021 and signed on behalf of the board by

R. P. Fothergill

R P Fothergill, Director

Continuing Operations

The Company carried on all trading activities as in the previous period and no activities were discontinued in the year.

Total Recognised Gains and Losses

There are no recognised gains or losses in the above financial year other than those passing through the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The twelve months ended 31st October 2024

1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are set out below. These accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. They follow the recommendations in the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued March 2005, revised in May 2008) and the Companies Act 2006.

Incoming Resources

Income is recognised by the Company as follows:

Voluntary income such as donations, gifts and legacies is included in full at the point of receipt; income from fundraising activities is stated gross before any expenses.

Resources Expended

Resources expended are recognised in the year in which they are incurred. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs directly incurred by the Company in the delivery of its charitable activities. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activity and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a specific activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Taxation

The activities of the Charity fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Funds held by the Charity are either:

Unrestricted funds – these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Directors, or

Restricted funds – these are funds which can only be used for the particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular purpose.

2 Incoming Resources

During the year, the Charity received gifts subject to Gift Aid which have been used for the charitable purposes of the Charity.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
Period ended to 31st October 2024

3 Other Income

During the year, the Charity received a large donation amounting to £94,969.

4 Employees

There was one full-time employee of the Company during the year and six part-time staff.

	2024	2023
Gross Salary plus oncosts (R Fothergill) £57,509	£59,679	
Other salaries	£29,062	£131,093
National insurance / pensions £11,700	£2,383	
Regional consultants' salaries	£148,885	
Total	£240,008	£200,302

4a. Other Expenses

	2024	2023
Staff Expenses	£12,506	£20,407
Office expenses £3,095	£5,932	
FST Leadership expenses	£44,174	£4,069
Advertising & promotion	£7,033	£2,959
Cost of events £8,302	£7,711	
Grants and donations	£993	£13,725
Other expenditure	£22,382	£28,154
Total	£100,231	£80,710

5 Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets were made up of a laptop purchased in 2013/14, for £665, which has now been fully depreciated and disposed of.

6 Debtors

	2024	2023
Gift Aid due from HMRC	£0	£0

7 Capital Commitments

There were no capital commitments as at 31st October 2024.

8 Contingent Liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the end of the period.

9 Company Status

The members of the Company are the Directors named in the Directors' Report. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

12 Related party disclosures

There were the following related party transactions between the Charity and Richard Fothergill, a trustee of the Charity.

	2024	2023
• Remuneration (Gross annual excl oncosts)	£53,676	£50,312
• Other expenses & travel	£5,660	£796
• Total	£59,336	£51,107

THE FILLING STATION TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1131753

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(A company limited by guarantee)

FOR THE YEAR TO 31st OCTOBER 2023

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Reference Information:

Charity Name: The Filling Station Trust

Charity Number: 1131753

Company Number: 6946144

Registered Office and Operational Address:

Copper John, Troutbeck
Windermere, Cumbria, LA23 1PP

Directors (Trustees) on the date of this report:

The Rev Richard Fothergill
Mr James Rank
Mr Giles Lawson-Johnston (Chairman of Trustees)
Mrs Jules de Jongh
Dr Charles Warren
The Rev Hugh Cryer

Company Secretary

The Rev Richard Fothergill

Charity Bankers:

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Independent examiner:

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Directors ' Report

For the twelve months ended 31st October 2023

The Directors have pleasure in presenting their twelfth report of the Company for the twelve months ended 31st October 2023.

The Company is limited by Guarantee and is also a registered Charity. The Directors (who are also the Trustees) have adopted the provisions of the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRSSE SORP) Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in January 2015.

The objects of the Company are for the advancement of the Christian religion, for the public benefit, through ecumenical Christian ministry, and the promotion of teaching on all aspects of Christian life and faith in accordance with Biblical principles. In particular, but without limitation, by facilitating prayer meetings, sung corporate worship, study groups, and the production and/or distribution of literature to enlighten others about the Christian religion.

The Directors have considered the Charity Commissioners' guidance on public benefit.

No safeguarding / fraud incidents have been reported during the year.

Performance during the period under review

During the period ended 31st October 2023 the Company has continued to be active in encouraging the Christian religion, particularly in rural areas of Great Britain.

The Filling Station does this through informal, mid-week monthly evening meetings in non-church owned properties, such as cafes, converted barns and village halls. As of October 2023 there were 72 active Filling Station meetings. At that time, some 3,500+ people attended a Filling Station somewhere each month. 9 new meetings opened during the period in review, in: Sweden, Norway, Aylesbury, West Lothian, West Lancashire, the Peak District, South East Kent, South Cheshire, and Indiana in the USA. 5 meetings closed their doors permanently during this period located in: Stanford in the Vale, Oxfordshire, West Norfolk, Norfolk Broads, Thurso and the Vendee in Western France.

All Filling Station meetings were planned and actioned through local lay Christian volunteers, who are encouraged & supported where possible, by the Trust's employees. These meeting host teams members relate to local Churches of all denominations in their immediate area and are seen as a valid new addition to the Christian Church in those locations.

During the year, the Company continued to employ The Rev Richard Fothergill (full time) to service all the existing Filling Station meetings, to promote new ones and to inform all interested parties about the Filling Station model of supporting the local Christian church. 8 part-time employees (one on 1 day per week, two on 2 days per week, one on 2.5 days per week, three on 3 days per week and one on 4 days per week) are on the team to support Rev Fothergill in this work and help the existing FS meetings.

All part-time staff (paid - 8 people, & 1 unpaid volunteer), and The Rev Fothergill, have work contracts. All staff members have been DBS checked and hold current Enhanced Disclosure Certificates. Staff member, the Rev Brian Streeter, is safeguarding officer for the Filling Station Trust (brian@thefillingstation.org.uk). During the year under review Mrs Lisa

Metcalfe was appointed on 2.5 days per week as our Administration Manager (from December 1st 2022).

