

Charity No: 1148088

Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022
for
Blackpool Reform Jewish Congregation

Company Number 08091243

BLACKPOOL REFORM JEWISH CONGREGATION

EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL INFORMATION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

HON. LIFE PRESIDENT:

Mr. L. Firth

PRESIDENT:

Miss. R. Tax

VICE PRESIDENT:

Miss. S. Tax

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:

Miss. S. Tax

TREASURER:

Mr. A. Cantor

CUSTODIAL TRUSTEES:

Mr. A. Cantor
Mrs. E. Tax
Mr. M. Block

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mrs. G. Cantor	Mrs. A. Mannino
Mr. D. Whippman	Mr. M. Tax
Mrs. A. Peake	Mr. J Hardman

ADDRESS:

The Synagogue
40 Raikes Parade
Blackpool
FY1 4EX

BANKERS:

H.S.B.C.
Oxford Square
1 Newhouse Road
Blackpool

AUDITORS:

David Williamson Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Unit 12B Darwin Court
Hawking Place
Blackpool
FY2 0JN

HON. SOLICITOR:

Martin D Block
Homestead
21 Blackburn Road
Rishton
Lancashire
BB1 4EU

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF

BLACKPOOL REFORM JEWISH CONGREGATION

We have audited the attached Financial Statements in accordance with Auditing Standards.

In our opinion the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Congregation's affairs at 31st December 2022.

David Williamson Ltd

Unit 12B Darwin Court
Hawking Place
BLACKPOOL FY2 0JN

David Williamson Limited
CHARTERED CERTIFIED
ACCOUNTANTS

Trustees' Report for the year ending 31 December 2022

This is the report on the activities of the Blackpool Reform Jewish Congregation (BRJC) in 2022 by the Trustees of this Congregation, who are the members of its Council, which includes its Executive Officers and Custodial Trustees. The Trustees have complied with the duty under the Charities Act to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission, which is illustrated in this report.

All members of Council, including the Executive, who were elected at the 2021 Annual General Meeting were re-elected at the 2022 Annual General Meeting. In addition, at the 2022 AGM, James Hardman was elected a Trustee and Council member.

During 2022, we were very pleased to welcome three new members of BRJC, namely Beatrice Carre, John Jackson and Eliana Slatter. Sadly, during the year, BRJC undertook a burial, be it of a non-member.

In 2022, BRJC was able to resume many services in our Synagogue and we took the opportunity to use the knowledge learned under Covid to make those services available on Zoom to both members of the Congregation and others.

Rabbi Zalud, having been associated with our Synagogue for several decades, retired in 2021 and a new rabbi, Rabbi Barrett started to take services in 2022. On her visits, Rabbi Barrett has taken the opportunity to offer a variety of teaching to the Congregation, as well as some new music.

The Congregation continues to be most appreciative of the lay readers from its membership, who continue to take by far the major number of services, including special Festival services and funerals. In addition to in-person services in the Synagogue, regular services have been held using Zoom. These are also open to non-members both Jewish and non-Jewish, who may wish to attend. Attendance is encouraged.

From time to time the Congregation organises events, which are open to members and non-members.

Since the substantial reduction in Covid restrictions, the Congregation's hosting of parties of school children from local schools and scout groups to learn about the Jewish religion and its traditions have resumed, as have visits to schools by members of the Congregation to talk about various aspects of Judaism.

The Congregation continues to contribute to cross communal activities. It is a member of the Blackpool Faith Forum and, when Covid has permitted, hosts some of its meetings in our Synagogue. This Forum, which has representatives from all the major faiths, shares views on matters such as youth and adult education and security and emergency assistance. The Congregation is also a contributor to both local (Blackpool) and National Heritage.

Members of the Congregation give pastoral support to other members, which has been especially important since the onset of Covid.

The Congregation encourages members to be charitable towards it and other charitable causes and has an annual appeal for selected local, national and international causes. Congregation beneficiaries in 2022 included a voluntary ambulance charity and a charity for epilepsy.

The Congregation aims to keep its membership contributions as low as possible. Such contributions are generally payable in advance; where this presents difficulties for a member, it will allow payment monthly without penalty and, where that too presents problems, it will allow a significantly reduced contribution.

The Congregation's policy on financial reserves is to aim to put aside sufficient funds to cover (a) Burial Assistance Scheme liabilities, (b) The proportion for the balance of the subscription year of fees payable in advance, (c) Liabilities in general, (d) The coming 12 month's likely expenditure and (e) Any funds which can only be used for specific purposes.

Trustees' Report for the year ending 31 December 2022 continued

Members of the Congregation come primarily from the local area of Blackpool and the Fylde and to an extent from other parts of Lancashire but there is no geographical restriction on membership and members can reside elsewhere in the United Kingdom.

January 2023

BLACKPOOL REFORM JEWISH CONGREGATION

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Congregation has adopted the following Accounting Policies which should be read in conjunction with the attached Accounts and which have been prepared under the Historical Cost Convention.

INCOME

Income represents the monies receivable in the year from Subscriptions, Donations, Rental Income, Fees, Interest and Fund Raising activities of the Congregation.

FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Fixed Assets are stated at Cost or Valuation, less Depreciation.

