

ROUTES TO ROOTS (POOLE) CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1155945

Details

Other names	R2R
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2014-02-26
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Genesis Centre Hill Street Poole Dorset BH15 1NR
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Website	http://www.routestoroots.org

Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF ROUGH SLEEPERS AND VULNERABLY HOUSED PEOPLE IN THE BOROUGH OF POOLE BY FURTHERING SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AS ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE, THE TERM 'ROUGH SLEEPERS AND VULNERABLY HOUSED' MEANS ANYONE WITHOUT A HOME, THOSE LIVING ON THE STREETS, THOSE WITH NO FIXED ABODE, THOSE IN MAKESHIFT ACCOMODATION, THOSE IN EMERGENCY ACCOMODATION, THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS AND THOSE WHO ARE AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS.

Activities: Routes to Roots is a drop-in centre for those experiencing homelessness, newly homed and vulnerably housed adults in Poole. R2R provides a drop in centre and hot lunch Mon-Fri, showers, washing facilities and offers signposting to other agencies.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Poole

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£193,702	£165,290	-	-
2024-03-31	£154,721	£107,140	-	-
2023-03-31	£154,721	£107,140	-	-
2022-03-31	£196,723	£243,362	-	-
2021-03-31	£165,216	£178,817	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev LUCINDA JANE HOLT	Chair	2018-01-22
Martin Finch		2017-06-07
Rebecca Parsons		2025-05-20
Rev Canon Pamela Wise		2022-03-01
Sara Turner		2023-05-15

Accounts



TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

01/04/2024 to 30/04/2025

SECTION A: Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name	Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Other names the charity is known by	Routes to Roots, R2R
Registered charity number	1155945
Principle address	Genesis Centre Hill Street Poole BH15 1NR Dorset

Trustees

Name	Office	Period	Those entitled to appoint Trustees
Katharine Mellor Gibson (Kate Mellor)	Chair of Trustees	16/05/2023-16/05/2026	✓
Rev Lucy Holt	Deputy Chair	16/05/2023-16/05/2026	✓
Rev Pat Southgate	Former Chair	16/05/2023-16/05/2026	✓
Andrew Teale	-	16/05/2023-16/05/2026	✓
Martin Finch	-	16/05/2023-16/05/2026	✓



Stephen Berger	Treasurer	16/05/2023-16/05/2026	✓
Sara Turner	-	16/05/2023-16/05/2026	✓
Rev Pam Wise	-	16/05/2023-16/05/2026	✓
Becki Parsons	-	Co-opted	
Richard Goodall	-	21/05/2024 - resigned	

SECTION B: Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document	Constitution
How Constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee Selection Methods	Appointment by Board of Trustees and by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting

SECTION C: Objectives and activities

Objects	Routes to Roots objects are to relieve the needs of rough sleepers and the vulnerably housed in the Borough of Poole. The objects of Routes to Roots are exclusively charitable and for the public benefit according to the laws of England and Wales. In particular, the Trustees are concerned with: • Relief of financial hardship • Relief of unemployment The term 'rough sleepers and vulnerably housed' means: • Anyone without a home • Those living on the streets • Those with no fixed abode • Those in makeshift accommodation • Those in emergency accommodation • Those who have experienced homelessness and those who are at risk of becoming homeless and who need support to maintain their housing and independent living
Main Activities	The Trustees have followed guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to activities undertaken in relation to the objects. Core Work 1. <u>Providing the Basic Necessities of Life</u>: We provide hot, nutritious lunches five days/week, breakfasts five days/week for rough

	sleepers, showers with clean towels and toiletries, washing machines and driers, a postal address for those who need one, a clothing store, a chiropodist with new shoes, and an internet café (used for searches and form filling). We also signpost to other services. We open the Genesis Centre as Cool Space during the day heat waves. 2. <u>Partnerships</u>: Our building, the Genesis Centre, continues to be a community building for Poole. It houses our homelessness hub where we hold our drop ins five days/week and provide access for partners who are working with the same client group, including: • St. Mungos • We Are With You Drug & Alcohol Team • We Are With You Needle Exchange • BCP Housing Options Team • NHS Community Mental Health Team • NHS Community Nursing • Shelter • Victim Support • STARS • The Big Issue • The Police • The Health Bus Four local Churches use the Genesis Centre to provide a Saturday supper, Cooked Sunday lunch, or Sunday supper. They are St. Mary's, Sunnyside Church, Lytchett Minster Church, and The Lighthouse Church. SWEP, which is run by St. Mungo's for the BCP Council, is held in Poole at the Genesis Centre. We offer 12 beds and take dogs. Bournemouth and Poole College's Space Youth Project is using the building during school holidays for a weekly evening drop-in session. We have an Organ Loft Board Room (the building was formerly a Baptist Church built in 1815) and we have offered this for free to any local charity that needs it. 3. <u>Prevention and Social Inclusion</u>: We work with those who are currently housed to help minimise the risk of repeated homelessness. We give support to those who are in danger of losing their tenancies (through whatever means, such as non-payment of top-up fees, etc.). Additionally, we offer positive
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	encouragement to clients who are struggling with addictions. We work with those who might choose to give up their housing because of their isolation and loneliness by encouraging social participation and developing their living skills 4. <u>Engaging the Local Community</u>: We offer opportunities to groups, businesses, and individuals to volunteer, support and fundraise. In order to inform, inspire and raise awareness in local businesses, schools, community groups, and churches, R2R volunteers give presentations and talks about the charity's vision and mission. This year we increased Tracy Hayman's hours to include community outreach work. 5. <u>Advocacy</u>: We monitor the current situation for homeless and vulnerably housed people in Poole and act as an advocate for them with police, local government, and services. 6. <u>Life Skills and Wellbeing</u>: Since 2023 we have offered The Pillar Programme, for three verified rough sleepers who are ready for some responsibility. The project provides a structured volunteer placement at the Genesis Centre for 12 weeks.
Additional Information	Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO is a charity based on Christian principles which seeks to serve the needs of rough sleepers and vulnerable housed of all faiths and none. Its statement of faith and ethos is: "Routes to Roots is an organisation whose roots are firmly based in the Christian faith. Our inspiration comes from the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, as recorded in the Bible. We champion the cause of the homeless and the vulnerably housed in Poole. We show them the love of God for all people, not through preaching but through our actions. We also open the eyes of all those who are blind to the needs of the homeless and vulnerably housed in our town. We see Christ in the face of all who seek our help and support. We believe all human beings are made in the image of God and as such should be treated with dignity and self worth by: • Hearing, and helping to give a voice to the homeless and vulnerably housed people in Poole • Standing with them and not above them • Encouraging participation and engagement rather than dependency • Respecting difference and not expecting or demanding conformity" This statement is published on the charity's website and made available to all members, staff, volunteers and Trustees. The CIO

	welcomes members, staff, and volunteers without faith or of other faiths who respect its faith and observe its ethos. Trustees of the CIO must show their acceptance of the statement of faith and ethos by signing it on election.
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SECTION D: Achievements and Performance

Main Achievements	<u>Patron</u> The Venerable Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne has continued to actively support Routes to Roots. <u>Staffing</u> Ben Sargent continued as the Genesis Centre Manager. Tracy Hayman continued to work part-time as the Charity Administrator and was promoted during the year to include work on Community Development. Chrissy John-Bennetts started in April 2024 as the part-time Projects Leader. Chrissy left Routes to Routes in November. We appointed Stephen O’Sullivan, who will begin in May 2025. We continued to contract out our bookkeeping to Ann Mace and website management to Conical Sphere. We have agreed to appoint Lisa Francis as our CIO Secretary, working ad-hoc hours. Lisa began in April 2025. We also appointed Abi Hadley-Clift as our HR Consultant on a fixed hour contract, to begin in early May 2025. More than fifty volunteers provided our services at the Genesis Centre. <u>Drop-Ins</u> 2024/ 2025 has seen us increase our opening hours: we are now providing breakfasts Monday to Friday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am for those that are sleeping outside. This was particularly helpful during the winter months but is something we have decided to continue with all year round. As ever when supporting a smaller, targeted group, the sessions not only allows individuals easier access to laundry facilities and showers but also provides a quieter environment to utilise the support of outreach teams and support. In addition to the St Mungos outreach team, this year we have been joined consistently by BCP council Housing Options Officer. This joined up work as has resulted in us seeing an increased number of our service user accommodated in temporary accommodation. Of those that have been allocated accommodation, we have been able to utilise a ringfenced donation to provide individuals with some of
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	the essentials required to start a home. This has included furniture, white goods and items such as bedding and curtains. Throughout the year we have been able to provide access to healthcare at the Genesis Centre, with Livewell Dorset providing NHS Health checks, HEP C Trust providing BBV tests, The Healthbus and NHS provided FLU and Covid jabs. We were also able to organise two sessions with Specsavers that enabled a number of our service users the opportunity to have free eye tests and receive free prescription glasses. This year we have also been able to start providing valuable access to a GP. We are joined by Dr Kirk from the Cranborne practice who attends weekly. We continue to be joined by a number of businesses providing 'takeover' lunches, including our friends at Bagette & Co and Wates. Our essential drop in volunteers have received training delivered by We Are With You on understanding addiction as well as the lifesaving use of Naloxone. We also became the first recognised Victim Friendly Organisation in Dorset following a training session delivered by Victim Support. And, we had a collaborative session with both volunteers and service users on basic food hygiene. We have been able to continue to offer the building for free to local churches to offer food during weekend evenings and have increased our Sunday lunch offer to 3 Sundays a month with the help of the congregations of Lytchett and Upton Church as well as St Marys Catholic church which is now delivering their offer 2 Sundays in the month. This Christmas we were again able to ensure approx. 30 people received a lunch and gift on Christmas day thanks again to our incredible volunteers. <u>Amos House Supported Accommodation</u> We entered the tenth year of this project, which is in partnership with Green Pastures Housing. During Covid, many rough sleepers were housed and although more people have found themselves on the streets, most of them were not ready to move into the kind of supported accommodation that we offer at Amos House. They need support that responds to their multiple needs, rather than a single need. In Summer 2022, we changed our focus at Amos House to housing a homeless family. We continue to let the flat to a homeless family of five people, who moved in during September 2022. The three children are attending local schools and the father is working. Support is provided by an external agency, ICN. We extended their lease for a third year and are now working to move them into private rented accommodation with the support of ICN.
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	Over the summer 2025, the Trustees will decide on the next chapter for Amos House, which could be a return to the original type of project, depending in part on recent changes in BCP Housing options. <u>Partnerships</u> Having the Genesis Centre has allowed us to invite all the partners who work with our client group to meet with them at our drop ins or at other times. We do not charge them to use the building. During the year, we worked with: 1. St. Mungos 2. We Are With You Drug & Alcohol Team 3. We Are With You Needle Exchange 4. BCP Housing Options 5. NHS Community Mental Health Team 6. NHS Community Nursing 7. Shelter 8. Victim Support 9. SPACE 10. STARS 11. The Police 12. The Health Bus 13. GP Visits onsite 14. Live well Dorset 15. HEP C Trust 16. Specsavers <u>Communication</u> We continue to issue an eNewsletter to keep supporters updated on all that is happening in R2R and the progress we are making at the Genesis Centre. A volunteer manages our social media accounts and posts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Volunteer, Trustees, and Staff Members continue to speak at local churches and events about our work. We held our AGM in May 2024 at the Genesis Centre. Our next AGM is planned for May 2025. <u>Genesis Centre</u> Every year since moving into the Genesis Centre in March 2022, we have continued to work on the building's renovation. In 2024-25, we completed the following: • Installed a permanent wheelchair ramp with railing
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	• Replaced the gates with ones that fit better (replaced by the manufacturer) • Installed lighting and electrical sockets in the Activities Hall • Plastered and painted the Activities Hall • Installed floor covering in the Activities Hall We are very pleased to report that we have now completed fundraising for final part of the planned renovations. By the end of the summer, we hope to complete the following: • Create the Clothing Store • Install blinds/curtains in the Activities Hall • Repointing the Northwest and Northeast facing aspects of the exterior • Replacing the guttering and downpipes with deep flow guttering and downpipes on the Northwest and Northeast facing aspects of the building • Replace the Roof on the main part of the building (over the Main Hall) • Replace the ceiling tiles that have been damaged by the roof leaking. <u>Business Plan</u> We rewrote our business plan in 2025, which now covers 2025-28. <u>Charity Ambassadors</u> Trustees agreed to create a new role of Charity Ambassador, which is designed to promote the charity. The role includes: • Ambassadors will represent the charity in daily life and as required by the charity until they resign as an Ambassador. • Ambassadors will receive and read Board Minutes and other important updates, but are not required to attend Board Meetings. • Ambassadors will make themselves available for consultation by current Board members when needed. • Ambassadors will include those who have held the role of Chair of Trustees and who also agree to be Ambassadors of the charity. • Trustees may appoint others as Ambassadors. • Ambassadors names will be noted on a plaque displayed by the charity. • Appointment will be part of the AGM agenda, as needed.
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SECTION E: Financial Review