All local Filling Station meetings run their own financial affairs and are encouraged to open independent bank accounts for their voluntary work. Small annual sums are involved at each meeting (eg. the average local meeting turnover is approximately £900.00 per year).

Zoom based prayer meetings have been initiated for all who are interested at 8am every Tuesday morning, hosted and guided by FS Trust staff members.

The on-line teaching ministry, 'FillingStation@Home' has continued over the period and more people are attending these bi-weekly evening Zoom sessions. Isolated and rural Christians really value this spiritual input which would otherwise not be available to them.

A new on-line based teaching initiative called, 'Equip & Empower' has been launched. These meetings are bi-monthly and have a staff member teaching on a relevant topic of the day.

The services offered by the Company have been promoted through informal and formal channels. The Company has done no external advertising other than one paid for small Facebook internet advert for our annual Conference, held in November 2023. Generic publicity materials have been designed and produced for use by all Filling Station meetings to promote their local activities. The Company continues to support the web site thefillingstation.org.uk and arrange nationwide 'Prayer & Fasting' days for the spiritual well-being of all who tune in to these sessions.

Financial review

The total incoming resources for the period ended 31st October 2023 were **£269,795** (2022 £260,749). The income was mainly from gifts amounting to £238,168 (2022 £249,369).

The major area of expense during the period ended 31st October 2023 related to salaries. The other headings of expenditure related to the promotion and encouragement of the monthly meetings, and the continued development of the Company's charitable activities.

The operating loss for the period ended 31st October 2023 is **£14,487** (2022: surplus £26,232)

Political and charitable donations

£13,725 (2022 £12,401) worth of charitable donations were made during the period under review to four UK charities: 'Hands at Work' (An African AIDs orphans charity: handsatwork.org). 'Open Doors' who deal with the persecuted Church: (opendoor-suk.org). x-outloud (Core Issues Trust) a sexual identity & healing charity, (<https://core-issues.org/>), plus. International Justice Mission (<https://www.ijm.org/>).

Plans for future years

As mentioned above, the Company is continuing to develop new Filling Station meetings around the country and to a limited extent abroad. The Directors are pleased with the progress that is being made to develop the network of Filling Station meetings and

support those currently in operation whether on line or physically gathered. More meetings are opening than closing so we are in a growth phase.

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company for the year and of its incoming resources and resources expended during the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any materials departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue to function.
- a safeguarding policy has been adopted for the Trust's paid employees. Local Filling Station teams are responsible for safeguarding policy at their monthly meetings.
- Information collected about FS meetings is carefully managed in line with Government direction from the Data Protection Act 1998 (& update 2019).

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 relevant Companies Act and Charities Act. They 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.

Independent Examiner

These financial statements have been examined by Richard Beath BSc FCCA. This report was approved by the Directors on November 2023.



By order of the Trustees

Mr Giles Lawson Johnston (Chairman of Trustees)

Rev Richard P Fothergill (CEO)

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Filling Station Trust

I report on the accounts of the Company for the period ended 31st October 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Trustees (who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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 needed. The Charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 but was below £500,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Certified Accountants in England and Wales.

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

Basis of 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 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 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 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 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.



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For the year ended 31st October 2023					
Income and Expenditure					
				Oct-23	Oct-22
	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted		
		Funds		Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Gifts	2	198,808	0	198,808	249,369
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities					
Other Income (Furlough scheme)	3	71,079	0	71,079	11,380
Total Incoming Resources		269,887	0	269,887	260,749
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities					
Salaries	4	200,302	0	200,302	161,880
Direct operating expenses	4a	80,710	0	80,710	69,322
Other governance expenses		3,361	0	3,361	3,315
Total Resources Expended		284,374	0	284,374	234,517
Net Movement in Funds		-14,487	0	-14,487	26,232
Fund balances brought forward		48,507	0	48,507	23,931
Prior year adjustments		-2,790		-2,790	-1,656
Total Funds Carried Forward		31,230	0	31,230	48,507

Directors' statements required by Section 475 for the period ended 31st October 2023

In approving these financial statements as Directors of the Company, we hereby confirm:

- (a) that for the year stated above, the Company was entitled to the exemption conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the Company pursuant to Section 476 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 30th June 2012; and
- (c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:
 - (1) ensuring that the Company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386, and
 - (2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the year and of its profit and loss for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 13th January 2021 and signed on behalf of the board by

R P Fothergill, Director



Continuing Operations

The Company carried on all trading activities as in the previous period and no activities were discontinued in the year.

Total Recognised Gains and Losses

There are no recognised gains or losses in the above financial year other than those passing through the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The twelve months ended 31st October 2023

1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are set out below. These accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

Accounting period dates

The charity has changed its **year end date to October 31st** each year from 2019. The 2022 comparator figures therefore also covered a 12-month period.

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. They follow the recommendations in the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued March 2005, revised in May 2008) and the Companies Act 2006.

Incoming Resources

Income is recognised by the Company as follows:

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Resources Expended

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All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a specific activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Taxation

The activities of the Charity fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Funds held by the Charity are either:

Unrestricted funds – these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Directors, or

Restricted funds – these are funds which can only be used for the particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular purpose.

2 Incoming Resources

During the year, the Charity received gifts subject to Gift Aid which have been used for the charitable purposes of the Charity.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
Period ended to 31st October 2023

3 Other Income

During the year, the Charity received large donations amounting to £94,969.

4 Employees

There was one full-time employee of the Company during the year and six part-time staff.