Depreciation is calculated to write off Fixed Assets over their estimated useful lives at the following annual rates:

Freehold Land and Buildings	Nil
Chairs	5% of written down value
Holy Scrolls and Silverware	Nil
Fixture and Fittings	10% of written down value

BLACKPOOL REFORM JEWISH CONGREGATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st December 2022

INCOME

<u>2021</u>		<u>2022</u>
<u>£</u>		<u>£</u>
6546	Subscriptions	7697
1095	General Donations	117
64	Board of Deputies of British Jews	73
1076	Yom Kippur Appeal	770
1050	Memorial Donations	495
4	Interest Received	297
161	MRJ	124
72	Leo Baeck College	73
46	Sale of Prayer Books, Judaica etc.	119
186	Migdal Advertising	672
1184	Income Tax Reclaimable	1279
6240	Maisonette Rent	6013
557	Maisonette Electric & Water	422
194	Social Events - 60th Jubilee	-
-	Conversion Classes	76
450	Break-in Compensation	-
593	Water overpayment	-
	Passover 2022	225
<hr/>		<hr/>
19518		18452
<hr/>		<hr/>

BLACKPOOL REFORM JEWISH CONGREGATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st December 2022

EXPENDITURE

<u>2021</u>	<u>NOTE</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>£</u>		<u>£</u>
2000	Fees and Expenses of Teachers and visiting Ministers	1549
1106	Charitable Donations including Kol Nidre Donations	888
260	Purchase of Prayer Books, Judaica etc.	36
64	Board of Deputies of British Jews	73
300	MRJ	300
72	Leo Baeck College	73
565	Water	1637
1435	Light & Heating	1674
1908	Insurance	1945
106	Telephone	109
2058	Caretaking & Cleaning Costs	1572
684	Accountancy Charges	687
724	Printing, Postage and Office Supplies	1388
333	Sundry including Migdal Expenses	156
5481	Repairs & Renewals	674
106	Depreciation	100
599	Maisonette Expenses	616
420	Valuation Report	-
-	Bank Charges	72
<hr/>		<hr/>
18221		13549
<hr/>		<hr/>

SUMMARY

19518	Total Income	18452
18221	Total Expenditure	13549
<hr/>		<hr/>
1297	SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	4903
<hr/>		<hr/>

BLACKPOOL REFORM JEWISH CONGREGATION

SUBSIDIARY ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st DECEMBER 2022

BURIAL ACCOUNT

<u>2021</u>		<u>2022</u>
<u>£</u>		<u>£</u>
11764	Subscriptions, Initial Fees & Contributions	8961
5430	LESS: Burial Expenses	3710
<hr/> 6334	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<hr/> 5251

BLACKPOOL REFORM JEWISH CONGREGATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

<u>2021</u>		<u>2022</u>
<u>£</u>		<u>£</u>
70941	<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	70941
	Synagogue, Raikes Parade, Blackpool	
<u>70941</u>	Additions for the Year	<u>70941</u>
5685	Furniture and Fittings at Cost	5685
<u>5685</u>	LESS: Depreciation to date	<u>5685</u>
-		-
3709	Chairs	3709
<u>1703</u>	LESS: Depreciation to date	<u>1803</u>
2006		1906
10000	Three Holy Scrolls (two donated)	10000
	as valued by the Trustees	
300	Two megillot and silverware (donated)	300
	as valued by the Trustees	
<u>83247</u>		<u>83147</u>

BLACKPOOL REFORM JEWISH CONGREGATION

CURRENT ASSETS

<u>2021</u>		<u>NOTE</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>£</u>			<u>£</u>
85	Cash in Hand		76
30425	COIF		42722
20930	H.S.B.C		14765
200	Stock		200
1612	Debtors	2	6683
468	Prepayments	3	234
<hr/>			<hr/>
136967			147827
1067	LESS: Sundry Creditors	4	1773
<hr/>			<hr/>
135900			146054

Represented by:

<u>2021</u>			<u>2022</u>
<u>£</u>			<u>£</u>
	<u>General Reserve Account</u>		
101269	Balance Brought Forward	108900	
1297	Surplus/Deficit for the year	4903	
	- Revaluation of Holy Scrolls	-	
6334	Transfer from Burial Account	751	
<hr/>		<hr/>	
108900			114554
	<u>Burial Account</u>		
27000	Balance Brought Forward	27000	
6334	ADD: Surplus for the year	5251	
<hr/>		<hr/>	
33334		32251	
6334	LESS: Transfer to General Reserve	751	
<hr/>		<hr/>	
27000			31500
<hr/>			<hr/>
135900			146054

PRESIDENT _____

TREASURER _____

NOTES

£

1 Repairs & Renewals consist of:

Alarm maintenance	138
Service extinguishers	238
Misc repairs	298
	<hr/>
	674

2 Debtors

Gift Aid Tax Reclaimable	1817
Subscriptions	1854
Funeral Expenses	3012
	<hr/>
	6683

3 Prepayments

Rakefet 1 year	234
----------------	-----

4 Sundry Creditors

These were as follows:

Subscriptions in advance	170
Accountancy	687
Leo Baeck College	73
Board of Deputies	73
Kol Nidre Donations	770
	<hr/>
	1773