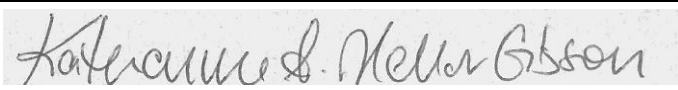
Policy on Reserves	We increased our Reserves Policy to £50,000. We hope to increase the Reserves Policy to £60,000 in 2025-26, which will represent nearly six months of reserves.
Financial Review	<u>Financial Review 2023-24</u> 2024-25 was our sixth and final year of fundraising for the building renovation work by the end of April 2025, we have raised enough to complete the planned work. The main highlights are as follows: Total income was £193,702 in 2024-25, which was more than the previous year, but which reflected our needs for running the Genesis Centre and further renovation work. - Our Grant Income (£94,750) came from: - Albert Hunt Trust - Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Foundation - AFC Bournemouth Community Fund - Arnold Clark Community Fund - B&Q Foundation - Brewers Foundation - Hall & Woodhouse Community Chest - Help the Homeless - Laing Family Trusts - Richard & Jo Kennedy - Ringwood & Ellingham Show - Southall Trust - St. Aldhelm's Chapel Trust - Stonebarrow Trust - Valentine Charitable Trust - Overall payments were less than in the previous year, at £165,290 in 2024-25. This reflects our savings for the larger building projects this year. Our General Fundraising for the Genesis Centre from April 2024 to March 2025 was successful and reflects our broad support from the community. It included: - Individual regular monthly or annual donations - One-off donations by individuals - Memberships - Churches - Local Volunteer and Social Groups - Corporate Donors - Schools - HMRC Tax Reclaim - Stewardship and Charitable Payroll Giving

	Amos House income in 2024-25 was £11,700. Amos House payments totalled £12,680, a difference of £12,990 which is largely made up of improvements to the flat and our monthly fees. We are content with this level of spend to support a homeless family. Financially, we have been in a solid position in 2024-25, thanks to our amazing supporters and also grants we have received. Our fundraising focus will now turn to maintaining and potentially increasing the services we offer. Outlook 2023-24 Our third year at the Genesis Centre has been a success and we are grateful that we no longer have to fundraise to complete the building renovation work. 2025 will be a transition year, as we change the Chair of Trustees at the AGM. Now in its 23rd year, with the incredible assets of the Genesis Centre and Amos House, the charity is entering a new phase of professionalism. We are strengthened by the level of local support shown for our work and are confident in the future.

SECTION G: Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature	
Full Name	Katharine A. Mellor Gibson (Kate Mellor)
Position	Chair of Trustees
Date	19 May 2025

Charity No 1155945

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31st March 2025

Genesis Centre
Hill Saeet
Poole
Bt115 INR

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

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Routes to Roots (Pooie) CIO

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Katharine A Mellor Gibson (Chair) Revd Lucy Holt (Deputy Chair) Revd Pam Wise Revd Pat Southgate Andrew Teale Martin Finch Richard Goodall Sara Turner Stephen Berger
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Principal Office	Genesis Centre Hill Street Poole BH15 1NR
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Charity Registration Number	1155945
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Gift Aid Registration	XR621 55
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Independent Examiner	M A Bilson Dip FS, FCIB 41 Cowslip Road Broadstone BH18 9QZ
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Routes to Roots (Pooie) CIO
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Reserves

The Reserves set at £50,000, being six months of the Genesis Centre's annual costs, and a f:5,000 reserve for Amos House.

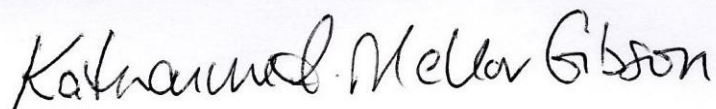
Approved by the trustees of the charity And
signed on its behalf

Katharine A Mellor Gibson

Chair

Date

8 May 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katharine A Mellor Gibson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

I report on the accounts of Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 4 - 9

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The 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 1 M(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 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 Act 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 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 material matters have come to my attention gives me cause to believe that in any material respect;

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 10 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed
M A Bilson Dip FS, FCIB 41
Cowslip Road Broadstoke
BH18 9QZ



Date: 8 MAY 2025

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Statement of Financial Activities For
the year ended 31st March 2025

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	Ref	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from					
Receipts	1	109,557	72,445	182,002	179,631
Amos House	2	11,700		11,700	11,570
Total Income	3	121,257	72,445	193,702	191,201
Expenditure on					
Administration	4	53,532	15,000	68,532	55,296
Genesis Centre	5	34,290	1,712	36,002	33,373
Projects	6	10,890	5,338	16,228	11,187
Renovations	7	2,893	28,645	31,538	61,955
Amos House	8	12,990		12,990	12,680
Total Expenditure	9	114,595	50,695	165,290	174,491
Net Income/(Expenditure) before transfer		6,662	21,750	28,412	16,710
Transfers					
Gross Transfers between funds - in Gross					772
Transfers between funds - out					(772)
Net Movement in funds		6,662	21,750	28,412	16,710
Total funds brought forward		224,951	23,718	248,669	231,959
Total funds carried forward		231,613	45,468	277,081	248,669

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2025

Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Receipts from Generated Funds				
CAF	18,586		18,586	16,70
Church Donations & Membership	12,684		12,684	¹ 7,069
Corporate Donations & Membership	10,917		10,917	13,681
Gift Aid Tax	5,463		5,463	i ,350
Grants	14,50	55,000	69,500	93,850
Other Cash and Cheque Donations	⁰ 39,535	15,000	54,535	32,738
Other Donations				6,456
Regular Donations & Membership	6,777		6,777	7,301
Roof Donations		2,000	2,000	
Shoe Donations	-	44	445	456
Sundry Income	120	5	120	30
SWEP	975		<i>gIS</i>	
1	109,557	72,445	182,002	179,631
Amos House Receipts				
Rental Income	11,700	-	11,700	11 ,570
Total Receipts				
3	121,257	72,445	193,702	191,201

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
**Receipts and Payments Accounts For the year
ended 31st March 2025**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Ref	Funds	Funds	2025	HP 2024
		£	£	£	£
Charitable Activities					
Administration					
Bookkeeping		1,161		1,161	1,113
Broadband & Telephone		1,382		1,382	1
Database		264		264	,671
Employers Ni		197		197	336
Legal Fees		104		104	51
Office Expenses		1		1,296	1,092
Publicity		,296		52	
Staff Pension		1,265		1,265	908
SLaff Salaries		46,160	15,000	61,160	48,922
Subscriptions		217		237	It)6
Sundry Expenses		714		714	377
Website & Publications		720		720	720
	4	53,532	15,000	68,532	55,296
Genesis Centre					
Business Rates		778		778	670
Cleaning		5,175		5,175	4,190
Consulrrables		657		657	465
Depreciation		2,585		2,585	2,600
Disposal of Fixed Asset		963		96	
Electricity		8,051		8,051	16,070
Gas		1,126		1,126	737
Insurance		4,340		4,340	4,126
Kitchen Consumables					220
LaundD' Equipment			1,712	1,712	
Professional Services		275		275	
Refuse		740		740	693
Repairs and Maintenance		7,439		7,439	3,439
Sundry Expenses		107		107	163
Water		2,054		2,054	
	5	34,290	1,712	36,002	33,373
Projects					
Clothing		32		32	36
Consumable Support					285
Drop in Food Costs		10,548	2,678	13,218	9,728
Shoes			1,233	1,233	944
Support Costs		318	1,427	1,745	94
	6	10,890	5,338	16,228	11,187

Routes to Roots Poole) CIO
Receipts and Paynents Accouirb
For the year ended 31st March 2025

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£
Renovations	7	2,893	28,645	31,538	61,955
Amos House					
Lease		11,369	-	11,369	11,636
Maintenance		186	-	186	270
Management Fee		1,435	-	1,435	774
	8	12,990	-	12,990	12,680
Total Expenditure	9	114,595	50,695	165,290	174,491

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO		
Balance Sheet		
As at 31st March 2025		
	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£
Fixed Assets	319,156	320,904
Cash at Bank and in Hand		
Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO Account	102,637	71,146
Amos House Account	5,283	6,572
Cash in Hand		47
Debtor	5	
	107,925	77,765
Due after 1 year		
Talbot Trust	(150,000)	(150,000)
Net Asset Surplus	277,081	248,669

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

Notes to the Balance Sheet

As at 31st March 2025

Balance Sheet Notes to the Accounts

			Total 2,025	Total 2024
Fixed Assets	Hill Street	Equipment		
Cost	300,000	25,771	325,771	325,771
Additions		2,050	2,050	
Disposals		(2,316)	(2,316)	
Accumulative Depreciation		(4,095)	(4,095)	(2,407)
	300,0(X)	21,410	321,410	323,364
Depreciation Disposal		331	331	
Depreciation this year		(2,585)	(2,585)	(2,460)
	300,000	19,156	319,156	320,904

Funds

	B.fwd	Incoming	Outgoing Transfers	C.Fwd
Restricted				
Activities	2,656			2,656
Alice Ellen		15,000	(15,000)	
Anonymous		5,000	(1,712)	3,288
Building Works	19,795		(19,795)	
CF Water SS	128			128
Community Chest		3,000	(2,678)	322
Gye Client Welfare		10,000	(1,428)	8,572
Hob Activities	4,429		(4,429)	
Roof		12,000		12,000
Shoes	2,790	445	(1,233)	2,002
Southall Drop-ins		3,000		3,000
Talbot Trust	(6,080)	10,500	(4,420)	0
Therapy		13,500		13,500
Total Restricted	23,718	72,445	(50,695)	45,468
Unrestricted Funds	224,951	121,257	(114,595)	231,613
Total Funds	248,669	193,702	(165,290)	277,081

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

SECTION A: Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name	Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Other names the charity is known by	Routes to Roots, R2R
Registered charity number	1155945
Principle address	Genesis Centre Hill Street Poole BH15 1NR Dorset

Trustees

Name	Office	Period	Those entitled to appoint Trustees
Katharine Mellor Gibson (Kate Mellor)	Chair of Trustees	16/05/2023-16/05/2026	✓
Rev Lucy Holt	Deputy Chair	16/05/2023-16/05/2026	✓
Rev Pat Southgate	Former Chair	16/05/2023-16/05/2026	✓
Andrew Teale	-	16/05/2023-16/05/2026	✓
Martin Finch	-	16/05/2023-16/05/2026	✓
Stephen Berger	Treasurer	16/05/2023-16/05/2026	✓



Sara Turner	-	16/05/2023-16/05/2026	✓
Rev Pam Wise	-	16/05/2023-16/05/2026	✓

SECTION B: Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document	Constitution
How Constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee Selection Methods	Appointment by Board of Trustees and by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting

SECTION C: Objectives and activities

Objects	Routes to Roots objects are to relieve the needs of rough sleepers and the vulnerably housed in the Borough of Poole. The objects of Routes to Roots are exclusively charitable and for the public benefit according to the laws of England and Wales. In particular, the Trustees are concerned with: • Relief of financial hardship • Relief of unemployment The term 'rough sleepers and vulnerably housed' means: • Anyone without a home • Those living on the streets • Those with no fixed abode • Those in makeshift accommodation • Those in emergency accommodation • Those who have experienced homelessness and those who are at risk of becoming homeless and who need support to maintain their housing and independent living
Main Activities	The Trustees have followed guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to activities undertaken in relation to the objects. Core Work 1. <u>Providing the Basic Necessities of Life</u>: We provide hot, nutritious lunches five days/week, breakfasts for rough sleepers, a women's group, showers with clean towels and toiletries, washing machines and driers, a postal address for those who need one, a clothing store, a chiropodist with new shoes, and an internet café (used for searches and form filling). We also signpost to other service.