	2023	2022
Gross Salary plus oncosts (R Fothergill)	£57,509	£54,758
Other salaries	£131,093	£90,854
National insurance / pensions	£11,700	£16,269
Total	£200,302	£161,880

4a. Other Expenses

	2023	2022
Staff Expenses	£20,407	£20,966
Office expenses	£3,095	£3,602
FST Leadership expenses	£4,069	£1,034
Advertising & promotion	£2,959	£5,354
Cost of events	£8,302	£7,851
Grants and donations	£13,725	£12,402
Other expenditure	£28,154	£18,115
Total	£80,710	£69,322

5 Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets were made up of a laptop purchased in 2013/14, for £665, which has now been fully depreciated and disposed of.

6 Debtors	2023	2022
Gift Aid due from HMRC	£0	£0

7 Capital Commitments

There were no capital commitments as at 31st October 2023.

8 Contingent Liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the end of the period.

9 Company Status

The members of the Company are the Directors named in the Directors 'Report. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

12 Related party disclosures

There were the following related party transactions between the Charity and Richard Fothergill, a trustee of the Charity.

	2023	2022
• Remuneration (Gross annual excl oncosts)	£50,312	£54,758
• Other expenses & travel	£0	£0
• Total	£50,312	£54,758

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Charity Number: 1131753

Company Number: 6946144

Registered Office and Operational Address:

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Directors (Trustees) on the date of this report:

The Rev Richard Fothergill
Mr James Rank
Mr Giles Lawson-Johnston (Chairman of Trustees)
Mrs Jules de Jongh
Dr Charles Warren
The Rev Hugh Cryer

Company Secretary

The Rev Richard Fothergill

Charity Bankers:

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Directors ' Report

For the twelve months ended 31st October 2022

The Directors have pleasure in presenting their eleventh report of the Company for the twelve months ended 31st October 2022.

The Company is limited by Guarantee and is also a registered Charity. The Directors (who are also the Trustees) have adopted the provisions of the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRSSE SORP) Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in January 2015.

The objects of the Company are for the advancement of the Christian religion, for the public benefit, through ecumenical Christian ministry, and the promotion of teaching on all aspects of Christian life and faith in accordance with Biblical principles. In particular, but without limitation, by facilitating prayer meetings, sung corporate worship, study groups, and the production and/or distribution of literature to enlighten others about the Christian religion.

The Directors have considered the Charity Commissioners' guidance on public benefit.

Performance during the period under review

During the period ended 31st October 2022 the Company has continued to be active in encouraging the Christian religion, particularly in rural areas of Great Britain, even with the extraordinary times of a national pandemic covering 2020 - 2022.

The Filling Station promotes the Christian Religion through informal, mid-week monthly evening meetings in non-church owned properties, such as cafes, converted barns and village halls. As of October 2022 there were 76 active Filling Station meetings. At that time, some 3,200+ people attended a Filling Station somewhere each month. 4 new meetings opened during the period in review (in: Sweden, Norway, Wrekin (Salop) and Mid-Sussex). Nearly all the meetings have now reconvened publicly since the Covid pandemic's cessation. 8 meetings closed their doors permanently as a result of the Covid pandemic over the period under review.

All Filling Station meetings were planned and actioned through local lay Christian volunteers, who are encouraged & supported where possible, by the Trust's employees. Host teams relate to local Churches of all denominations with their meetings.

During the year, the Company continued to employ The Rev Richard Fothergill (full time) to service all the existing Filling Station meetings, to promote new ones and to inform all interested parties about the Filling Station model of supporting the local Christian church. 7 part-time employees (three on 1 day per week, three on 2 days per week, one on 3 days per week and one on 4 days per week) are on the team to support Richard in this work and help the existing FS meetings.

All part-time staff (paid & volunteers), and The Rev Fothergill, have work contracts. All staff members have been DBS checked and hold current Enhanced Disclosure Certificates. Staff member, the Rev Brian Streeter, is safeguarding officer for the Filling Station Trust (brian@thefillingstation.org.uk). Mrs Amanda Savory was appointed on two days per week as the Company's first Media & Marketing Manager on November 1st 2021. She is responsible for all internal and external communications about the Filling Station's ministry.

All local Filling Station meetings run their own financial affairs and are encouraged to open independent bank accounts for their voluntary work. Small annual sums are involved at each meeting (eg. the average local meeting turnover is approximately £900.00 per year).

The on-line teaching ministry, 'FillingStation@Home' has grown over the period and more people are attending these bi-weekly evening Zoom sessions. Isolated and rural Christians really value this spiritual input which would otherwise not be available to them.

The services offered by the Company have been promoted through informal and formal channels. The Company has done no public paid advertising over the year, apart from one £50 'boost' advert of our October 2022 Renewal Conference on Facebook. Generic publicity materials have been designed and produced for use by all Filling Station meetings to promote their local activities. The Company continues to support the web site thefillingstation.org.uk and arrange nationwide 'Prayer & Fasting' days and 'Equip and Empower' evenings for the spiritual well-being of all who tune in to these sessions.

Renewal Conference October 6th-9th 2022. A conference for FS team leaders and others was held in St.John's Church, Hartford, Cheshire. 230 attended and main speakers were the Rev Roger Simpson and Mrs Sharon Stone. Biblical teaching, seminars, worship and prayer took place.

Financial review

The total incoming resources for the period ended 31st October 2022 were **£260,749** (2021 £189,477). The income was mainly from gifts amounting to £249,369 (2021 £176,819).

The major area of expense during the period ended 31st October 2022 related to salaries. The other headings of expenditure related to the promotion and encouragement of the monthly meetings, and the continued development of the Company's charitable activities.

