

**Charity No: 1148088**

**Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**  
**for**  
**Blackpool Reform Jewish Congregation**

**Company Number 08091243**

**BLACKPOOL REFORM JEWISH CONGREGATION**

**EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL INFORMATION**

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**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
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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

*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 2023**

This is the report on the activities of the Blackpool Reform Jewish Congregation (BRJC) in 2023 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 Acts 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 2022 Annual General Meeting were re-elected at the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

During 2023, we were very pleased to welcome two new members of BRJC, namely Leanne Rudnick and Stuart Wade. Sadly, during the year, BRJC undertook one burial, that of a long-time member, Rosalind (Ros) Stillings.

After resuming many services in its Synagogue in 2022 and taking the opportunity to use the knowledge learned under Covid to make those services available on Zoom to both members of the Congregation and others, BRJC continued to develop this in 2023.

Rabbi Barrett continued to take services in 2023, including a Passover Seder. She has carried out a variety of teaching to the Congregation

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 in person or on Zoom depending on availability is encouraged.

BRJC has arranged joint services with other congregations and encouraged its congregants to participate in these events.

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.

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 2023 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 2024

## **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 2023**

**INCOME**

<b><u>2022</u></b>		<b><u>2023</u></b>
<b><u>£</u></b>		<b><u>£</u></b>
7697	Subscriptions	6927
117	General Donations	663
73	Board of Deputies of British Jews	84
770	Yom Kippur Appeal	1100
495	Memorial Donations	1505
297	Interest Received	1852
124	MRJ	226
73	Leo Baeck College	99
119	Sale of Prayer Books, Judaica etc.	38
672	Migdal Advertising	251
1279	Income Tax Reclaimable	1561
6013	Maisonette Rent	5408
422	Maisonette Electric & Water	874
76	Classes and Conferences	410
225	Passover 2022	-
-	Passover 2023	370
-	Celeb Tea	240
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18452		21608
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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**EXPENDITURE**

<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>NOTE</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
1549	Fees and Expenses of Teachers and visiting Ministers	3334
888	Charitable Donations including Kol Nidre Donations	650
36	Purchase of Prayer Books, Judaica etc.	40
73	Board of Deputies of British Jews	84
300	MRJ	300
73	Leo Baeck College	99
1637	Water	1426
1674	Light & Heating	7425
1945	Insurance	2052
109	Telephone	110
1572	Caretaking & Cleaning Costs	478
687	Accountancy Charges	690
1388	Printing, Postage and Office Supplies	1143
156	Sundry including Migdal Expenses	108
674	Repairs & Renewals	7558
100	Depreciation	95
616	Maisonette Expenses	1043
72	Bank Charges	71
-	Classes and Conferences	1146
-	Passover 2023	153
-	Celeb Tea	184
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13549		28189
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**SUMMARY**

18452	Total Income	21608
13549	Total Expenditure	28189
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4903	DEFICIT OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	-6581
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**SUBSIDIARY ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

**BURIAL ACCOUNT**

<b><u>2022</u></b>		<b><u>2023</u></b>
<b><u>£</u></b>		<b><u>£</u></b>
8961	Subscriptions, Initial Fees & Contributions	14450
3710	LESS: Burial Expenses	8325
<hr/> 5251	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<hr/> 6125

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

<b><u>2022</u></b>		<b><u>2023</u></b>
<b><u>£</u></b>		<b><u>£</u></b>
70941	<b><u>FIXED ASSETS</u></b> Synagogue, Raikes Parade, Blackpool	70941
<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>1803</u>	LESS: Depreciation to date	<u>1898</u>
1906		1811
10000	Three Holy Scrolls (two donated) as valued by the Trustees	10000
300	Two megillot and silverware (donated) as valued by the Trustees	300
<u>83147</u>		<u>83052</u>

# BLACKPOOL REFORM JEWISH CONGREGATION

## CURRENT ASSETS

<u>2022</u>		<u>NOTE</u>	<u>2023</u>
£			£
76	Cash in Hand		68
42722	COIF		44574
14765	H.S.B.C		16935
200	Stock		200
6683	Debtors	2	2202
234	Prepayments	3	318
<u>147827</u>			<u>147349</u>
1773	LESS: Sundry Creditors	4	1751
<u>146054</u>			<u>145598</u>

## Represented by:

<u>2022</u>			<u>2023</u>
£			£
	<b><u>General Reserve Account</u></b>		
108900	Balance Brought Forward	114554	
4903	Surplus/Deficit for the year	-6581	
	- Revaluation of Holy Scrolls	-	
751	Transfer from Burial Account	6125	
<u>114554</u>			<u>114098</u>
	<b><u>Burial Account</u></b>		
27000	Balance Brought Forward	31500	
5251	ADD: Surplus for the year	6125	
32251		37625	
751	LESS: Transfer to General Reserve	6125	
<u>31500</u>			<u>31500</u>
<u>146054</u>			<u>145598</u>

PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_

## **NOTES**

**£**

### **1 Repairs & Renewals consist of:**

Alarm maintenance	150
Service extinguishers	149
Kitchen	6750
Misc repairs	509
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	7558

### **2 Debtors**

Gift Aid Tax Reclaimable	802
Subscriptions	1400
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	2202

### **3 Prepayments**

Rakefet 1 year	318
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### **4 Sundry Creditors**

These were as follows:

Subscriptions in advance	328
Accountancy	690
Leo Baeck College	99
Board of Deputies	84
Kol Nidre Donations	550
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	1751