

# Your People My People

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2023

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	PO Box 66 SWAFFHAM PE37 9AW
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Declaration of Trust dated 31 December 2010
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1140739
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	David Adeola Alison Cracknell (appointed September 2023) Karen Gower Amanda Harris Michael Norman Martha Rees (resigned September 2023) Helen Scothern (appointed September 2023)
BANKERS	HSBC UK Bank plc
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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**YOUR PEOPLE MY PEOPLE**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

**Objects of the charity**

Your People My People (also known as YPMP) was established on 31st December 2010 under Deed of Trust.

Your People My People is a Christian charity established with the main objectives of promoting the Gospel, and relieving financial hardship and suffering in Israel, UK, and elsewhere. We also aim to educate the Church and the public about the Jewish roots of the Christian faith including an awareness of the history and culture of Israel.

**Review of the charity's main activities and achievements**

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

This has been our thirteenth year of operation. Throughout the term we were able to raise funds and give grants to organisations in Israel who are sharing the Christian message in their local context, working across cultural differences to bring unity and understanding in the Christian community and beyond, and also to those who are working to relieve poverty and hardship. We have also taught and shared on the Jewish roots of the Christian faith through publications, blogs, emails, social media, expos and speaking engagements.

We regularly connect with the leaders of the Israel-based Christian and Messianic organisations that receive grants, through WhatsApp, emails, and newsletters, in order to foster relationships between YPMP and the organisations we support and to receive reports and updates on their respective projects.

We modernised our website this year to better facilitate sharing about our work with supporters which complements our email and printed updates and social media.

Grants to organisations are at the discretion of the trustees. A large percentage of grants come from restricted funds. Grants to organisations are made to groups promoting the Christian message, working to relieve poverty, hardship, sickness and distress.

The trustees take safeguarding seriously and some have undergone specific training in this area. All grant recipients have confirmed agreement and adherence to Your People My People's Safeguarding Policy.

Due to the current war between Hamas and Israel, and the FCDO advisory against all travel to parts of Israel, the trustees have deemed it inadvisable to physically visit the projects at this time but are constantly monitoring the situation with a view to reassess once things change.

Promoting the Gospel

This year we have supported organisations in Israel who are working with and mentoring Arab and Jewish followers of Jesus, promoting the Christian faith in their local, cultural context, and who are sharing the love of God through practical aid and help.

Relief of poverty and suffering

We have given to needy causes in Israel via organisations we know and trust. These are giving practical assistance and emotional support to Holocaust survivors, poor families, new immigrants, the elderly, widows and single parent families.

### Education

We continue to regularly publish articles and information relevant to the work of YPMP via our website, including educational articles about Israel and the Jewish roots of the Christian faith, special projects and information on the organisations we support. We also continue to maintain pages on several social networking sites.

YPMP produces a bi-monthly teaching newsletter that we send out to individuals and church groups, communicating on a range of issues relevant to learning about Israel and the Jewish roots of the Christian faith, and updates from the organisations we support. In addition to this, an electronic news update is emailed monthly.

Your People My People continues to build relationships and develop projects that further the objectives of the Trust.

We are grateful to God for the consistent giving from donors which has enabled us to make a difference on the ground, especially during this very difficult year of financial hardship globally. Our funds have been affected this year with a lower income than expected in our budget. However, due to a surplus from previous years, we have been able to continue with all our commitments to the projects we are supporting. The trustees will continue to monitor the situation and we look forward to more opportunities to support projects both in Israel and in the UK as funding allows.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

### **Financial review**

During the year income increased by £10,000, to £109,600, and expenditure decreased by £600, to £108,600. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £1,000, to £58,600, of which £21,200 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

### **Reserves policy**

Due to the low cost base of the charity and the level of funding that comes from administering the project grants, a policy has been set of retaining general free reserves of £8,000. At the end of the year end, the figure was £21,200.

The trustees have also agreed to hold a balance in restricted funds of at least £10,000 specifically for Dugit. At the year end, the balance for this fund was £36,600 (see Note 5 to the accounts).

## **Governance**

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected under the terms of the Trust Deed. Potential trustees are provided with all the relevant guides from the charity commission before appointment. The trustees during 2023 were:

Karen Gower (Chair)

Amanda Harris (Secretary)

Michael Norman

David Adeola

Martha Rees

Alison Cracknell

Helen Scothern

During the year Martha Rees resigned and Alison Cracknell and Helen Scothern were accepted as new trustees.

## **Responsibilities of trustees**

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

## **Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Karen Gower

Karen Gower (May 5, 2024 17:09 GMT+1)

Karen Gower  
(Chair)

Date: May 5, 2024

Amanda Harris

Amanda Harris (May 25, 2024 19:09 GMT+1)

Amanda Harris  
(Secretary)

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**YOUR PEOPLE MY PEOPLE**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Your People My People ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 on pages 6 to 9 following.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jaimée Young  
Jaimée Young (May 28, 2024 09:41 GMT+1)

Jaimée Young

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Date: May 28, 2024

**YOUR PEOPLE MY PEOPLE**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<b><i>Income receipts</i></b>						
Donations and grants		23,982	-	80,942	104,924	93,803
Gift aid receipts		2,172	-	2,471	4,642	5,769
Other		37	-	-	37	26
<b><i>Total receipts</i></b>		<u>26,191</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,413</u>	<u>109,603</u>	<u>99,599</u>
<b><i>Payments</i></b>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	55,454	-	1,759	57,212	53,793
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	-	-	51,400	51,400	55,451
<b><i>Total payments</i></b>		<u>55,454</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,159</u>	<u>108,612</u>	<u>109,243</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(29,263)	-	30,254	991	(9,645)
Transfers between funds	5	16,373	-	(16,373)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(12,890)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,881</u>	<u>991</u>	<u>(9,645)</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		34,070	-	23,508	57,578	67,223
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<u>21,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,389</u>	<u>58,569</u>	<u>57,578</u>

The notes on pages 8-9 form part of these accounts.