The operating surplus for the period ended 31st October 2022 is **£26,232** (2021: surplus £4,223)

Political and charitable donations

£12,401 (2021 £10,740) worth of charitable donations were made during the period under review to three UK charities: 'Hands at Work' (An African AIDs orphans charity: handsatwork.org). 'Opens Door' who deal with the persecuted Church: (opendoor-suk.org). Plus, Christian counselling & poverty relief charity: 'Sanctuary247' (register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-details/?regId=1063898&subId=0)

Plans for future years

As mentioned above, the Company is continuing to develop new Filling Station meetings around the country and to a limited extent abroad. The Directors are pleased with the progress that is being made to develop the network of Filling Station meetings and support those currently in operation whether on line or physically gathered.

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company for the year and of its incoming resources and resources expended during the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue to function.
- a safeguarding policy has been adopted for the Trust's paid employees. Local Filling Station teams are responsible for safeguarding policy at their monthly meetings.
- Information collected about FS meetings is carefully managed in line with Government direction from the Data Protection Act 1998 (& update 2019).

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 relevant Companies Act and Charities Act. They 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.

Independent Examiner

These financial statements have been examined by Richard Beath BSc FCCA. This report was approved by the Directors on 24th November 2022.



By order of the Trustees

Mr Giles Lawson Johnston (Chairman of Trustees)

Rev Richard P Fothergill (CEO)

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Filling Station Trust

I report on the accounts of the Company for the period ended 31st October 2022, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Trustees (who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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 needed. The Charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 but was below £500,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Certified Accountants in England and Wales.

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

Basis of 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 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 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 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 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.



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The Filling Station					
Statement of Financial Activities					
For the year ended 31st October 2022					
Income and Expenditure					
				Oct-22	Oct-21
	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds		Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Gifts	2	249,369	0	249,369	176,819
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities					
Other Income (Furlough scheme)	3	11,380	0	11,380	12,658
Total Incoming Resources		260,749	0	260,749	189,477
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities					
Salaries	4	161,880	0	161,880	138,501
Direct operating expenses	4a	69,322	0	69,322	43,327
Other governance expenses		3,315	0	3,315	3,427
Total Resources Expended		234,517	0	234,517	185,254
Net Movement in Funds		26,232	0	26,232	4,223
Fund balances brought forward		23,931	0	23,931	12,737
Prior year adjustments		-1,656		-1,656	6,971
Total Funds Carried Forward		48,507	0	48,507	23,931

The Filling Station					
Balance Sheet					
At 31st October 2022					
		Oct-22	Oct-22	Oct-21	Oct-21
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	5		0		0
Current Assets					
Debtors	6	0		0	
Refuel debtors		0		0	
Bank reserve and events account		39,921		10,813	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		3,828		13,081	
Refuel bank and cash		1,949		0	
Total current assets			45,698		23,894
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			2,808		36
Net Current Assets			48,507		23,931
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			48,507		23,931
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			0		0
Net Assets			48,507		23,931
Funds					
Restricted Funds			0		0
Unrestricted Funds - members equity			43,269		18,693
Unrestricted Funds - share capital			5,237		5,237
Total Funds			48,507		23,931

Directors' statements required by Section 475 for the period ended 31st October 2022

In approving these financial statements as Directors of the Company, we hereby confirm:

- (a) that for the year stated above, the Company was entitled to the exemption conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the Company pursuant to Section 476 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 30th June 2012; and
- (c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:
 - (1) ensuring that the Company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386, and
 - (2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the year and of its profit and loss for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 13th January 2021 and signed on behalf of the board by

R P Fothergill, Director



Continuing Operations

The Company carried on all trading activities as in the previous period and no activities were discontinued in the year.

Total Recognised Gains and Losses

There are no recognised gains or losses in the above financial year other than those passing through the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The twelve months ended 31st October 2022

1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are set out below. These accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

Accounting period dates

The charity has changed its **year end date to October 31st** each year as from 2019. The 2021 comparator figures therefore also covered a 12-month period.

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. They follow the recommendations in the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued March 2005, revised in May 2008) and the Companies Act 2006.

Incoming Resources

Income is recognised by the Company as follows:

Voluntary income such as donations, gifts and legacies is included in full at the point of receipt; income from fundraising activities is stated gross before any expenses.

Resources Expended

Resources expended are recognised in the year in which they are incurred. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs directly incurred by the Company in the delivery of its charitable activities. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activity and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a specific activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Taxation

The activities of the Charity fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Funds held by the Charity are either:

Unrestricted funds – these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Directors, or

Restricted funds – these are funds which can only be used for the particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular purpose.

2 Incoming Resources

During the year, the Charity received gifts subject to Gift Aid which have been used for the charitable purposes of the Charity.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
Period ended to 31st October 2022

3 Other Income

During the year, the Charity received a legacy amounting to £90,500.

4 Employees

There was one full-time employee of the Company during the year and six part-time staff.

	2022	2021
Gross Salary (Director. R Fothergill)	£54,758	£41,959
Other salaries	£ 90,854	£77,154
National insurance / pensions	£16,269	£19,390
Total	£161,880	£138,501

4a. Other Expenses

	2022	2021
Staff Expenses	£20,966	£11,783
Office expenses	£3,602	£4,170
FST Leadership expenses	£1,034	£0
Advertising & promotion	£5,354	£617
Cost of events	£7,851	£0
Grants and donations	£12,402	£15,070
Other expenditure	£18,115	£11,687
Total	£69,322	£43,327

5 Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets were made up of a laptop purchased in 2013/14, for £665, which has now been fully depreciated and disposed of.

6 Debtors	2022	2021
Gift Aid due from HMRC	£0	£0

7 Capital Commitments

There were no capital commitments at 31st October 2022.