	In September 2023, we opened the Genesis Centre as a Cool Space during the day during a week-long heat wave. 2. <u>Partnerships</u>: Our building, the Genesis Centre, continues to be a community building for Poole. It houses our homelessness hub where we hold our drop ins five days/week and provide access for partners who are working with the same client group, including: • St. Mungos • We Are With You Drug & Alcohol Team • We Are With You Needle Exchange • BCP Housing Options Team • NHS Community Mental Health Team • NHS Community Nursing • Shelter • Victim Support • STARS • The Big Issue • The Police • The Health Bus Four local Churches use the Genesis Centre to provide a Saturday supper, Cooked Sunday lunch, or Sunday supper. They are St. Mary's, Sunnyhill Church, Lytchett Minster Church, and The Lighthouse Church. SWEP, which is run by St. Mungo's for the BCP Council, was held at the Genesis Centre for the first time in Winter 2024. The space was easy to use and calm for the participants. We offered 12 beds on 13 nights. Bournemouth and Poole College's Space Youth Project is using the building during school holidays for a weekly evening drop-in session. We have an Organ Loft Board Room (the building was formerly a Baptist Church built in 1815) and we have offered this for free to any local charity that needs it. 3. <u>Prevention and Social Inclusion</u>: We work with those who are currently housed to help minimise the risk of repeated homelessness. We give support to those who are in danger of losing their tenancies through whatever means, such as non-payment of top-up fees, etc. Additionally, we offer positive encouragement to clients who are struggling with addictions. We work with those who might choose to give up their housing
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	because of their isolation and loneliness by encouraging social participation and developing their living skills 4. <u>Engaging the Local Community</u>: We offer opportunities to groups, businesses, and individuals to volunteer, support and fundraise. To inform, inspire and raise awareness in local businesses, schools, community groups, and churches, R2R volunteers give presentations and talks about the charity's vision and mission. 5. <u>Advocacy</u>: We monitor the current situation for homeless and vulnerably housed people in Poole and acts as an advocate for them with police, local government, and services. 6. <u>Life Skills and Wellbeing</u>: In 2023, we introduced a new project, The Pillar Programme, for three verified rough sleepers who are ready for some responsibility. The project provides a structured volunteer placement at the Genesis Centre for 12 weeks. The first programme was Summer 2023 and one of the participants found part-time employment after completion. Another entered a rehabilitation programme and has stopped drinking.
Additional Information	Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO is a charity based on Christian principles which seeks to serve the needs of rough sleepers and vulnerable housed of all faiths and none. Its statement of faith and ethos is: "Routes to Roots is an organisation whose roots are firmly based in the Christian faith. Our inspiration comes from the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, as recorded in the Bible. We champion the cause of the homeless and the vulnerably housed in Poole. We show them the love of God for all people, not through preaching but through our actions. We also open the eyes of all those who are blind to the needs of the homeless and vulnerably housed in our town. We see Christ in the face of all who seek our help and support. We believe all human beings are made in the image of God and as such should be treated with dignity and self worth by: • Hearing, and helping to give a voice to the homeless and vulnerably housed people in Poole • Standing with them and not above them • Encouraging participation and engagement rather than dependency • Respecting difference and not expecting or demanding conformity" This statement is published on the charity's website and made available to all members, staff, volunteers and Trustees. The CIO welcomes members, staff, and volunteers without faith or of other

	faiths who respect its faith and observe its ethos. Trustees of the CIO must show their acceptance of the statement of faith and ethos by signing it on election.
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SECTION D: Achievements and Performance

Main Achievements	<u>Patron</u> The Venerable Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne has continued to actively support Routes to Roots. <u>Staffing</u> Ben Sargent continued as the Genesis Centre Manager. Elaine Mellers, our part-time administrative assistant retired at the end of November. We hired Tracy Hayman to replace her. We agreed to hire a further person to work at the Genesis Centre as the Projects Leader to work Monday to Friday, 25 hours a week. The need for the role was identified due to the increased demand on the Drop-In service and the additional needs of those individuals engaging in the service. Chrissy John-Bennetts start date is in April 2024. We continued to contract out our bookkeeping and website management. Nearly fifty volunteers provided our services at the Genesis Centre. This staff team should be sufficient to meet demand of the Genesis Centre with no further recruitment required for the foreseeable future. <u>Drop-Ins</u> Over the last twelve months, we have had increased numbers accessing our services. We have continued to provide a Lunchtime Drop-in Monday to Friday. During the period 1/4/23 until 31/03/24 we have served 8,733 hot nutritious meals. This was increase over the previous year. On a number of occasions, we have been able to provide some variety to our Drop-ins by providing BBQ's and with 'Takeovers.' During a 'Takeover,' local businesses cook, prepare and provide lunches at the Drop-ins. Bagette Wealth Management, Dorset Pizza Company, Ojo's Pizza, Triple Point and Platinum Skies have all provided this over the last year. We have continued to provide breakfasts two mornings per week exclusively for verified rough sleepers. This has enabled those individuals to access warmth, toilets, showers, and food, but perhaps more important, a space for focused work with Outreach
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	services to take place. We have provided a weekly form filling and I.T support group session for people apply online for benefits, etc. and support them to develop CV's and complete job applications. We have also provided a weekly women's group with a range of activities and additional professional support. We have held an art group every week, which is well attended. Our new project, The Pillar Programme, is for three verified rough sleepers who are ready for some responsibility. The project provides a structured volunteer placement at the Genesis Centre for 12 weeks. The first group participated in Summer 2023 and the second group started in Spring 2024. Our showers and laundry facilities are used every day and continue to be a very popular service. We provided Christmas Day dinner for 30 people with a festive two course lunch and a wrapped gift. Following a food standards agency inspection of our kitchen in July we were awarded a 5 star hygiene rating <u>Amos House Supported Accommodation</u> We entered the ninth year of this project, which is in partnership with Green Pastures Housing. During Covid, many rough sleepers were housed and although more people have found themselves on the streets, most of them were not ready to move into the kind of supported accommodation that we offer at Amos House. They need support that responds to their multiple needs, rather than a single need. In Summer 2022, we changed our focus at Amos House to housing a homeless family. We continue to let the flat to a homeless family of five people, who moved in during September 2022. The three children are attending local schools and the father is working. Support is provided by an external agency, ICN. The family have a two-year lease and will be expected to move into private rented accommodation at the end of two years, with the support of ICN. <u>Partnerships</u> Having the Genesis Centre has allowed us to invite all the partners who work with our client group to meet with them at our drop ins or at other times. We do not charge them to use the building. During the year, we worked with: • St. Mungos • We Are With You Drug & Alcohol Team • We Are With You Needle Exchange • BCP Housing Options Team • NHS Community Mental Health Team
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	• NHS Community Nursing • Shelter • Victim Support • STARS • The Big Issue • The Police • The Health Bus <u>Communication</u> We continue to issue an eNewsletter to keep supporters updated on all that is happening in R2R and the progress we are making at the Genesis Centre. A volunteer manages our social media accounts and posts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. One of the Pillar Project Volunteers made a number of very effective posts last summer on our social media accounts. Our Website was overhauled and re-written and is now up to date. At Christmas, we released another short video as part of our Christmas Appeal, which was backed up with stills from the video released on social media. Volunteer, Trustees, and Staff Members continue to speak at local churches and events about our work. We held our AGM in May 2023 at the Genesis Centre. Our next AGM is planned for May 2024. It will be slightly later to give our Accounts' Examiner a few weeks to complete the task. <u>Genesis Centre</u> Before moving into the Genesis Centre in March 2022, we had nearly completed Phase I, which was enough to get the building working for us. During 2023-24, we continued to work on the building and completed the following: • Repointed the Southwest and Southeast facing aspects of the exterior • Replaced guttering and downpipes with deepflow guttering and downpipes on the Southwest and Southeast facing aspects of the building • Ordered the two new security gates • Restored the Victorian glass fan on the Porch Hall Screen • Ordered the new window for the Organ Loft Stairwell • Painted the Porch Hallway, sloping roof under the balcony, office ceiling, and laundry room (where it had been plastered the year before) • Installed central heating in the Activities Hall
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	• Installed double doors between the Activities Hall and Mezzanine Storage Area • Installed alarms on the front fire doors. • Ordered a replacement washing machine and tumble drier for the laundry area. • Installed bumpers to the ceiling joists in the Mezzanine Storage Area • Installed a rail on the staircase leading to the Laundry Area. We are finalising our fundraising for Phase II, which we hope to complete during 2024-25. Phase II includes: • Completion of the Activities Hall Renovation to install lighting, floor covering (we already have the carpet squares onsite), decorate, and install blinds/curtains • Repointing the Northwest and Northeast facing aspects of the exterior • Replacing the guttering and downpipes with deepflow guttering and downpipes on the Northwest and Northeast facing aspects of the building • We also hope to create the Clothing Store
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SECTION E: Financial Review

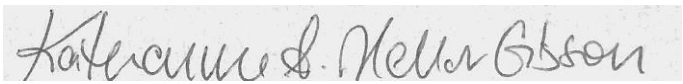
Policy on Reserves	Our Reserves Policy continues to be £36,000.
Financial Review	<u>Financial Review 2023-24</u> 2023-24 was our fifth year of fundraising for the building work and fortunately the end is now in sight. What that means is that we have had large grants for the building work that have skewed our income since we purchased the building in February 2020. The main highlights are as follows: - Total income was £191,200 in 2023-24, which was more than the previous year, but which reflected our needs for running the Genesis Centre and further renovation work. £123,979 of that income was from grants. - Our Grant Income came from: - Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Foundation - ASDA Green Tokens - BCP Change for Good Fund - Brewers Foundation - Coop Local Community Fund - Garfield Weston - Hobson Charity - Richard & Jo Kennedy - Postcode Local Trust

	Ringwood & Ellingham Show Southall Trust St. Aldhelm's Chapel Trust Talbot Village Trust Valentine Trust - Overall payments were larger than in the previous year, at £174,492 in 2023-24. This reflects our continued spend on renovating the Genesis Centre over the last year. Our General Fundraising for the Genesis Centre from April 2023 to March 2024 was successful and reflects our broad support from the community. It included: - Individual regular monthly or annual donations - One-off donations by individuals - Memberships - Churches - Local Volunteer and Social Groups - Corporate Donors - Schools - HMRC Tax Reclaim - Stewardship and Charitable Payroll Giving Amos House income in 2023-24 was £11,568. Green Pastures had last year agreed to reduce our payments to them, since renting the flat as a family home brings in less income than letting the individual rooms. Amos House payments totalled £12,680, a difference of £1,112, which is largely made up of improvements to the flat and our monthly fees. We are content with this level of spend to support a homeless family. Financially, we have been in a solid position in 2023-24. We will continue to focus on fundraising until the renovation work is finally completed. Outlook 2023-24 Our second year at the Genesis Centre has been a success, and we continue to feel confident about the future of the charity. We will continue to offer all our services and to work with our growing list of partners. We will continue to work with Churches to increase the number of Sundays that we offer a Cooked Sunday Lunch. We look forward to more volunteer involvement and additional training for volunteers. This will allow us to provide more services for our clients. Yet again we are strengthened by the level of local support shown for our work and are confident in the future.