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Cash at bank with immediate access	20,980	-	37,389	58,369	57,378
Cash in hand	200	-	-	200	200
	<u><b>21,180</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>37,389</b></u>	<u><b>58,569</b></u>	<u><b>57,578</b></u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
Gift aid due to charity	744	-	586	1,330	1,047
Other debtors	-	-	-	-	424
	<u><b>744</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>586</b></u>	<u><b>1,330</b></u>	<u><b>1,472</b></u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>					
Fee for Independent Examination	1,230	-	-	1,230	1,200
Promised future grant funding	20,400	-	-	20,400	-
	<u><b>21,630</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>21,630</b></u>	<u><b>1,200</b></u>
<b>D Assets retained for charity's own use</b>					
			Fund to which asset belongs	Value 2023	Value 2022
				£	£
Computers and IT			General	6,319	5,567
Other small equipment			General	2,529	2,228
				<u><b>8,848</b></u>	<u><b>7,795</b></u>

The trustees have used insurance values for contents and equipment as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by Karen Gower date May 5, 2024  
Karen Gower (May 5, 2024 17:09 GMT+1)  
 Karen Gower

The notes on pages 8-9 form part of these accounts.



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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**1 Accounting policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		General funds	Designated funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>						
Employment costs	Note 4	44,820	-	-	44,820	43,246
Stationery & Teaching newsletters		6,145	-	1,277	7,421	5,260
Events		300	-	-	300	-
Transportation (trustee meetings)		414	-	-	414	458
Other travel expenses		-	-	-	-	1,537
Insurance		723	-	-	723	709
Accounts and independent examination		1,182	-	-	1,182	1,182
Other legal and professional fees		1,036	-	-	1,036	824
Bank charges		114	-	482	596	577
Other costs		720	-	-	720	-
		<u>55,454</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,759</u>	<u>57,212</u>	<u>53,793</u>

**3 Grants and gifts paid to others**

Organisations:

Dugit Messianic Outreach Centre, Tel Aviv	-	-	27,500	27,500	33,000
Amutat Agape, Tel Aviv	-	-	5,150	5,150	4,404
House of Prayer and Exploits, Nazareth	-	-	4,350	4,350	4,747
Helping Hand Coalition, Caesarea	-	-	6,000	6,000	5,500
Dor Haba, Jerusalem	-	-	3,600	3,600	3,300
Lech L'cha, Petach Tikva	-	-	3,600	3,600	3,300
Wycliffe UK	-	-	1,200	1,200	1,200
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,400</u>	<u>51,400</u>	<u>55,451</u>

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**4 Transactions with related parties**

No payments were made to trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.

Amanda Harris and Karen Gower, both trustees, were each paid £20,750 [2022: £20,000] as employees of the trust; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

**5 Movement of funds**

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	34,070	26,191	(55,454)	16,373	21,180
	<u>34,070</u>	<u>26,191</u>	<u>(55,454)</u>	<u>16,373</u>	<u>21,180</u>
Restricted funds					
Dugit fund	22,788	75,635	(28,947)	(32,884)	36,592
Agape fund	-	5,224	(5,190)	-	34
Helping Hand Coalition fund	-	123	(6,068)	5,946	-
House of Prayer and Exploits fund	-	1,469	(4,418)	2,949	-
Dor Haba fund	-	943	(3,668)	2,768	43
Lech L'cha fund	-	-	(3,668)	3,668	-
Wycliffe fund	-	20	(1,200)	1,180	-
Hands On fund	720	-	-	-	720
	<u>23,508</u>	<u>83,413</u>	<u>(53,159)</u>	<u>(16,373)</u>	<u>37,389</u>
Total funds	<u>57,578</u>	<u>109,603</u>	<u>(108,612)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,569</u>

The Dugit Fund supports the charity in Tel Aviv, focused on promoting the Messianic faith and providing food distribution to help those in poverty and low-income situations.

The total amount of £32,884 transferred from the Dugit fund is in respect of agreed charges made by the charity to Dugit for administering aspects of their support services.

The Agape Fund supports a local congregation in Tel Aviv, promoting the Messianic faith and good relations between Israelis and Christians.

The Helping Hand Coalition Fund was established to support the humanitarian assistance being given to Holocaust Survivors in Israel from their base in Caesarea.

The House of Prayer and Exploits Fund assists the charity in Nazareth with its work in fostering good relationships between Arab and Jewish faith communities, particularly through conferences and gatherings, alongside promotion of the Christian faith.

The Dor Haba Fund is a project run by the charity Nations Standing with Israel, based in Jerusalem, facilitating reconciliation and good relationship between Jewish and Arab young people through camps and workshops around the country.

The Lech L'cha Fund relates to the charity in Ramat Gan, advancing the Messianic faith through residential educational programs on site.

The Wycliffe Fund was set up to support an Israeli volunteer through their UK-based charity which facilitates the translation of the Bible into other languages.

The Hands On Fund was created to facilitate practical 'hands-on' teams visiting the ministries we support in Israel, to assist and learn first-hand about the projects and organisations who run them.