8 Contingent Liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the end of the period.

9 Company Status

The members of the Company are the Directors named in the Directors 'Report. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

12 Related party disclosures

There were the following related party transactions between the Charity and Richard Fothergill, a trustee of the Charity.

	2021	2020
• Remuneration (Gross annual)	£54,758	£49,235
• Other expenses & travel	£0	£910
• Total	£54,758	£50,145

THE FILLING STATION TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1131753

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

THE FILLING STATION TRUST

(A company limited by guarantee)

FOR THE YEAR TO 31st OCTOBER 2021

Company Number 6946144 (England)

Charity Number 1131753

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:Reference Information

Charity Name: The Filling Station Trust

Charity Number: 1131753

Company Number: 6946144

:Registered Office and Operational Address

Copper John, Troutbeck
Windermere, Cumbria, LA23 1PP

**Directors (Trustees) from the date of their incorporation to the date of
:this report**

The Rev Richard Fothergill
Mr James Rank
Mrs Jane Quicke (Chairman of Trustees)
Mr Giles Lawson-Johnston
Mr John Pugh-Smith
Mrs Jules de Jongh
Dr Charles Warren

Company Secretary

The Rev Richard Fothergill

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Directors' Report **For the twelve months ended 31st October 2021**

The Directors have pleasure in presenting their tenth report of the Company for the twelve months ended 31st October 2021

The Company is limited by Guarantee and is also a registered Charity. The Directors (who are also the Trustees) have adopted the provisions of the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRSSE) (SORP) Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in January 2015

The objects of the Company are for the advancement of the Christian religion, for the public benefit, through ecumenical Christian ministry, and the promotion of teaching on all aspects of Christian life and faith in accordance with Biblical principles. In particular, but without limitation, by facilitating prayer meetings, sung corporate worship, study groups, and the production and/or distribution of literature to enlighten others about the Christian religion

The Directors have considered the Charity Commissioners' guidance on public benefit

Performance during the period under review

During the period ended 31st October 2021 the Company has continued to be active in encouraging the Christian religion, particularly in rural areas of Great Britain, even with the extraordinary times of a national pandemic covering 2020 - 2021

The Filling Station promotes the Christian Religion through informal, mid-week monthly evening meetings in non-church owned properties, such as cafes, converted barns and village halls. As of October 2021 there were 85 active Filling Station meetings. At that time, some 4,500+ people attended a Filling Station somewhere each month. 4 new meetings opened during the period in review (in: Sweden, West Sheffield, Lytham St. Annes and Horncastle). During Government lock down periods, 41 Filling Station meetings gathered regularly on-line, using platforms such as Zoom and Facebook Live. Many of the teams who host FS meetings also met privately for prayer and discussion over the year via Zoom. 4 meetings closed their doors permanently as a result of the Covid pandemic, or because the teams concerned felt they had 'run their course'. Of those remaining, all re-opened physically in the autumn of 2021

All Filling Station meetings were planned and actioned through local lay Christian volunteers, who are encouraged & supported where possible, by the Trust's employees. Host teams relate to local Churches of all denominations

During the year, the Company continued to employ The Rev Richard Fothergill (full time) to service all the existing Filling Station meetings, to promote new ones across the country and to inform all interested parties about the Filling Station model of supporting the local Christian church. 6 part-time employees (one on 1 day per week, three on 2 days per week, one on 3 days per week and one on 4 days per week) are on the team to support Richard in this work and help the existing FS meetings. From December 1st 2020 - May 31st 2021, all paid part time staff except Ms Emily Wootton (Administration) were put on furlough through the Government's secured employment scheme. Richard Fothergill, Emily Wootton and two unpaid volunteers (Mr Simon Badderley, Mr Trevor Jones), continued to work to support on-line Filling Station groups during these lock

.downs

All part-time staff (paid & volunteers), and The Rev Fothergill, have work contracts. All staff members have been DBS checked and hold current Enhanced Disclosure Certificates

The Filling Station Christian holiday teaching week held in Scotland, called 'Refuel', has now been separated off as an independent Scottish charity (OSCR: SC 050534) in its own right and no longer features as an active ministry for the Filling Station Trust. Refuel 2020 was cancelled because of the pandemic. Refuel 2021 took place on a much reduced footing. All Refuel accounting activities and management have now been formally separated from the Filling Station Trust

All local Filling Station meetings run their own financial affairs and are encouraged to open independent bank accounts for their voluntary work particularly as such small sums are involved (eg. The average local meeting turnover is approximately £900.00 per year)

In September 2021, the Company launched a new support ministry in the form of 'FillingStation@Home'. Broadcast twice per month in the evenings, the FS provides 'live' sung worship and teaching to people gathering in their own homes. Zoom technology has enabled this support of local small groups to take place. @Home has been positively received and actively encouraged by local Churches, particularly through periods of lock down

The services offered by the Company have been promoted through informal and formal channels. The Company has done no public paid advertising over the year. Generic publicity materials have been designed and produced for use by all Filling Station meetings to promote their local activities. The Company continues to support the web site thefillingstation.org.uk and arrange nationwide 'Prayer & Fasting' days and 'Equip and Empower' evenings for the spiritual well-being of Britain

Financial review

The total incoming resources for the period ended 31st October 2021 were **£189,477** (2020 £221,951). The income was from gifts £176,819 and **£12,658** from the Government furlough scheme

The major area of expense during the period ended 31st October 2021 related to salaries. The other headings of expenditure related to the promotion and encouragement of the monthly meetings, and the continued development of the Company's charitable activities

The operating surplus for the period ended 31st October 2021 is **£4,223** (2020: surplus £29,142)

Political and charitable donations

worth of charitable donations were made during the period under review £10,740 to three UK charities: 'Hands at Work' (An African AIDs orphans charity: handsatwork.org). 'Opens Door' who deal with the persecuted Church: (opendoorsuk.org). Plus, Christian counselling & poverty relief charity: 'Sanctuary247' (register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-details/?regId=1063898&subId=0)

Plans for future years

As mentioned above, the Company is continuing to develop new Filling Station meetings around the country and to a limited extent abroad. The Directors are pleased with the progress that is being made to develop the network of Filling Station meetings and support those currently in operation whether on line or .physically gathered

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company for the year and of its incoming resources and resources expended during the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are :required to

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The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 relevant Companies Act and Charities Act. They 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

Independent Examiner

.These financial statements have been examined by Richard Beath BSc FCCA his report was approved by the Directors on 20th .ecember 2021

R.P. Fothergill .