SECTION G: Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature	
Full Name	Katharine A. Mellor Gibson (Kate Mellor)
Position	Chair of Trustees
Date	20 May 2024

Charity No 1155945

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

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Genesis Centre
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Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

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Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Kate Mellor (Chair) Revd Lucy Holt (Deputy Chair) Martin Finch Revd Pat Southgate Andrew Teale
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Principal Office	Genesis Centre Hill Street Poole BH15 1NR
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Charity Registration Number	1155945
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Gift Aid Registration	XR62155
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Independent Examiner	M A Bilson Dip FS, FCIB 41 Cowslip Road Broadstone BH18 9QZ
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Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Reserves

The Reserves have been restored to £36,000, being six months of the Genesis Centre's annual costs, and a £5,000 reserve for Amos House.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on
And signed on its behalf

Kate Mellor
Chair

Date

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

I report on the accounts of Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on pages 4 - 9

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The trustee's 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 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 Act 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 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 material matters have come to my attention gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 10 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed

M A Bilson Dip FS, FCIB

41 Cowslip Road
Broadstone
BH18 9QZ

Date:

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2024

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from					
Receipts	1	105,826	73,806	179,632	138,368
Amos House	2	11,568	-	11,568	16,353
Total Income	3	117,394	73,806	191,200	154,721
Expenditure on					
Administration	4	40,295	15,001	55,296	48,481
Genesis Centre	5	32,908	-	32,908	19,699
Projects	6	10,418	1,234	11,652	6,202
Renovations	7	21,772	40,184	61,956	16,134
Skinner Street	8	-	-	-	144
Amos House	9	12,680	-	12,680	16,480
Total Expenditure	10	118,073	56,419	174,492	107,140
Net Income/(Expenditure) before transfer		(679)	17,387	16,708	47,581
Transfers					
Gross Transfers between funds - in		772	-	772	3,891
Gross Transfers between funds - out		-	(772)	(772)	(3,891)
Net Movement in funds		93	16,615	16,708	47,581
Total funds brought forward		224,858	7,103	231,961	184,380
Total funds carried forward		224,951	23,718	248,669	231,961

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2024

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts from Generated Funds					
CAF		16,701	-	16,701	-
Church Donations & Membership		7,069	-	7,069	20,468
Corporate Donations & Membership		13,681	-	13,681	11,900
Crowdfunding		-	-	-	-
Fund Raising		-	-	-	11,131
Gift Aid Tax		1,350	-	1,350	5,391
Grants		20,500	73,350	93,850	42,090
Other Cash and Cheque Donations		39,194	-	39,194	39,145
Regular Donations & Membership		7,301	-	7,301	8,233
Sundry Income		30	-	30	-
Shoe Donations		-	456	456	10
	1	105,826	73,806	179,632	138,368
Amos House Receipts					
Grant		-	-	-	2,000
Housing Benefits		-	-	-	6,124
Rental Income		11,568	-	11,568	8,229
	2	11,568	-	11,568	16,353
Total Receipts	3	117,394	73,806	191,200	154,721

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Charitable Activities	Ref	£	£	£	£
Administration					
Bookkeeping		1,113	-	1,113	1,092
Broadband & Telephone		1,671	-	1,671	1,774
Database		336	-	336	288
Legal Fees		51	-	51	-
Office Expenses		1,092	-	1,092	241
Staff Pension		548	360	908	731
Staff Salaries		34,281	14,641	48,922	43,394
Subscriptions		106	-	106	201
Sundry Expenses		377	-	377	-
Training		-	-	-	40
Website & Publications		720	-	720	720
	4	40,295	15,001	55,296	48,481
Genesis Centre					
Business Rates		670	-	670	1,002
Cleaning		4,190	-	4,190	3,566
Courtyard		-	-	-	432
Depreciation		2,600	-	2,600	1,943
Electricity		16,070	-	16,070	3,022
Gas		737	-	737	2,358
Insurance		4,126	-	4,126	4,918
Kitchen Consumables		220	-	220	-
Launderette		-	-	-	1,147
Refuse		693	-	693	582
Repairs and Maintenance		3,439	-	3,439	297
Sundry Expenses		163	-	163	434
	5	32,908	-	32,908	19,699
Projects					
Activities		-	-	-	16
Clothing		36	-	36	-
Consumable Support		63	222	285	-
Drop In Food Costs		9,660	68	9,728	5,821
Laundry		465	-	465	-
Shoes		-	944	944	201
Sleeping Bags. Clothing		194	-	194	164
	6	10,418	1,234	11,652	6,202

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2024

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Renovations	7	<u>21,772</u>	<u>40,184</u>	<u>61,956</u>	<u>16,133</u>
Skinner Street Premises					
Container	8	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>144</u>
Amos House					
Council Tax		-	-	-	1,061
Electricity		-	-	-	403
Equipment		-	-	-	210
Gas		-	-	-	1,245
Lease		11,636	-	11,636	9,645
Maintenance		270	-	270	2,788
Management Fee		774	-	774	466
Professional Fees		-	-	-	417
TV Licence		-	-	-	106
Water		-	-	-	139
	9	<u>12,680</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,680</u>	<u>16,480</u>
Total Expenditure	10	<u>118,073</u>	<u>56,419</u>	<u>174,492</u>	<u>107,140</u>

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Balance Sheet
As at 31st March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fixed Assets	320,904	-	320,904	323,364
Cash at Bank and In Hand				
Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO Account	47,428	23,718	71,146	50,773
Amos House Account	6,572	-	6,572	7,685
Cash in Hand	47	-	47	139
	54,047	23,718	77,765	58,597
Due after 1 Year				
Talbot Trust	(150,000)	-	(150,000)	(150,000)
Net Asset Surplus	224,951	23,718	248,669	231,961

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Notes to the Balance Sheet
As at 31st March 2024

Balance Sheet Notes to the Accounts

Fixed Assets	Hill Street	Equipment	Total 2024	2023
Cost Genesis Centre	300,000	25,771	325,771	309,751
Accumulative Depreciation		(2,407)	(2,407)	(464)
	300,000	23,364	323,364	309,287
Equipment Additions	-	-	-	16,020
Depreciation this year	-	(2,460)	(2,460)	(1,943)
	300,000	20,904	320,904	323,364

Funds

Restricted	B.fwd	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	C.Fwd
Activities	2,984	-	(328)	-	2,656
Alice Cooper Dean	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Building Works		25,000	(5,205)		19,795
CF Water SS		350	(222)		128
Daisy Amos House	772	-	-	(772)	-
DCF Courtyard	69	-	(69)	-	-
Hob Activities		15,000	(10,571)		4,429
Repointing		18,000	(18,000)		-
Shoes	3,278	456	(944)	-	2,790
Talbot Trust			(6,080)		(6,080)
Total Restricted	7,103	73,806	(56,419)	(772)	23,718
Unrestricted Funds	224,858	117,394	(118,073)	772	224,951
Total Funds	231,961	191,200	(174,492)	-	248,669

The Daisy funds were restricted for purchasing furniture for anyone who moved on from Amos House. As the use of Amos House has now changed, there is no need to ring fence these funds, and so they were transferred to the general funds

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Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Reserves

The Reserves have been restored to £36,000, being six months of the Genesis Centre's annual costs, and a £5,000 reserve for Amos House.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on
And signed on its behalf

Kate Mellor
Chair

Date

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

I report on the accounts of Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on pages 4 - 9

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The trustee's 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 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 Act 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 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 material matters have come to my attention gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 10 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed

M A Bilson Dip FS, FCIB
41 Cowslip Road
Broadstone
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Date:

1st May 2024

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2024

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from					
Receipts	1	105,826	73,806	179,632	138,368
Amos House	2	11,568	-	11,568	16,353
Total Income	3	117,394	73,806	191,200	154,721
Expenditure on					
Administration	4	40,295	15,001	55,296	48,481
Genesis Centre	5	32,908	-	32,908	19,699
Projects	6	10,418	1,234	11,652	6,202
Renovations	7	21,772	40,184	61,956	16,134
Skinner Street	8	-	-	-	144
Amos House	9	12,680	-	12,680	16,480
Total Expenditure	10	118,073	56,419	174,492	107,140
Net Income/(Expenditure) before transfer		(679)	17,387	16,708	47,581
Transfers					
Gross Transfers between funds - in		772	-	772	3,891
Gross Transfers between funds - out		-	(772)	(772)	(3,891)
Net Movement in funds		93	16,615	16,708	47,581
Total funds brought forward		224,858	7,103	231,961	184,380
Total funds carried forward		224,951	23,718	248,669	231,961

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2024

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts from Generated Funds					
CAF		16,701	-	16,701	-
Church Donations & Membership		7,069	-	7,069	20,468
Corporate Donations & Membership		13,681	-	13,681	11,900
Crowdfunding		-	-	-	-
Fund Raising		-	-	-	11,131
Gift Aid Tax		1,350	-	1,350	5,391
Grants		20,500	73,350	93,850	42,090
Other Cash and Cheque Donations		39,194	-	39,194	39,145
Regular Donations & Membership		7,301	-	7,301	8,233
Sundry Income		30	-	30	-
Shoe Donations		-	456	456	10
	1	105,826	73,806	179,632	138,368
Amos House Receipts					
Grant		-	-	-	2,000
Housing Benefits		-	-	-	6,124
Rental Income		11,568	-	11,568	8,229
	2	11,568	-	11,568	16,353
Total Receipts	3	117,394	73,806	191,200	154,721

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2024

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Charitable Activities					
Administration					
Bookkeeping		1,113	-	1,113	1,092
Broadband & Telephone		1,671	-	1,671	1,774
Database		336	-	336	288
Legal Fees		51	-	51	-
Office Expenses		1,092	-	1,092	241
Staff Pension		548	360	908	731
Staff Salaries		34,281	14,641	48,922	43,394
Subscriptions		106	-	106	201
Sundry Expenses		377	-	377	-
Training		-	-	-	40
Website & Publications		720	-	720	720
	4	40,295	15,001	55,296	48,481
Genesis Centre					
Business Rates		670	-	670	1,002
Cleaning		4,190	-	4,190	3,566
Courtyard		-	-	-	432
Depreciation		2,600	-	2,600	1,943
Electricity		16,070	-	16,070	3,022
Gas		737	-	737	2,358
Insurance		4,126	-	4,126	4,918
Kitchen Consumables		220	-	220	-
Launderette		-	-	-	1,147
Refuse		693	-	693	582
Repairs and Maintenance		3,439	-	3,439	297
Sundry Expenses		163	-	163	434
	5	32,908	-	32,908	19,699
Projects					
Activities					
Clothing		36	-	36	-
Consumable Support		63	222	285	-
Drop In Food Costs		9,660	68	9,728	5,821
Laundry		465	-	465	-
Shoes		-	944	944	201
Sleeping Bags. Clothing		194	-	194	164
	6	10,418	1,234	11,652	6,202

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2024

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Renovations	7	21,772	40,184	61,956	16,133
Skinner Street Premises					
Container	8	-	-	-	144
Amos House					
Council Tax		-	-	-	1,061
Electricity		-	-	-	403
Equipment		-	-	-	210
Gas		-	-	-	1,245
Lease		11,636	-	11,636	9,645
Maintenance		270	-	270	2,788
Management Fee		774	-	774	466
Professional Fees		-	-	-	417
TV Licence		-	-	-	106
Water		-	-	-	139
	9	12,680	-	12,680	16,480
Total Expenditure	10	118,073	56,419	174,492	107,140

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Balance Sheet
As at 31st March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fixed Assets	320,904	-	320,904	323,364
Cash at Bank and In Hand				
Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO Account	47,428	23,718	71,146	50,773
Amos House Account	6,572	-	6,572	7,685
Cash in Hand	47	-	47	139
	54,047	23,718	77,765	58,597
Due after 1 Year				
Talbot Trust	(150,000)	-	(150,000)	(150,000)
Net Asset Surplus	224,951	23,718	248,669	231,961

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Notes to the Balance Sheet
As at 31st March 2024

Balance Sheet Notes to the Accounts

Fixed Assets	Hill Street	Equipment	Total 2024	2023
Cost Genesis Centre	300,000	25,771	325,771	309,751
Accumulative Depreciation		(2,407)	(2,407)	(464)
	<u>300,000</u>	<u>23,364</u>	<u>323,364</u>	<u>309,287</u>
Equipment Additions	-	-	-	16,020
Depreciation this year	-	(2,460)	(2,460)	(1,943)
	<u>300,000</u>	<u>20,904</u>	<u>320,904</u>	<u>323,364</u>

Funds

Restricted	B.fwd	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	C.Fwd
Activities	2,984	-	(328)	-	2,656
Alice Cooper Dean	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Building Works		25,000	(5,205)		19,795
CF Water SS		350	(222)		128
Daisy Amos House	772	-	-	(772)	-
DCF Courtyard	69	-	(69)	-	-
Hob Activities		15,000	(10,571)		4,429
Repointing		18,000	(18,000)		-
Shoes	3,278	456	(944)	-	2,790
Talbot Trust			(6,080)		(6,080)
Total Restricted	<u>7,103</u>	<u>73,806</u>	<u>(56,419)</u>	<u>(772)</u>	<u>23,718</u>
Unrestricted Funds	<u>224,858</u>	<u>117,394</u>	<u>(118,073)</u>	<u>772</u>	<u>224,951</u>
Total Funds	<u>231,961</u>	<u>191,200</u>	<u>(174,492)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>248,669</u>

