

RE:SOURCE BLACKBURN
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

ACCOUNTS AND TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st March 2023

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Reference and administrative information
for the year ended 31st March 2023

Trustees:	Dr A Murdoch Mrs J Murdoch Mrs J Mitchell Mr J McGregor Ms N Mughal Mr D S Bamber (appointed on 28th September 2022).
Director of Operations	Mrs C Butler
Charity number:	1151318
Operational address:	The Exchange 71-73 King William Street Blackburn BB1 7DT
Registered office:	The Exchange 71-73 King William Street Blackburn BB1 7DT
Bankers:	The Cooperative Bank plc PO Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP
Independent Examiner:	J A Fell & Company Chartered Accountants 40 Hoghton Street Southport PR9 0PQ
Solicitors:	Mouteney Solicitors Limited 22 The Bramhall Centre Bramhall Stockport Cheshire SK7 1AW

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) and governed by its constitution 21st March 2013. This constitution established the objects and powers of the charity, without voting members other than its trustees. In the event of the charity being wound up, the trustees are not required to contribute to its assets and have no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Under the constitution, apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of four years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. Business, leadership, teaching, medical, dental, entrepreneurial and church leadership skills are well represented in the current trustees.

Trustee induction and training

The charity trustees make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment a copy of the constitution and any amendments made to it and a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts. This is added to by intensive face-to-face meetings.

Organisational structure

There are six trustees from varying professional backgrounds who meet at least quarterly. They are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. They take on varying responsibilities for the charity depending on their professional background and skills.

Objectives and activities

The primary objectives of the charity are:

- A. to further or benefit the residents of Blackburn with Darwen and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. In the particular furtherance of the object outlined in this clause the trustees shall have power (but not the obligation) to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the object outlined in this clause;
- B. to relieve sickness and preserve health among people residing permanently or temporarily in Blackburn with Darwen;
- C. to advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public in accordance with the doctrine outlined in the apostle's creed.

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Trustee's annual report for the year ended 31st March 2023 (continued)

Achievements and Performance

The charity purchased the former Cotton Exchange on 4th September 2015, rescued it from continued dereliction by repairs to roofs and windows and temporarily refurbished the lower ground floor to make it usable. This was achieved by 1st May 2016. The upper floor has been usable to host 600 people by April 2017.

Re:Ignite Church continues to be based at The Exchange, Blackburn, meeting there on Sunday mornings and their lease of the lower floor of the Exchange restarted in June 2021.

In September 2022, we recruited a new Trustee, Mr. David Salisbury Bamber, who works in Facilities Management and has many relevant skills that he brings to the project. We are delighted that David agreed to join the team.

We produced business and financial plans in November 2021, employed our Director of Operations and began the process of tendering for our Architect partners. Following the tender process, we believe we have appointed an excellent team at Buttress Architects. They have been commissioned to develop building plans for RIBA 3 with listed building consent. We have worked throughout this year to draft the final plans. We benefitted from extra funding from BWDBC levelling up fund to have full building surveys completed to enhance RIBA 3 submission to show plans visually in 3D formatting.

The Relish project came to a natural end as funding expired, and the Relish Coordinator was redeployed to the new role of MeeMaws Café Coordinator to oversee the development of the kitchen fit out and develop partners to start in the Café from May 2023. We chose to work again with our Funding Partners, Chell Perkins to fundraise for the MeeMaws Café Community Project.

We submitted a bid to NLHF in December 2022 in respect of two new staff roles, capital work including access and services and event testing and uses. We also wanted to fund specific heritage assets such as a new film and book about the actual and social histories of The Exchange. The grant was also to engage 30 more volunteers. We are pleased to say we were successful in that bid and started work on the projects in March 2023.

We hosted a number of community events over the year, Message Trust Youth event, Festival of Making, One Voice filmed event, Harmony Food Festival and we have hosted Re:ignite Church each Sunday morning, each Wednesday and every second Tuesday.

How our activities deliver public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when setting the objectives and assessing their activities. The public benefit for the transformation of the Cotton Exchange will be very significant indeed. This could revolutionise attitudes both to Blackburn and in Blackburn and will be useable by all sections of society without any exclusions.

Financial review

The results for the year and the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023 are set out in the financial statements following. During the year the charity received income of £ 128,611 (2022 £94,016) and had outgoings of £134,289 (2022 £97,602), leaving a net deficit of £5,678 (2022 - Deficit £3,586).

Reserves policy

The trustees have assessed the charity's reserves requirements and have agreed that free reserves equal to 3 months' operational expenditure should be maintained which amounts to around £15,000.

Payment to Trustees

Our constitution states at paragraph 6:

(1) " Benefits and payments to charity trustees and connected persons", that no charity trustee or connected person may sell services, unless the payment is permitted by sub clause 2 of this clause, which states that:

(a) A charity trustee may receive a benefit from the CIO as a beneficiary of the CIO provided that a majority of charity trustees do not benefit in this way.

(b) A charity trustee or connected person may enter into a contract for the supply of services to the CIO where that is permitted in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in, section 73A to 73C of the Charities Act 1993.

No trustees received any benefit from Re:Source Blackburn CIO.