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By order of the Trustees

Mrs Jane Quicke (Chairman of Trustees)

Rev Richard P Fothergill (CEO)

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Filling Station Trust

I report on the accounts of the Company for the period ended 31st October 2020, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Trustees (who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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 needed. The Charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 but was below £500,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Certified Accountants in England and Wales

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

Basis of 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 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 examiner's statement

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

Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the (1) requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 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

To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper (2) understanding of the accounts to be reached



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The Filling Station					
Statement of Financial Activities					
For the year ended 31st October 2021					
Income and Expenditure					
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted	Oct-21	Oct-20
		£	£	Total £	Total £
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Gifts	2	176,819	0	176,819	174,459
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities					
Other Income (Furlough scheme)	3	12,658	0	12,658	47,491
Total Incoming Resources		189,477	0	189,477	221,950
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities					
Salaries	4	138,501	0	138,501	135,357
Direct operating expenses	4a	43,327	0	43,327	54,124
Other governance expenses		3,427	0	3,427	3,327
Total Resources Expended		185,254	0	185,254	192,808
Net Movement in Funds		4,223	0	4,223	29,142
Fund balances brought forward		12,737	0	12,737	8,992
Prior year adjustments		6,971		6,971	-25,398
Total Funds Carried Forward		23,931	0	23,931	12,737

The Filling Station					
Balance Sheet					
At 31st October 2021					
		Oct-21	Oct-21	Oct-20	Oct-20
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	5		0		0
Current Assets					
Debtors	6	0		0	
Refuel debtors		0		0	
Bank reserve and events account		10,813		18,768	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		13,081		930	
Refuel bank and cash		0		0	
Total current assets			23,894		19,698
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			36		(6,961)
Net Current Assets			23,931		12,737
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			23,931		12,737
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			0		0
Net Assets			23,931		12,737
Funds					
Restricted Funds			0		0
Unrestricted Funds - members equity			18,693		7,500
Unrestricted Funds - share capital			5,237		5,237
Total Funds			23,931		12,737

Directors' statements required by Section 475 for the period ended 31st October 2020

:In approving these financial statements as Directors of the Company, we hereby confirm

- (a) that for the year stated above, the Company was entitled to the exemption conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the Company pursuant to Section 476 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 30th June 2012; and
- (c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:
 - (1) ensuring that the Company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386, and
 - (2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the year and of its profit and loss for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part Act 2006 relating to small companies with the Financial Reporting Standard (effective April 2008). These financial approved by the board of directors on and signed on behalf of the board by

R. P. Fothergill .

15 of the Companies and in accordance for Smaller Entities statements were 13th January 2021

R P Fothergill, Director

Continuing Operations

The Company carried on all trading activities as in the previous period and no activities were discontinued in the year

Total Recognised Gains and Losses

There are no recognised gains or losses in the above financial year other than those passing through the Statement of Financial Activities

.The notes on pages 9 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements

The twelve months ended 31st October 2021

Accounting Policies 1

The principal accounting policies are set out below. These accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year

Accounting period dates

The charity has changed its **year end date to October 31st** each year as from 2019. The 2020 figures therefore cover a 12-month period

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. They follow the recommendations in the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued March 2005, revised in May 2008) and the Companies Act 2006

Incoming Resources

:Income is recognised by the Company as follows

Voluntary income such as donations, gifts and legacies is included in full at the point of receipt; income from fundraising activities is stated gross before any expenses

Resources Expended

Resources expended are recognised in the year in which they are incurred. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs directly incurred by the Company in the delivery of its charitable activities. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activity and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a specific activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis

Taxation

The activities of the Charity fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these financial statements

Fund Accounting

:Funds held by the Charity are either
Unrestricted funds – these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Directors, or

Restricted funds – these are funds which can only be used for the particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular purpose

Incoming Resources 2

During the year, the Charity received gifts subject to Gift Aid which have been used for the charitable purposes of the Charity

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
Period ended to 31st October 2021

Other Income 3

During the year, the Charity received income from the Government furlough scheme amounting to **£12,658**

Employees 4

There was one full-time employee of the Company during the year and six part-time staff.

2020	2021	
£41,580	£41,959	Gross Salary (Director: R Fothergill)
£74,827	£ 77,154	Other salaries
£18,950	£19,390	National insurance
£135,357	£138,501	Total

2020	2021	4a. Other Expenses
£8,110	£11,783	Staff expenses
£1,649	£4,170	Office expenses
£1,436	£617	Advertising & promotion
£0	£0	Cost of events
£2,000	£15,070	Grants and donations
£26,575	£0	Cost of Refuel event
£14,354	£11,687	Other expenditure
£54,124	£43,327	Total

Tangible Fixed Assets 5

Tangible fixed assets were made up of a laptop purchased in 2013/14, for £665, which has now been fully depreciated

2020	2021	Debtors 6
£0	Gift Aid due from HMRC	£0

Capital Commitments 7

.There were no capital commitments at 31st October 2020

Contingent Liabilities 8

.There were no contingent liabilities at the end of the period

Company Status 9

The members of the Company are the Directors named in the Directors' Report. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to .£1 per member of the charity