The Daisy funds were restricted for purchasing furniture for anyone who moved on from Amos House. As the use of Amos House has now changed, there is no need to ring fence these funds, and so they were transferred to the general funds

Accounts



TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023

SECTION A: Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name	Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Other names the charity is known by	Routes to Roots, R2R
Registered charity number	1155945
Principle address	Genesis Centre Hill Street Poole BH15 1NR Dorset

Trustees

Name	Office	Period	Those entitled to appoint Trustees
Kate Mellor	Chair of Trustees	01/04/2022-31/03/2023	✓
Rev Lucy Holt	Deputy Chair	01/04/2022-31/03/2023	✓
Rev Pat Southgate	Former Chair	01/04/2022-31/03/2023	✓
Andrew Teale	-	01/04/2022-31/03/2023	✓
Martin Finch	-	01/04/2022-31/03/2023	✓



SECTION B: Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document	Constitution
How Constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee Selection Methods	Appointment by Board of Trustees and by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting

SECTION C: Objectives and activities

Objects	Routes to Roots objects are to relieve the needs of rough sleepers and the vulnerably housed in the Borough of Poole. The objects of Routes to Roots are exclusively charitable and for the public benefit according to the laws of England and Wales. In particular, the Trustees are concerned with: • Relief of financial hardship • Relief of unemployment The term 'rough sleepers and vulnerably housed' means: • Anyone without a home • Those living on the streets • Those with no fixed abode • Those in makeshift accommodation • Those in emergency accommodation • Those who have experienced homelessness and those who are at risk of becoming homeless and who need support to maintain their housing and independent living
Main Activities	The Trustees have followed guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to activities undertaken in relation to the objects. Core Work 1. <u>Providing the Basic Necessities of Life</u>: We provide hot, nutritious lunches five days/week, breakfasts for rough sleepers, a women's group, showers with clean towels and toiletries, washing machines and driers, a postal address for those who need one, a clothing store, a chiropodist with new shoes, haircuts, and an internet café (used for searches and form filling). We also signpost to other service. 2. <u>Partnerships</u>: In March 2022, we opened the Genesis Centre, a new community building for Poole. This houses our homelessness hub where we hold our drop ins five days/week and provide access for partners who are working with the same client group,

	including We are With You (drug and alcohol services and needle exchange), St. Mungo's (outreach services), Poole Housing, Community Health Nurses, and the Community Mental Health Team. Three local Churches use the Genesis Centre to provide a Cooked Sunday lunch and a Sunday supper. We have an Organ Loft Board Room (the building was formerly a Baptist Church built in 1815) and we have offered this for free to any local charity that needs it. Currently, it is being used by Poole's Mayor and by Waste Not Want Not, a community grocery store. 3. <u>Prevention and Social Inclusion</u>: We work with those who are currently housed to help minimise the risk of repeated homelessness. We give support to those who are in danger of losing their tenancies through whatever means, such as non-payment of top-up fees, etc. Additionally, we offer positive encouragement to clients who are struggling with addictions. We work with those who might choose to give up their housing because of their isolation and loneliness by encouraging social participation and developing their living skills 4. <u>Engaging the Local Community</u>: We offer opportunities to groups, businesses and individuals to volunteer, support and fundraise. To inform, inspire and raise awareness in local businesses, schools, community groups, and churches, R2R volunteers give presentations and talks about the charity's vision and mission. 5. <u>Advocacy</u>: We monitor the current situation for homeless and vulnerably housed people in Poole and acts as an advocate for them with police, local government and services. 6. <u>Life Skills and Wellbeing</u>: In prior years, we have provided projects to develop self-esteem, self-awareness, social skills, and employment skills through participation in team working, volunteering, and training and also provided creative activities including art workshops, drama workshops, cooking, etc. We plan to continue to provide these as possible. These are dependent on volunteer involvement and funding, but we plan to continue to take advantage of every opportunity.
Additional Information	Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO is a charity based on Christian principles which seeks to serve the needs of rough sleepers and vulnerable housed of all faiths and none. Its statement of faith and ethos is: "Routes to Roots is an organisation whose roots are firmly based in the Christian faith. Our inspiration comes from the teachings of Jesus

	of Nazareth, as recorded in the Bible. We champion the cause of the homeless and the vulnerably housed in Poole. We show them the love of God for all people, not through preaching but through our actions. We also open the eyes of all those who are blind to the needs of the homeless and vulnerably housed in our town. We see Christ in the face of all who seek our help and support. We believe all human beings are made in the image of God and as such should be treated with dignity and self-worth by: • Hearing, and helping to give a voice to the homeless and vulnerably housed people in Poole • Standing with them and not above them • Encouraging participation and engagement rather than dependency • Respecting difference and not expecting or demanding conformity” This statement is published on the charity’s website and made available to all members, staff, volunteers and Trustees. The CIO welcomes members, staff, and volunteers without faith or of other faiths who respect its faith and observe its ethos. Trustees of the CIO must show their acceptance of the statement of faith and ethos by signing it on election.
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SECTION D: Achievements and Performance

Main Achievements	<u>Twenty Year Anniversary</u> In March 2022, we celebrated our Twentieth Year as a registered Charity. While we never want to celebrate the need for a homelessness charity, we have enjoyed taking stock in what we have achieved over the last twenty years and the milestones we have reached in Charity Governance. <u>Queens Award for Voluntary Service</u> During the Queen’s Jubilee, on 2nd June 2022, Routes to Roots was awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Service, which is the MBE for volunteer groups. Pat and Curt Southgate attended a Palace Garden Party on behalf of the charity. In October, the Lord Lieutenant of Dorset, Ian Campbell, presented Routes to Roots with the Crystal Award and a document signed by the Queen, at an event for all volunteers. In May 2023, two more Trustees, Revd Lucy Hold and Andrew Teale will also attend a Palace Garden Party. <u>Patron</u>
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	The Venerable Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne has continued to actively support Routes to Roots. <u>Staffing</u> Ben Sargent continued as the Genesis Centre Manager. Elaine Mellers remained as part-time administrative assistant. We continued to contract out our bookkeeping and website management. Nearly fifty volunteers provided our services at the Genesis Centre. <u>Drop-Ins</u> We have provided a drop-in over lunch times 5 days a week. During the period since we opened the Genesis Centre on 21/3/22 until 31/03/23 we have served 6390 hot nutritious lunches, with the highest daily attendance of 47 people. During the year, we began to provide breakfasts two mornings per week exclusively for those rough sleeping and homeless. This has enabled those individuals to access warmth, toilets, showers, and food, but perhaps more important, a space for focussed work with Outreach services to take place. Additional support groups led by volunteers are available to individuals. A weekly form filling and I.T support group session takes place where we can help people apply online for benefits, etc. and support them to develop CV's and complete job applications. We also provide a weekly women's group which allows us to provide a range of activities and additional professional support. We provided Christmas Day dinner for 25 people. Each received a festive two course lunch and a wrapped gift. <u>Amos House Supported Accommodation</u> We entered the eighth year of this project, which is in partnership with Green Pastures Housing. During Covid, many rough sleepers were housed and although more people have found themselves on the streets, most of them were not ready to move into the kind of supported accommodation that we offer at Amos House. They need support that responds to their multiple needs, rather than a single need. The Trustees considered all the options and decided to let the flat to a homeless family of five people, who moved in during September 2022. The three children are attending local schools and the parents are seeking work. Support is provided by an external agency. The family have a two year lease and will be expected to move into private rented accommodation at the end of two years, with the support of the external agency.
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	<u>Partnerships</u> Having the Genesis Centre has allowed us to invite all the partners who work with our client group to meet with them at our drop ins or at other times. We do not charge them to use the building. During the year, we worked with: • St. Mungo's • We Are With You Drug & Alcohol Team • We Are With You Needle Exchange • Poole Housing Team • NHS Community Mental Health Team • NHS Community Nursing • Shelter • The Big Issue • The Police We also welcomed others to use our building, free of charge: • Two Churches, which currently offer a cooked Sunday lunch twice monthly • Two Churches, which used to serve a Soup Run under the Hunger Hill Bridge arches and which now serve their meal in the Genesis Centre on Sunday evenings • Waste Not Want Not, a community grocery store, which uses the Genesis Centre for Board Meetings • Poole's Mayor, who uses the Organ Loft Board Room for meetings <u>Communications</u> We continue to issue an eNewsletter to keep supporters updated on all that is happening in R2R and the progress we are making at the Genesis Centre. We are currently using Mailchimp for the newsletter but we have begun to consider other ways of transmitting our news to local organisations in the hope that we can reach a wider audience. A volunteer took over our social media accounts and posts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. The Trustees agreed to hire someone to overhaul our website and simplify it. That work has begun and is expected to take at least six months. We changed our letter head to show our 20th anniversary and the Queens Award for Voluntary Service. At Christmas, we released another short video as part of our Christmas Appeal, which was backed up with stills from the video released on social media.
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	We were approached again by the Bournemouth University media department and asked if we would like to be involved in a second year student project as significant part of their studies. Following a presentation about R2R at the university we are now working with a number of students who will be producing marketing materials such as posters, looking at our branding and making videos which can be used for information and fundraising. We held our AGM in April 2022 at the Genesis Centre. Our next AGM is planned for May 2023. It will be slightly later to give our Accounts' Examiner a few weeks to complete the task. <u>Genesis Centre</u> Before moving into the Genesis Centre in March 2022, we had nearly completed Phase I, which was enough to get the building working for us. During 2022-23, we continued to work on the building and completed the following: • Installation of the Air Source Heat Pumps, which included installing a secure platform • Furnishing of the Medical Room, with a medical bed, medical trolley, chairs and a table • The purchase of two driers and a replacement washing machine for the laundry area and two rolling laundry baskets • Plastering in the office, the stairways to the balcony, the hall near the old front door, and the ceiling up to the windows above the laundry area • Insulating above the office and on the Southeast facing wall between the office and the Activities Hall • Removed the ceiling in the loft storage area • Began restoration of the windows in the Organ Loft, which have cracked and missing glass and also damaged frames. • Installed handrails to the Balcony staircase • Installed nosing to the stairs to the back half of the building • Ordered three fire doors We are currently fundraising for Phase II, which we hope to complete during 2023-24. Phase II includes: • Renovation of the Activities Hall to install lighting, heating, flooring covering, and to decorate and install blinds/curtains • Repointing the building • Installing new guttering • Installing new security gates on either side of the building
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SECTION E: Financial Review