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Trustee's annual report
for the year ended 31st March 2023 (continued)

Statement of trustees responsibilities

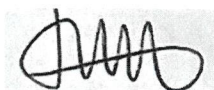
Law applicable to charities in England and Wales require the trustees to prepare the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c. state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- d. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 25th January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



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John James McGregor - Chair

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Re:Source Blackburn

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Re:Source Blackburn for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011(the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's Statement

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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, 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 financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; have not been met or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Oliver J Grills FCA
for and on behalf of J A Fell and Company,
Chartered Accountants

Date: 25/1/2024

40 Houghton Street,
Southport,
PR9 0PQ

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations and grants	2	14,578	103,030	117,608	77,665
Other trading activities	3	11,003	-	11,003	16,351
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		25,581	103,030	128,611	94,016
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities	5	36,110	98,179	134,289	97,602
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		36,110	98,179	134,289	97,602
NET INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS		(10,529)	4,851	(5,678)	(3,586)
Total funds brought forward	13	791,364	10,658	802,022	805,608
Total funds carried forward	13	780,835	15,509	796,344	802,022

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

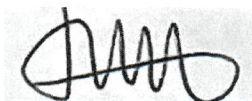
The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS:			
Tangible assets	6	<u>792,145</u>	<u>788,507</u>
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Debtors	7	4,452	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>7,660</u>	<u>17,039</u>
		12,112	17,039
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Creditors due in less than one year	8	(7,913)	(3,524)
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>796,344</u>	<u>802,022</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:			
Unrestricted funds	11	780,835	791,364
Restricted funds	12	15,509	10,658
		<u>796,344</u>	<u>802,022</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 25th January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



John James McGregor - Chair

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st March 2023**

1 Accounting policies**Charity information**

Re:Source Blackburn is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

1.2 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds would comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund will be set out in the notes to the financial statements where applicable.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund will be set out in the notes to the financial statements where applicable.

1.3 Income and Gift Aid

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify a performance condition it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable.

1.4 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises and other overheads have been allocated according to the level of activity undertaken throughout the year.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2023 (Continued)

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.5 Taxation

The charity has operated in accordance with its charitable objects and is therefore exempt from taxation.

1.6 Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue, therefore the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Individual assets acquired at a cost of more than £500 which are intended for use on a continuing basis in the charity's activities have been capitalised. Depreciation is provided using the following rates to reduce, by annual instalments, the cost, less estimated residual value, of the tangible assets over their estimated useful lives:

Land and buildings	0% per annum on cost
Fixtures and equipment	20% per annum on the net book value

1.8 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.9 Related parties

There were no related party transactions during the year

2 Income from donations and grants

Current year

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations	14,578	-	14,578	36,400
Grants received	-	103,030	103,030	41,265
	<u>14,578</u>	<u>103,030</u>	<u>117,608</u>	<u>77,665</u>

Prior year

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations	34,900	1,500	36,400
Grants received	-	41,265	41,265
	<u>34,900</u>	<u>42,765</u>	<u>77,665</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st March 2023 (Continued)**
**3 Other trading activities
Current year**

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Rents received	11,003	-	11,003	16,351
	<u>11,003</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,003</u>	<u>16,351</u>

Prior year

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	
Rents received	15,211	1,140	16,351	
	<u>15,211</u>	<u>1,140</u>	<u>16,351</u>	

**5 Cost of charitable activities
Current year**

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Wages and salaries	320	37,777	38,097	31,410
Rent and insurance	17,799	-	17,799	13,797
Repairs and equipment	4,522	7,721	12,243	20,049
Consumables	212	-	212	-
Administration and subscriptions	1,158	-	1,158	2,261
Light and heat	3,804	1,952	5,756	4,305
Rates and water	1,733	130	1,863	1,917
Website costs and marketing	-	900	900	4,048
Bank charges	10	-	10	-
Telephone and internet	690	-	690	703
Consultancy and legal fees	-	49,699	49,699	13,820
Travel	253	-	253	118
Event costs	905	-	905	1,081
Training costs	118	-	118	405
Sundry costs	1,159	-	1,159	1,191
Accountancy & independent examination	950	-	950	930
Depreciation	2,477	-	2,477	1,561
	<u>36,110</u>	<u>98,179</u>	<u>134,289</u>	<u>97,601</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st March 2023 (Continued)**

Cost of charitable activities			
Prior year	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds
	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	12,778	18,632	31,410
Rent and insurance	12,657	1,140	13,797
Repairs and equipment	15,227	4,822	20,049
Consumables	-	-	-
Administration and subscriptions	1,922	339	2,261
Light and heat	3,995	310	4,305
Rates and water	1,917	-	1,917
Website costs and marketing	1,200	2,848	4,048
Bank charges	-	-	-
Telephone and internet	703	-	703
Consultancy and legal fees	-	13,820	13,820
Travel	118	-	118
Event costs	81	1,000	1,081
Training costs	405	-	405
Sundry costs	1,191	-	1,191
Accountancy & independent examination	930	-	930
Depreciation	1,567	-	1,567
	<u>54,691</u>	<u>42,911</u>	<u>97,602</u>
6 Tangible fixed assets			
	Land and	Fixtures and	Total
	Buildings	Equipment	£
	£	£	
Cost			
At 31st March 2022	782,236	9,599	791,835
Additions	-	6,115	6,115
At 31st March 2023	<u>782,236</u>	<u>15,714</u>	<u>797,950</u>
Depreciation			
At 31st March 2022	-	3,328	3,328
Charge for the year	-	2,477	2,477
At 31st March 2023	-	<u>5,805</u>	<u>5,805</u>
Net book value			
At 31st March 2023	<u>782,236</u>	<u>9,909</u>	<u>792,145</u>
At 31st March 2022	<u>782,236</u>	<u>6,271</u>	<u>788,507</u>
7 Debtors			
		2023	2022
		£	£
Other debtors		-	-
VAT		4,452	
		<u>4,452</u>	

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st March 2023 (Continued)

13	Analysis of net assets between funds	Restricted 2023 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	Fixed assets	11,310	780,835	792,145	788,507
	Net current assets	<u>4,199</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,199</u>	<u>13,511</u>
		<u>15,509</u>	<u>780,835</u>	<u>796,344</u>	<u>802,018</u>