Related party disclosures 12

There were the following related party transactions between the Charity and Richard .Fothergill, a trustee of the Charity

2020	2021	
• Remuneration (Gross annual)	£49,235	£46,959
• Other expenses & travel	£910	£10,785
£57,744	£50,145	Total •

THE FILLING STATION TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1131753

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

THE FILLING STATION TRUST

(A company limited by guarantee)

FOR THE YEAR TO 31st OCTOBER 2020

Company Number 6946144 (England)

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Charity Name: The Filling Station Trust

Charity Number: 1131753

Company Number: 6946144

Registered Office and Operational Address:

Copper John, Troutbeck
Windermere, Cumbria, LA23 1PP

Directors (Trustees) from the date of their incorporation to the date of this report:

The Rev Richard Fothergill
Mr James Rank
Mrs Jane Quicke (Chairman of Trustees)
Mr Giles Lawson-Johnston
Mr John Pugh-Smith
The Rev Nick Crawley
Mrs Jules de Jongh
Dr Charles Warren

Company Secretary

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Directors' Report

For the twelve months ended 31st October 2020

The Directors have pleasure in presenting their ninth report of the Company for the twelve months ended 31st October 2020.

The Company is limited by Guarantee and is also a registered Charity. The Directors (who are also the Trustees) have adopted the provisions of the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRSSE SORP) Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in January 2015.

The objects of the Company are for the advancement of the Christian religion, for the public benefit, through ecumenical Christian ministry, and the promotion of teaching on all aspects of Christian life and faith in accordance with Biblical principles. In particular, but without limitation, by facilitating prayer meetings, sung corporate worship, study groups, and the production and/or distribution of literature to enlighten others about the Christian religion.

The Directors have considered the Charity Commissioners' guidance on public benefit. One new Director (Trustee) has joined the Filling Station Trust during the period under review - Mr Charles Warren.

Performance during the period under review

During the period ended 31st October 2020 the Company has continued to be active in encouraging the Christian religion, particularly in rural areas of Great Britain, even with the extraordinary times of a national pandemic.

The Filling Station promotes the Christian Religion through informal, mid-week monthly evening meetings in non-church owned properties, such as cafes, converted barns and village halls. Up until March 2020 there were 108 active Filling Station meetings. At that time, some 5,500+ people attended a Filling Station somewhere each month. 4 new meetings opened during the period in review (in: Arbroath, Ashburton, the Vale of York and Nontron in France). All meetings ceased public physical gatherings in March 2020 because of Government lock down rules. By October 2020, 41 Filling Station meetings had set up regular monthly on-line gatherings, many using platforms such as Zoom and Facebook Live. Many of the teams who host FS meetings also met privately for prayer and discussion over the year via Zoom. 22 meetings closed their doors permanently as a result of the Covid pandemic. Of those remaining, all want to re-open physically in due course as the national situation allows.

All Filling Station meetings were planned and actioned through the local lay Christian volunteers, who are encouraged & supported where possible, by the Trust's employees.

During the year, the Company continued to employ The Rev Richard Fothergill (full time) to service all the existing Filling Station meetings, to promote new ones across the country and to inform all interested parties about the Filling Station model of supporting the local Christian church. 6 part-time employees (two on 1 day per week, two on 2 days per week, two on 4 days per week) are on the team to support Richard in this work and help the existing FS meetings. From April 1st - September 1st, all paid part time staff except Ms Emily Wootton (Administration) were put on furlough through the Govern-

ment's secured employment scheme. Richard Fothergill, Emily Wootton and two unpaid volunteers (Mr Simon Badderley, Mr Trevor Jones), continued to work to support on-line Filling Station groups.

All part-time staff (paid & volunteers), and The Rev Fothergill, have work contracts. All staff members have been DBS checked and hold current Enhanced Disclosure Certificates.

The Filling Station Christian holiday teaching week held in Scotland, 'Refuel', was cancelled in July 2020 because of the pandemic. All Refuel accounting activities and management have now been formally separated from the Filling Station Trust accounts as a new legal entity, 'The Refuel Festival Trust (Scotland)' has been set up under Scottish charity law. This is an OSCR entity inaugurated on 21.10.2020. (See attached certificate below).

All local Filling Station meetings run their own financial affairs and are encouraged to open independent bank accounts for their voluntary work particularly as such small sums are involved (eg. The average local meeting turnover is approximately £800.00 per year).

The services offered by the Company have been promoted through informal and formal channels - such as the Church of England. The Company has done no public paid advertising over the year. Generic publicity materials have been designed and produced for use by all Filling Station meetings to promote their local activities. The Company continues to support the web site thefillingstation.org.uk and arrange nationwide 'Prayer & Fasting Days' for the spiritual well-being of Britain.

Financial review

It was decided by the trustees in 2019 to separate out the structure and finances of the Refuel event. This was done to allow Refuel to regularize its funding structure. Any donations and expenditure on behalf of Refuel has transferred across to Refuel and described in the accounts as "donations refunded to Refuel".

The total incoming resources for the period ended 31st October 2020 were **£221,951** (2019 **£249,962**). The major item of income was from gifts £174,459 and £15,223 from the Government furlough scheme.

The major area of expense during the period ended 31st October 2020 related to salaries. The other headings of expenditure related to the promotion and encouragement of the monthly meetings, and the continued development of the Company's charitable activities.

The operating surplus for the period ended 31st October 2020 was **£29,142** (2019: deficit £9,990)

Political and charitable donations

£2,000 worth of charitable donations were made during the period under review to a UK charity: 'Hands at Work' (An African AIDs orphans charity: handsatwork.org).