Policy on Reserves	At the February 2023 Meeting, the Trustees changed the policy to raise the amount of reserves to £35,000.																		
Financial Review	<u>Financial Review 2022-23</u> 2022-23 was another odd financial year for the charity because we are still fundraising for the building work. With the final phase of building work planned for 2023-24, we expect to have our finances within normal limits in the 2024-25 year. What that means is that we have had large grants for the building work that have skewed our income since 2021. In a normal year, we might expect to need approximately £70,000 to run the building and all our services. However, in these building project years, the amount we need to spend is significantly higher as we continue to renovate. Consequently, we continue to apply for grants that we will not need in the future. The main highlights are as follows: - Total income was £138,368 in 2022-23, which was down from the previous year, but which reflected our needs for running the Genesis Centre and further renovation work. Our income allowed us to bring our reserves back to our policy level. - £34,000 was secured in grants for Genesis Centre. This included another donation of £15,000 from a supportive local couple, £1,500 from Hall & Woodhouse Community Chest, £10,000 from the Albert Hunt Trust, £2,500 from Help the Homeless, and £5,000 from the Screwfix Foundation. - Overall payments were lower than in the previous year, at £90,660 in 2022-23 versus £243,363 in 2021-22. This reflects the reduced spend on the Genesis Centre over the last year. Our other fundraising for the Genesis Centre from March 2022 through February 2023 was successful and brought in: <table><tr><th>Source of Donation</th><th>Amount</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>One off Donations by a Named Individual</td><td>£11,401</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>One off Donations by an Anonymous Source</td><td>£1,380</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Regular Donations (standing order or CAF)</td><td>£15,483</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Memberships (one member gave £400)</td><td>£750</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Churches (including £5,029 from the Vineyard)</td><td>£19,824</td><td></td></tr></table>	Source of Donation	Amount	Total	One off Donations by a Named Individual	£11,401		One off Donations by an Anonymous Source	£1,380		Regular Donations (standing order or CAF)	£15,483		Memberships (one member gave £400)	£750		Churches (including £5,029 from the Vineyard)	£19,824	
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	Local Groups (Royal Motor (2022 to 2025), Masons, Colehill Community Choir, Thursday Bridge Club, Scouts	£4,403	
	Corporate Donors	£2,975 £10,999	
	Schools	£1,714	
	HMRC Tax Reclaim	£5,408	
	Stewardship	£520	
	Charitable Giving Payroll Giving	£60	
			£74,917
Amos House income in 2022-23 was £16,353. This decrease is accounted for by periods of unoccupancy between tenants as we changed the flat from a by room tenancy into a family home. Green Pastures agreed to reduce our payments to them, since renting the flat as a family home brings in less income than letting the individual rooms. Amos House payments totalled £16,480, which included upgrades to make it a better family home. Financially, we are in a solid position, having raised enough to complete Phase I of the work on renovating the Genesis Centre and enough to pay for all our core costs over the last year. However, we are not resting on our laurels and will continue to focus on fundraising until the renovation work is completed. Outlook 2023-24 Our first year at the Genesis Centre has been such a success that we feel confident going into the next year. We will continue to offer all our services and to work with our growing list of partners. We will continue to work with Churches to increase the number of Sundays that we offer a Cooked Sunday Lunch. Our volunteer numbers continue to grow, and we look forward to more volunteer involvement and additional training for volunteers. This will allow us to provide more services for our clients. We hope to complete the Activities Hall in time to allow St. Mungo's to use the space for SWEP, the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol in Winter 2023. Currently, SWEP is held in Bournemouth, which means that Poole people cannot see the services supporting them during SWEP. The Genesis Centre also has all the facilities that would make SWEP a success, including a kitchen, showers, and laundry facilities. The Activities Hall, with black-out blinds, will			

	provide an ideal sleeping room, filled with camp beds and clean bedding. Yet again we are strengthened by the level of local support shown for our work and are confident in the future.
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SECTION G: Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature	
Full Name	Katharine Mellor Gibson (Kate Mellor)
Position	Chair of Trustees
Date	

Charity No 1155945

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31st March 2023

Genesis Centre
Hill Street
Poole
BH15 1NR

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

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Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Kate Mellor (Chair) Revd Lucy Holt (Deputy Chair) Martin Finch Revd Pat Southgate Andrew Teale
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Principal Office	Genesis Centre Hill Street Poole BH15 1NR
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Charity Registration Number	1155945
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Gift Aid Registration	XR62155
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Independent Examiner	M A Bilson Dip FS, FCIB 41 Cowslip Road Broadstone BH18 9QZ
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Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Reserves

In order to complete Phase One of the building works on the Genesis Centre and to prepare the building to move in, the Trustees decided to advance some of the work even though it meant depleting the reserves. The Trustees are determined to rebuild the reserves as soon as possible to return them to six months of the Charity's annual costs.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 02/05/2023
And signed on its behalf



Kate Mellor
Chair

Date 2/5/2023

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

I report on the accounts of Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out on pages 4 - 9

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The trustee's 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 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 Act 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 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 material matters have come to my attention gives me cause to believe that in a material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 10 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Signed
M A Bilson Dip FS, FCIB
41 Cowslip Road
Broadstone
BH18 9QZ

Date: 29/4/2023

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2023

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from					
Receipts	1	120,658	17,710	138,368	170,502
Amos House	2	16,353	-	16,353	26,221
Total Income	3	137,011	17,710	154,721	196,723
Expenditure on					
Administration	4	33,481	15,000	48,481	29,398
Hill Street	5	37,922	3,747	41,669	185,655
Projects	6	165	201	366	10
Skinner Street	7	144	-	144	8,012
Amos House	8	16,264	215	16,479	20,286
Total Expenditure		87,976	19,163	107,140	243,362
Net Income/(Expenditure) before transfer		49,035	(1,453)	47,581	(46,639)
Transfers					
Gross Transfers between funds - in		3,891	-	3,891	111
Gross Transfers between funds - out		-	(3,891)	(3,891)	(111)
Net Movement in funds		52,926	(5,344)	47,581	(46,639)
Total funds brought forward		171,932	12,448	184,380	231,019
Total funds carried forward		224,858	7,103	231,961	184,380

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2023

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts from Generated Funds					
Church Donations & Membership		20,468	-	20,468	9,314
Corporate Donations & Membership		11,900	-	11,900	2,730
Crowdfunding		-	-	-	-
Fund Raising		11,131	-	11,131	8,444
Gift Aid Tax		5,391	-	5,391	43,709
Grants		24,390	17,700	42,090	65,000
Other Cash and Cheque Donations		39,145	-	39,145	34,514
Regular Donations & Membership		8,233	-	8,233	6,731
Shoe Donations		-	10	10	60
	1	120,658	17,710	138,368	170,502
Amos House Receipts					
Grant		2,000	-	2,000	1,000
Housing Benefits		6,124	-	6,124	24,531
Rental Income		8,229	-	8,229	690
	2	16,353	-	16,353	26,221
Total Receipts	3	137,011	17,710	154,721	196,723

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2023

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Charitable Activities					
Administration					
Bookkeeping		1,092	-	1,092	1,030
Broadband		461	-	461	-
Database		288	-	288	288
Office Expenses		241	-	241	823
Staff Pension		731	-	731	-
Staff Salaries		28,394	15,000	43,394	25,955
Subscriptions		201	-	201	69
Telephone		1,313	-	1,313	513
Training		40	-	40	-
Website & Publications		720	-	720	720
	4	33,481	15,000	48,481	29,398
Genesis Centre					
Activities			15.99	16	-
Business Rates		1002	-	1,002	-
Cleaning		3566	-	3,566	-
Courtyard		-	432	432	-
Depreciation		1,943	-	1,943	464
Drop-in Food		4,821	1,000	5,821	879
Electricity		2,855	167	3,022	189
Gas		1,325	1,033	2,358	284
Insurance		4,918	-	4,918	3,507
Launderette		47	1,100	1,147	-
Refuse		582	-	582	-
Repairs and Maintenance		297	-	297	618
Renovations		16,133	-	16,133	179,466
Sundry Expenses		434	-	434	249
	5	37,922	3,747	41,669	185,655
Projects					
Shoes		-	201	201	-
Sleeping Bags. Clothing		165	-	165	10
	6	165	201	366	10
Skinner Street Premises					
Container		144	-	144	847
Container Insurance		-	-	-	(35)
Rent Drip-Ins Skinner Street		-	-	-	5,280
Rent Skinner Street for Office		-	-	-	1,920
	7	144	-	144	8,012

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2023

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Amos House					
Council Tax		1,061	-	1,061	1,460
Electricity		403	-	403	521
Equipment		-	210	210	-
Gas		1,245	-	1,245	1,092
Lease		9,645	-	9,645	13,800
Maintenance		2,783	5	2,788	1,372
Management Fee		466	-	466	418
Professional Fees		417	-	417	1,000
TV Licence		106	-	106	317
Water		139	-	139	306
	8	16,264	215	16,479	20,286

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

Balance Sheet

As at 31st March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Fixed Assets	323,364	-	323,364	309,287
Cash at Bank and In Hand				
Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO Account	44,442	6,331	50,773	9,363
Amos House Account	6,913	772	7,685	15,798
Cash in Hand	139	-	139	189
	51,494	7,103	58,597	25,349
Current Assets				
Refundable Storage Deposit	-	-	-	176
Creditor	-	-	-	(432)
Due after 1 Year				
Talbot Trust	(150,000)	-	(150,000)	(150,000)
Net Asset Surplus	224,858	7,103	231,961	184,380

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Notes to the Balance Sheet
As at 31st March 2023

Balance Sheet Notes to the Accounts

Fixed Assets	Hill Street	Equipment	Total	2022
Cost Genesis Centre	300,000	9,751	309,751	300,000
Accumulative Depreciation		(464)	(464)	-
	300,000	9,287	309,287	300,000
Equipment Additions	-	16,020	16,020	9,750
Depreciation this year	-	(1,943)	(1,943)	(464)
	300,000	23,364	323,364	309,286

Funds

Restricted	B.fwd	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	C.Fwd
Activities	3,000	-	(16)	-	2,984
Arnold Clark	5	-	(5)	-	-
BCP Winter Warmth	-	1,200	(1,200)	-	-
Change 4 Good	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Cooper Dean	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Daisy Amos House	982	-	(210)	-	772
DCF Courtyard	-	500	(432)	-	69
Genesis Centre	3,500	-	(1,100)	(2,400)	-
Haddon - Breakfasts	1,491	-	-	(1,491)	-
Haddon - Shoes	3,470	10	(201)	-	3,279
Total Restricted	12,448	17,710	(19,164)	(3,891)	7,103
Unrestricted Funds	171,932	137,011	(87,976)	3,891	224,858
	184,380	154,721	(107,140)		231,961

Patron: The Right Reverend Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne



TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023

SECTION A: Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name	Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Other names the charity is known by	Routes to Roots, R2R
Registered charity number	1155945
Principle address	Genesis Centre Hill Street Poole BH15 1NR Dorset

Trustees

Name	Office	Period	Those entitled to appoint Trustees
Kate Mellor	Chair of Trustees	01/04/2022-31/03/2023	✓
Rev Lucy Holt	Deputy Chair	01/04/2022-31/03/2023	✓
Rev Pat Southgate	Former Chair	01/04/2022-31/03/2023	✓
Andrew Teale	-	01/04/2022-31/03/2023	✓
Martin Finch	-	01/04/2022-31/03/2023	✓



SECTION B: Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document	Constitution
How Constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee Selection Methods	Appointment by Board of Trustees and by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting

SECTION C: Objectives and activities

Objects	Routes to Roots objects are to relieve the needs of rough sleepers and the vulnerably housed in the Borough of Poole. The objects of Routes to Roots are exclusively charitable and for the public benefit according to the laws of England and Wales. In particular, the Trustees are concerned with: • Relief of financial hardship • Relief of unemployment The term 'rough sleepers and vulnerably housed' means: • Anyone without a home • Those living on the streets • Those with no fixed abode • Those in makeshift accommodation • Those in emergency accommodation • Those who have experienced homelessness and those who are at risk of becoming homeless and who need support to maintain their housing and independent living
Main Activities	The Trustees have followed guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to activities undertaken in relation to the objects. Core Work 1. <u>Providing the Basic Necessities of Life</u>: We provide hot, nutritious lunches five days/week, breakfasts for rough sleepers, a women's group, showers with clean towels and toiletries, washing machines and driers, a postal address for those who need one, a clothing store, a chiropodist with new shoes, haircuts, and an internet café (used for searches and form filling). We also signpost to other service. 2. <u>Partnerships</u>: In March 2022, we opened the Genesis Centre, a new community building for Poole. This houses our homelessness hub where we hold our drop ins five days/week and provide access for partners who are working with the same client group,

	including We are With You (drug and alcohol services and needle exchange), St. Mungo's (outreach services), Poole Housing, Community Health Nurses, and the Community Mental Health Team. Three local Churches use the Genesis Centre to provide a Cooked Sunday lunch and a Sunday supper. We have an Organ Loft Board Room (the building was formerly a Baptist Church built in 1815) and we have offered this for free to any local charity that needs it. Currently, it is being used by Poole's Mayor and by Waste Not Want Not, a community grocery store. 3. <u>Prevention and Social Inclusion</u>: We work with those who are currently housed to help minimise the risk of repeated homelessness. We give support to those who are in danger of losing their tenancies through whatever means, such as non-payment of top-up fees, etc. Additionally, we offer positive encouragement to clients who are struggling with addictions. We work with those who might choose to give up their housing because of their isolation and loneliness by encouraging social participation and developing their living skills 4. <u>Engaging the Local Community</u>: We offer opportunities to groups, businesses and individuals to volunteer, support and fundraise. To inform, inspire and raise awareness in local businesses, schools, community groups, and churches, R2R volunteers give presentations and talks about the charity's vision and mission. 5. <u>Advocacy</u>: We monitor the current situation for homeless and vulnerably housed people in Poole and acts as an advocate for them with police, local government and services. 6. <u>Life Skills and Wellbeing</u>: In prior years, we have provided projects to develop self-esteem, self-awareness, social skills, and employment skills through participation in team working, volunteering, and training and also provided creative activities including art workshops, drama workshops, cooking, etc. We plan to continue to provide these as possible. These are dependent on volunteer involvement and funding, but we plan to continue to take advantage of every opportunity.
Additional Information	Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO is a charity based on Christian principles which seeks to serve the needs of rough sleepers and vulnerable housed of all faiths and none. Its statement of faith and ethos is: "Routes to Roots is an organisation whose roots are firmly based in the Christian faith. Our inspiration comes from the teachings of Jesus

	of Nazareth, as recorded in the Bible. We champion the cause of the homeless and the vulnerably housed in Poole. We show them the love of God for all people, not through preaching but through our actions. We also open the eyes of all those who are blind to the needs of the homeless and vulnerably housed in our town. We see Christ in the face of all who seek our help and support. We believe all human beings are made in the image of God and as such should be treated with dignity and self-worth by: • Hearing, and helping to give a voice to the homeless and vulnerably housed people in Poole • Standing with them and not above them • Encouraging participation and engagement rather than dependency • Respecting difference and not expecting or demanding conformity” This statement is published on the charity’s website and made available to all members, staff, volunteers and Trustees. The CIO welcomes members, staff, and volunteers without faith or of other faiths who respect its faith and observe its ethos. Trustees of the CIO must show their acceptance of the statement of faith and ethos by signing it on election.
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SECTION D: Achievements and Performance

