



Annual Report 2024-2025



TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025



Charity Name:	REFRESHMENT UK	
Registered Number:	1153542	
Address:	The Refresh Centre 156 Waterloo Road Blackpool FY4 2AF	
Date of Formation:	February 2012	
Date of Registration:	27 th August 2013	
Charitable Objects:	<p>a) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN ENGLAND AND WALES, AND OVERSEAS, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE HOLDING OF PRAYER MEETINGS, LECTURES, AND EVENTS; AS WELL AS PRODUCING LITERATURE ON CHRISTIANITY TO ENLIGHTEN OTHERS ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION;</p> <p>b) THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY FOR CHILDREN IN INDIA BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY PROVIDING GRANTS, ITEMS AND SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY.</p>	
Trustees:	Mrs L Cooper Mr A Walker Mr A Maxton-Livesey	Mr S Hobin Mr P Warne
Governing Document:	CONSTITUTION ADOPTED 16/04/2013 AS AMENDED ON 21/09/2014	
Activities:	Refreshment UK exists to encourage and equip Christians in the UK, as well as provide mental health support in Blackpool and overseas aid in India. We do this through training courses in Blackpool, local community development, provision of a mental health drop in space, overseas mission trips and Christian discipleship courses, as well as providing mentoring and resources for individuals.	

TRUSTEES REVIEW & REPORT – 2024 to 2025
SHOCK AND AWE

Refreshment UK had an incredible and changing year in 2024 to 2025 as they went through a year described as shock and awe, with an incredible range of events and activities to maximise the impact.

The main shock element during the year was the announcement that Simon and Laura Cooper, stewards of the Refresh Centre for the last decade, left the Refresh Centre at the end of the year to move to Leicestershire. The Refresh Centre was handed on to Greg & Catherine Doughty from the start of April 2025.

However, that change led to a year of high-profile events, including the following:

- **The Ask Me About Hope Mission** – a summertime week of mission culminating in a praise party at Stanley Park;
- **It is Well With My Soul** – a presentation of a musical featuring Gareth Hides in Blackpool for churches across the area;
- **Magnify** – a wonderful ecumenical carol service that took place at Blackpool Tower with hundreds singing carols in the historic venue;
- **United in Prayer** – a powerful day of prayer in MK Dons stadium that featured a day of prayer and worship that liberated the area;
- **The Refreshers Conference** – a very special end to the year as people were able to gather at the Winter Gardens to hear from world-renowned speakers and celebrate our work in Blackpool together.

Alongside all of these events were our weekly activities, mission teams at the Refresh Centre and a whole host of mission activities that kept our work going in encouraging and equipping Christians.

FINANCIAL POLICIES

Refreshment UK operates an unrestricted fund for ongoing charitable activities and holds funding which is specifically for the Refresh Centre.

A separate fund is held to support the work that we do in India and a separate is in operation for restricted Refresh Centre funding.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES OF REFRESHMENT UK

REFRESHMENT UK
Balance Sheet – As at 31st March 2025

	2025 (£)	2024 (£)
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	80163	65000
Current Assets		
Stock	6850	4650
Other Assets	30000	0
Cash	363	1599
Unrestricted	363	96
Restricted	0	1503
Debtors	4132	4502
Liabilities		
Creditors	26017	941
Long Term Liabilities & Accruals	52001	37906
TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	43488	36904
Represented By		
Carried Forward Balance	36904	33096
Surplus/Deficit for Year	6585	3808
TOTAL FUNDS	43489	36904

REFRESHMENT UK
Income and Expenditure Account – Financial Year 2023/2024

	2024/2025 (£)	2023/2024 (£)
Incoming Resources		
Charitable Activities	39980	35479
Fundraising	149356	72806
Restricted Funding	8570	10882
Trading Income	11605	8596
Refreshers Fund	30347	29605
Overseas Giving	4804	5239
Mission Income	4268	11580
Miscellaneous	602	4235
TOTAL INCOME	249532	178422
Charitable Activities		
The Refresh Centre	35274	34803
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Charitable Activities	87485	61694
Overseas Giving	4802	5239
Resources	1043	556
Miscellaneous Direct Expenses	11883	0
Director Remuneration	33197	19475
	197270	145118
Cost of Fundraising	17383	1481
Operating Expenses		
Travel Costs	6494	6180
Office Costs	5796	2677
Professional Fees	9240	1369
Miscellaneous	2571	1606
	24101	11832
Depreciation & Write Off	4193	16183
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	242947	174614
Income over Expenditure	6585	3808
Brought Forward	36904	33096
TOTAL INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	36904	33096

Notes on Accounts:

1. The increase in fundraising was due to many of our shock and awe events being led by donations only and not chargeable. Guests were encouraged to give rather than buy tickets. We also included some high-profile fundraisers and collections, and a large increase in fundraising was achieved.
2. The wide range of events included in this programme added to the increased expenditure on Charitable Activities.
3. Direct Expenses included us going to exhibitions to advertise and therefore, our advertising expenses were much higher.
4. Our overseas giving includes income from the USA at £1908.
5. Our overseas expenditure represents the amount sent to FIM in India for £4802 including fees.

Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts of Refreshment UK - 1153542
Report to the Trustees of Refreshment UK for the accounts - year ending 31st March 2025

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 now 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 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;
- 2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: c/o SN ACCOUNTING

Date: 26th January 2026