Plans for future years

As mentioned above, the Company is continuing to develop new Filling Station meetings around the country and to a limited extent abroad. The Directors are pleased with the progress that is being made to develop the network of Filling Station meetings and support those currently in operation whether on line or physically gathered.

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company for the year and of its incoming resources and resources expended during the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any materials departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue to function.
- a safeguarding policy has been adopted for the Trust's paid employees. Local Filling Station teams are responsible for safeguarding policy at their monthly meetings.
- Information collected about FS meetings is carefully managed in line with Government direction from the Data Protection Act 1998 (& update 2019).

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 relevant Companies Act and Charities Act. They 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.

Independent Examiner

These financial statements have been examined by Richard Beath BSc FCCA. This report was approved by the Directors on 13th January 2021.



By order of the Trustees

Mrs Jane Quicke (Chairman of Trustees)

Rev Richard P Fothergill (CEO)

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Filling Station Trust

I report on the accounts of the Company for the period ended 31st October 2020, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Trustees (who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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 needed. The Charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 but was below £500,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Certified Accountants in England and Wales.

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

Basis of 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 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 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 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 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.



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The Filling Station					
Statement of Financial Activities					
For the year ended 31st October 2020					
Income and Expenditure					
				Oct-20	Oct-19
	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds		Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Gifts	2	174,459	0	174,459	249,962
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities					
Other Income (incl interest received)	3	47,491	0	47,491	0
Total Incoming Resources		221,951	0	221,951	249,962
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities					
Salaries	4	135,357	0	135,357	165,746
Direct operating expenses	4a	54,125	0	54,125	70,236
Other governance expenses		3,327	0	3,327	3,990
Total Resources Expended		192,808	0	192,808	239,972
Net Movement in Funds		29,142	0	29,142	9,990
Fund balances brought forward		8,992	0	8,992	-998
Prior year adjustments		-25,398		-25,398	0
Total Funds Carried Forward		12,737	0	12,737	8,992

The Filling Station					
Balance Sheet					
At 31st October 2020					
		Oct-20	Oct-20	Oct-19	Oct-19
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	5		0		0
Current Assets					
Debtors	6	0		0	
Refuel debtors		0		25,398	
Bank reserve and events account		18,768		114	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		930		6,680	
Refuel bank and cash		0		0	
Total current assets			19,698		32,192
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			(6,961)		(23,200)
Net Current Assets			12,737		8,992
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			12,737		8,992
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			0		0
Net Assets			12,737		8,992
Funds					
Restricted Funds			0		0
Unrestricted Funds - members equity			7,500		3,755
Unrestricted Funds - share capital			5,237		5,237
Total Funds			12,737		8,992

Directors' statements required by Section 475 for the period ended 31st October 2020

In approving these financial statements as Directors of the Company, we hereby confirm:

- (a) that for the year stated above, the Company was entitled to the exemption conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the Company pursuant to Section 476 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 30th June 2012; and
- (c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:
 - (1) ensuring that the Company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386, and
 - (2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the year and of its profit and loss for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 13th January 2021 and signed on behalf of the board by

R P Fothergill, Director



Continuing Operations

The Company carried on all trading activities as in the previous period and no activities were discontinued in the year.

Total Recognised Gains and Losses

There are no recognised gains or losses in the above financial year other than those passing through the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The twelve months ended 31st October 2020

1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are set out below. These accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

Accounting period dates

The charity has changed its **year end date to October 31st** each year as from 2019. The 2020 figures therefore cover a 12-month period and the 2019 figures covered a **sixteen-month period** and are not therefore fully comparable with previous years

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. They follow the recommendations in the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued March 2005, revised in May 2008) and the Companies Act 2006.

Incoming Resources

Income is recognised by the Company as follows:

Voluntary income such as donations, gifts and legacies is included in full at the point of receipt; income from fundraising activities is stated gross before any expenses.

Resources Expended

Resources expended are recognised in the year in which they are incurred. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs directly incurred by the Company in the delivery of its charitable activities. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activity and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a specific activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Taxation

The activities of the Charity fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Funds held by the Charity are either:

Unrestricted funds – these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Directors, or

Restricted funds – these are funds which can only be used for the particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular purpose.

2 Incoming Resources

During the year, the Charity received gifts subject to Gift Aid which have been used for the charitable purposes of the Charity.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Period ended to 31st October 2020

3 Other Income

During the year, the Charity received income from the Government furlough scheme amounting to **£15,223**.

4 Employees

There was one full-time employee of the Company during the year and six part-time staff.

	2020	2019
Gross Salary (Director. R Fothergill)	£29,119	£22,747
Other salaries	£ 87,288	£108,641
National insurance	£18,950	£34,359
Total	£135,357	£165,746

4a. Other Expenses

	2020	2019
Staff expenses	£8,078	£10,415
Office expenses	£1,649	£1,845
Advertising & promotion	£1,436	£1,732
Cost of events	£0	£10,594
Grants and donations	£2,000	£0
Cost of Refuel event	£23,932	£0
Other expenditure	£14,354	£45,650
Total	£51,449	£70,236

5 Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets were made up of a laptop purchased in 2013/14, for £665, which has now been fully depreciated.

6 Debtors	2020	2019
Gift Aid due from HMRC	£0	£0

7 Capital Commitments

There were no capital commitments at 31st October 2020.

8 Contingent Liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the end of the period.

9 Company Status

The members of the Company are the Directors named in the Directors' Report. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

12 Related party disclosures

There were the following related party transactions between the Charity and Richard Fothergill, a trustee of the Charity.

	2020	16 month 2019
• Remuneration (Gross annual)	£46,959	£46,557
• Remuneration four months (July to October)		£17,919
• Other expenses & travel	£10,785	£16,532
• Total	£57,744	£81,008