Main Achievements	<u>Twenty Year Anniversary</u> In March 2022, we celebrated our Twentieth Year as a registered Charity. While we never want to celebrate the need for a homelessness charity, we have enjoyed taking stock in what we have achieved over the last twenty years and the milestones we have reached in Charity Governance. <u>Queens Award for Voluntary Service</u> During the Queen’s Jubilee, on 2nd June 2022, Routes to Roots was awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Service, which is the MBE for volunteer groups. Pat and Curt Southgate attended a Palace Garden Party on behalf of the charity. In October, the Lord Lieutenant of Dorset, Ian Campbell, presented Routes to Roots with the Crystal Award and a document signed by the Queen, at an event for all volunteers. In May 2023, two more Trustees, Revd Lucy Hold and Andrew Teale will also attend a Palace Garden Party. <u>Patron</u>
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The Venerable Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne has continued to actively support Routes to Roots.

Staffing

Ben Sargent continued as the Genesis Centre Manager. Elaine Mellers remained as part-time administrative assistant.

We continued to contract out our bookkeeping and website management.

Nearly fifty volunteers provided our services at the Genesis Centre.

Drop-Ins

We have provided a drop-in over lunch times 5 days a week. During the period since we opened the Genesis Centre on 21/3/22 until 31/03/23 we have served 6390 hot nutritious lunches, with the highest daily attendance of 47 people.

During the year, we began to provide breakfasts two mornings per week exclusively for those rough sleeping and homeless. This has enabled those individuals to access warmth, toilets, showers, and food, but perhaps more important, a space for focussed work with Outreach services to take place.

Additional support groups led by volunteers are available to individuals. A weekly form filling and I.T support group session takes place where we can help people apply online for benefits, etc. and support them to develop CV's and complete job applications. We also provide a weekly women's group which allows us to provide a range of activities and additional professional support.

We provided Christmas Day dinner for 25 people. Each received a festive two course lunch and a wrapped gift.

Amos House Supported Accommodation

We entered the eighth year of this project, which is in partnership with Green Pastures Housing. During Covid, many rough sleepers were housed and although more people have found themselves on the streets, most of them were not ready to move into the kind of supported accommodation that we offer at Amos House. They need support that responds to their multiple needs, rather than a single need.

The Trustees considered all the options and decided to let the flat to a homeless family of five people, who moved in during September 2022. The three children are attending local schools and the parents are seeking work. Support is provided by an external agency. The family have a two year lease and will be expected to move into private rented accommodation at the end of two years, with the support of the external agency.

Partnerships

Having the Genesis Centre has allowed us to invite all the partners who work with our client group to meet with them at our drop ins or at other times. We do not charge them to use the building. During the year, we worked with:

- St. Mungo's
- We Are With You Drug & Alcohol Team
- We Are With You Needle Exchange
- Poole Housing Team
- NHS Community Mental Health Team
- NHS Community Nursing
- Shelter
- The Big Issue
- The Police

We also welcomed others to use our building, free of charge:

- Two Churches, which currently offer a cooked Sunday lunch twice monthly
- Two Churches, which used to serve a Soup Run under the Hunger Hill Bridge arches and which now serve their meal in the Genesis Centre on Sunday evenings
- Waste Not Want Not, a community grocery store, which uses the Genesis Centre for Board Meetings
- Poole's Mayor, who uses the Organ Loft Board Room for meetings

Communications

We continue to issue an eNewsletter to keep supporters updated on all that is happening in R2R and the progress we are making at the Genesis Centre. We are currently using Mailchimp for the newsletter but we have begun to consider other ways of transmitting our news to local organisations in the hope that we can reach a wider audience.

A volunteer took over our social media accounts and posts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

The Trustees agreed to hire someone to overhaul our website and simplify it. That work has begun and is expected to take at least six months.

We changed our letter head to show our 20th anniversary and the Queens Award for Voluntary Service.

At Christmas, we released another short video as part of our Christmas Appeal, which was backed up with stills from the video released on social media.

	We were approached again by the Bournemouth University media department and asked if we would like to be involved in a second year student project as significant part of their studies. Following a presentation about R2R at the university we are now working with a number of students who will be producing marketing materials such as posters, looking at our branding and making videos which can be used for information and fundraising. We held our AGM in April 2022 at the Genesis Centre. Our next AGM is planned for May 2023. It will be slightly later to give our Accounts' Examiner a few weeks to complete the task. <u>Genesis Centre</u> Before moving into the Genesis Centre in March 2022, we had nearly completed Phase I, which was enough to get the building working for us. During 2022-23, we continued to work on the building and completed the following: • Installation of the Air Source Heat Pumps, which included installing a secure platform • Furnishing of the Medical Room, with a medical bed, medical trolley, chairs and a table • The purchase of two driers and a replacement washing machine for the laundry area and two rolling laundry baskets • Plastering in the office, the stairways to the balcony, the hall near the old front door, and the ceiling up to the windows above the laundry area • Insulating above the office and on the Southeast facing wall between the office and the Activities Hall • Removed the ceiling in the loft storage area • Began restoration of the windows in the Organ Loft, which have cracked and missing glass and also damaged frames. • Installed handrails to the Balcony staircase • Installed nosing to the stairs to the back half of the building • Ordered three fire doors We are currently fundraising for Phase II, which we hope to complete during 2023-24. Phase II includes: • Renovation of the Activities Hall to install lighting, heating, flooring covering, and to decorate and install blinds/curtains • Repointing the building • Installing new guttering • Installing new security gates on either side of the building
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SECTION E: Financial Review

Policy on Reserves	At the February 2023 Meeting, the Trustees changed the policy to raise the amount of reserves to £35,000.																		
Financial Review	<u>Financial Review 2022-23</u> 2022-23 was another odd financial year for the charity because we are still fundraising for the building work. With the final phase of building work planned for 2023-24, we expect to have our finances within normal limits in the 2024-25 year. What that means is that we have had large grants for the building work that have skewed our income since 2021. In a normal year, we might expect to need approximately £70,000 to run the building and all our services. However, in these building project years, the amount we need to spend is significantly higher as we continue to renovate. Consequently, we continue to apply for grants that we will not need in the future. The main highlights are as follows: - Total income was £138,368 in 2022-23, which was down from the previous year, but which reflected our needs for running the Genesis Centre and further renovation work. Our income allowed us to bring our reserves back to our policy level. - £34,000 was secured in grants for Genesis Centre. This included another donation of £15,000 from a supportive local couple, £1,500 from Hall & Woodhouse Community Chest, £10,000 from the Albert Hunt Trust, £2,500 from Help the Homeless, and £5,000 from the Screwfix Foundation. - Overall payments were lower than in the previous year, at £90,660 in 2022-23 versus £243,363 in 2021-22. This reflects the reduced spend on the Genesis Centre over the last year. Our other fundraising for the Genesis Centre from March 2022 through February 2023 was successful and brought in: <table><tr><th>Source of Donation</th><th>Amount</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>One off Donations by a Named Individual</td><td>£11,401</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>One off Donations by an Anonymous Source</td><td>£1,380</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Regular Donations (standing order or CAF)</td><td>£15,483</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Memberships (one member gave £400)</td><td>£750</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Churches (including £5,029 from the Vineyard)</td><td>£19,824</td><td></td></tr></table>	Source of Donation	Amount	Total	One off Donations by a Named Individual	£11,401		One off Donations by an Anonymous Source	£1,380		Regular Donations (standing order or CAF)	£15,483		Memberships (one member gave £400)	£750		Churches (including £5,029 from the Vineyard)	£19,824	
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Local Groups (Royal Motor (2022 to 2025), Masons, Colehill Community Choir, Thursday Bridge Club, Scouts	£4,403	
Corporate Donors	£2,975 £10,999	
Schools	£1,714	
HMRC Tax Reclaim	£5,408	
Stewardship	£520	
Charitable Giving Payroll Giving	£60	
		£74,917

Amos House income in 2022-23 was £16,353. This decrease is accounted for by periods of unoccupancy between tenants as we changed the flat from a by room tenancy into a family home. Green Pastures agreed to reduce our payments to them, since renting the flat as a family home brings in less income than letting the individual rooms. Amos House payments totalled £16,480, which included upgrades to make it a better family home.

Financially, we are in a solid position, having raised enough to complete Phase I of the work on renovating the Genesis Centre and enough to pay for all our core costs over the last year. However, we are not resting on our laurels and will continue to focus on fundraising until the renovation work is completed.

Outlook 2023-24

Our first year at the Genesis Centre has been such a success that we feel confident going into the next year. We will continue to offer all our services and to work with our growing list of partners. We will continue to work with Churches to increase the number of Sundays that we offer a Cooked Sunday Lunch.

Our volunteer numbers continue to grow, and we look forward to more volunteer involvement and additional training for volunteers. This will allow us to provide more services for our clients.

We hope to complete the Activities Hall in time to allow St. Mungo's to use the space for SWEP, the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol in Winter 2023. Currently, SWEP is held in Bournemouth, which means that Poole people cannot see the services supporting them during SWEP. The Genesis Centre also has all the facilities that would make SWEP a success, including a kitchen, showers, and laundry facilities. The Activities Hall, with black-out blinds, will

	provide an ideal sleeping room, filled with camp beds and clean bedding. Yet again we are strengthened by the level of local support shown for our work and are confident in the future.
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SECTION G: Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature	
Full Name	Katharine Mellor Gibson (Kate Mellor)
Position	Chair of Trustees
Date	

Charity No 1155945

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31st March 2023

Genesis Centre
Hill Street
Poole
BH15 1NR

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

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Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Kate Mellor (Chair) Revd Lucy Holt (Deputy Chair) Martin Finch Revd Pat Southgate Andrew Teale
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Principal Office	Genesis Centre Hill Street Poole BH15 1NR
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Charity Registration Number	1155945
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Gift Aid Registration	XR62155
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Independent Examiner	M A Bilson Dip FS, FCIB 41 Cowslip Road Broadstone BH18 9QZ
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Date

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

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Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2023

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from					
Receipts	1	120,658	17,710	138,368	170,502
Amos House	2	16,353	-	16,353	26,221
Total Income	3	137,011	17,710	154,721	196,723
Expenditure on					
Administration	4	33,481	15,000	48,481	29,398
Hill Street	5	37,922	3,747	41,669	185,655
Projects	6	165	201	366	10
Skinner Street	7	144	-	144	8,012
Amos House	8	16,264	215	16,479	20,286
Total Expenditure		87,976	19,163	107,140	243,362
Net Income/(Expenditure) before transfer		49,035	(1,453)	47,581	(46,639)
Transfers					
Gross Transfers between funds - in		3,891	-	3,891	111
Gross Transfers between funds - out		-	(3,891)	(3,891)	(111)
Net Movement in funds		52,926	(5,344)	47,581	(46,639)
Total funds brought forward		171,932	12,448	184,380	231,019
Total funds carried forward		224,858	7,103	231,961	184,380

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2023

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Receipts from Generated Funds					
Church Donations & Membership		20,468	-	20,468	9,314
Corporate Donations & Membership		11,900	-	11,900	2,730
Crowdfunding		-		-	-
Fund Raising		11,131	-	11,131	8,444
Gift Aid Tax		5,391	-	5,391	43,709
Grants		24,390	17,700	42,090	65,000
Other Cash and Cheque Donations		39,145	-	39,145	34,514
Regular Donations & Membership		8,233	-	8,233	6,731
Shoe Donations		-	10	10	60
	1	120,658	17,710	138,368	170,502
Amos House Receipts					
Grant		2,000	-	2,000	1,000
Housing Benefits		6,124	-	6,124	24,531
Rental Income		8,229	-	8,229	690
	2	16,353	-	16,353	26,221
Total Receipts	3	137,011	17,710	154,721	196,723

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2023

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Charitable Activities					
Administration					
Bookkeeping		1,092	-	1,092	1,030
Broadband		461	-	461	-
Database		288	-	288	288
Office Expenses		241	-	241	823
Staff Pension		731	-	731	-
Staff Salaries		28,394	15,000	43,394	25,955
Subscriptions		201	-	201	69
Telephone		1,313	-	1,313	513
Training		40	-	40	-
Website & Publications		720	-	720	720
	4	33,481	15,000	48,481	29,398
Genesis Centre					
Activities			15.99	16	-
Business Rates		1002	-	1,002	-
Cleaning		3566	-	3,566	-
Courtyard		-	432	432	-
Depreciation		1,943	-	1,943	464
Drop-in Food		4,821	1,000	5,821	879
Electricity		2,855	167	3,022	189
Gas		1,325	1,033	2,358	284
Insurance		4,918	-	4,918	3,507
Launderette		47	1,100	1,147	-
Refuse		582	-	582	-
Repairs and Maintenance		297	-	297	618
Renovations		16,133	-	16,133	179,466
Sundry Expenses		434	-	434	249
	5	37,922	3,747	41,669	185,655
Projects					
Shoes		-	201	201	-
Sleeping Bags. Clothing		165	-	165	10
	6	165	201	366	10
Skinner Street Premises					
Container		144	-	144	847
Container Insurance		-	-	-	(35)
Rent Drip-Ins Skinner Street		-	-	-	5,280
Rent Skinner Street for Office		-	-	-	1,920
	7	144	-	144	8,012

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2023

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Amos House					
Council Tax		1,061	-	1,061	1,460
Electricity		403	-	403	521
Equipment		-	210	210	-
Gas		1,245	-	1,245	1,092
Lease		9,645	-	9,645	13,800
Maintenance		2,783	5	2,788	1,372
Management Fee		466	-	466	418
Professional Fees		417	-	417	1,000
TV Licence		106	-	106	317
Water		139	-	139	306
	8	16,264	215	16,479	20,286

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Balance Sheet
As at 31st March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Fixed Assets	323,364	-	323,364	300,000
Cash at Bank and In Hand				
Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO Account	44,442	6,331	50,773	9,363
Amos House Account	6,913	772	7,685	15,798
Cash in Hand	139	-	139	189
	51,494	7,103	58,597	25,349
Current Assets				
Refundable Storage Deposit	-	-	-	176
Creditor	-	-	-	(432)
Due after 1 Year				
Talbot Trust	150,000	-	150,000	150,000
Net Asset Surplus	224,858	7,103	231,961	231,019

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Notes to the Balance Sheet
As at 31st March 2023

Balance Sheet Notes to the Accounts

Fixed Assets	Hill Street	Equipment	Total	2021
Cost Genesis Centre	300,000	9,751	309,751	300,000
Accumulative Depreciation		(464)	(464)	-
	300,000	9,287	309,287	300,000
Equipment Additions	-	16,020	16,020	9,750
Depreciation this year	-	(1,943)	(1,943)	(464)
	300,000	32,650	323,364	309,286

Funds

Restricted	B.fwd	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	C.Fwd
Activities	3,000	-	(16)	-	2,984
Arnold Clark	5	-	(5)	-	-
BCP Winter Warmth	-	1,200	(1,200)	-	-
Change 4 Good	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Cooper Dean	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Daisy Amos House	982	-	(210)	-	772
DCF Courtyard	-	500	(432)	-	69
Genesis Centre	3,500	-	(1,100)	(2,400)	-
Haddon - Breakfasts	1,491	-	-	(1,491)	-
Haddon - Shoes	3,470	10	(201)	-	3,279
Total Restricted	12,448	17,710	(19,164)	(3,891)	7,103
Unrestricted Funds	171,932	137,011	(87,976)	3,891	224,858
	184,380	154,721	(107,140)		231,961

Accounts



TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022

SECTION A: Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name	Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Other names the charity is known by	Routes to Roots, R2R
Registered charity number	1155945
Principle address	Genesis Centre
	Hill Street
	Poole
	Dorset BH15 1NR

Trustees

Name	Office	Period	Those entitled to appoint Trustees
Rev Pat Southgate	Chairman	01/04/2021-31/03/2022	✓
Kate Mellor	-	01/04/2021-31/03/2022	✓
Andrew Teale	-	01/04/2021-31/03/2022	✓
Martin Finch	-	01/04/2021-31/03/2022	✓
Rev Lucy Holt	-	01/04/2021-31/03/2022	✓

SECTION B: Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document	Constitution
How Constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee Selection Methods	Appointment by Board of Trustees and by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting

SECTION C: Objectives and activities

Objects	The objects of the CIO are to relieve the needs of rough sleepers and vulnerably housed in the Borough of Poole by furthering such charitable purposes for the public benefit as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the Trustees may from time to time determine, in particular but not limited to: • Relief of financial hardship • Advancement of education • Relief of unemployment
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	For the purposes of this clause the term 'rough sleepers and vulnerably housed' means: • Anyone without a home • Those living on the streets • Those with no fixed abode • Those in makeshift accommodation • Those in emergency accommodation • Those who have experienced homelessness and those who are at risk of becoming homeless and who need support to maintain their housing and independent living
Main Activities	The Trustees have followed guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to activities undertaken in relation to the objects. Core Work 1. <u>Outreach</u>: R2R provides space for outreach workers in the areas of addiction and mental health, physical health, housing and benefits to meet clients in a familiar and unthreatening environment. This improves access to, and take-up of, these important services to resolve the problems that cause homelessness. 2. <u>Providing Basic Necessities of Life</u>: R2R provides a hot meal five times a week, fortnightly Sunday lunch and breakfast for rough sleepers during the cold weather months, clothing, sleeping bags, and practical assistance for those moving into accommodation, as needed. We also signpost rough sleepers to other support such as local soup runs. 3. <u>Prevention and Social Inclusion</u>: R2R works with those who are currently housed to help minimise the risk of repeated homelessness. We give support to those who are in danger of losing their tenancies through whatever means, such as non-payment of top-up fees, etc. Additionally, we encourage and work with clients who are struggling with addictions. We also work with those who might choose to give up their housing because of their isolation and loneliness by encouraging social participation and developing their living skills 4. <u>Life Skills and Wellbeing</u>: R2R has provided projects to develop self esteem, self-awareness, social skills, and employment skills through participation in team working, volunteering, and training and also provided creative activities including art workshops, drama workshops, cooking, etc. We plan to continue to provide these as possible. These are dependent on volunteer involvement and funding, but we plan to continue to take advantage of every opportunity. 5. <u>Engaging the Local Community</u>: R2R offers opportunities to groups, businesses and individuals to volunteer, support and fundraise. To inform, inspire and raise awareness in local businesses, schools, community groups, and churches, R2R

	volunteers give presentations and talks about the charity's vision and mission. 6. <u>Advocacy</u>: R2R monitors the current situation for homeless and vulnerably housed people in Poole and acts as an advocate for them with police, local government and services.
Additional Information	Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO is a charity based on Christian principles which seeks to serve the needs of rough sleepers and vulnerable housed of all faiths and none. Its statement of faith and ethos is: "Routes to Roots is an organisation whose roots are firmly based in the Christian faith. Our inspiration comes from the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, as recorded in the Bible. We champion the cause of the homeless and the vulnerably housed in Poole. We show them the love of God for all people, not through preaching but through our actions. We also open the eyes of all those who are blind to the needs of the homeless and vulnerably housed in our town. We see Christ in the face of all who seek our help and support. We believe all human beings are made in the image of God and as such should be treated with dignity and self worth by: • Hearing, and helping to give a voice to the homeless and vulnerably housed people in Poole • Standing with them and not above them • Encouraging participation and engagement rather than dependency • Respecting difference and not expecting or demanding conformity" This statement is published on the charity's website and made available to all members, staff, volunteers and Trustees. The CIO welcomes members, staff, and volunteers without faith or of other faiths who respect its faith and observe its ethos. Trustees of the CIO must show their acceptance of the statement of faith and ethos by signing it on election.

SECTION D: Achievements and Performance

Main Achievements	<u>New Building</u> We moved all our operations into Genesis Centre on Hill Street on 21 March, coinciding with the 20th anniversary of our founding as a charity. This has been a major undertaking, which would have been impossible without the tremendous support shown for our vision both locally and nationally. Under the continued guidance of architect Ken Morgan we secured the pro bono services of nine additional local professionals. Over the two years since our purchase we received nearly £212,000 in grants from 18 foundations and trusts. At our move-in the works have cost nearly £270,000. There is still work to be carried out on the second hall and to the outside of the building and fundraising is continuing to pay for this.
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	However, this does not impact our ability to run our drop-ins and welcome back our outreach partners. Shower and laundry facilities are available and there are computers for clients' use. We were delighted to have a very special visitor in January at Genesis Centre. Routes to Roots was privileged to be one of the first stops on a visit to Poole for the Very Reverend Stephen Lake, following the announcement that morning that he will be the next Bishop of Salisbury. On 20 March we held an Open Day, with words of thanksgiving by our patron <u>The Right Reverend Karen Gorham</u>, Bishop of Sherborne. Over 150 attended including Angus Campbell, Lord Lieutenant of Dorset, and George Streatfield, the former High Sheriff of Dorset - both of whom had previously visited R2R – and the Mayor of Poole, Councillor Julie Bagwell. <u>Amos House Supported Accommodation</u> We entered the seventh year of this project. We had three licensees at the start of lockdown and because of the pandemic all remained in their licenses until September 2021. Currently, there are two licensees. Before we let the third room, we plan to review the use of the premises as part of our strategic plan update in May/June 2022. <u>Drop-Ins</u> Despite on-going restrictions because of Covid, we were able to operate five lunchtime drop-ins with indoor hot meals throughout the year. On average we saw 15 clients each day with a high of 22 in February. In June EDAS (Essential Drugs and Alcohol Services) re-started their outreach operations with us, soon to be replaced by the new service providers We Are With You. At Christmas Kingsbere Kitchen again brought their burger and hot dog van and we served Christmas Day lunch to 17 clients. In February, working with colleagues from St Mungo's and The Health Bus, we provided a venue for BCP Council to offer COVID 19 vaccinations to those homeless or living in Emergency/Temporary accommodation. <u>Communications</u> We continued to issue an eNewsletter to keep supporters up-dated on our progress at Genesis Centre and client activity. Trustees, staff and relevant volunteers kept up-to-date with regular zoom calls and eventually face-to-face meetings.
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	An AGM was again not held in 2021 but the Accounts and Trustees' Report for 2020-21 were put on the website, notified in the eNews and sent out to members. <u>Patron</u> The Venerable Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne has continued to be active in supporting us. <u>Contracted Services and Staffing</u> In anticipation of our move to Genesis Centre and recognising the need for full-time management, we appointed Ben Sargent as Genesis Centre Manager in January. Ben has many years' experience in housing and addiction services across Bournemouth and Poole and will take on the responsibility for all the Centre's operations including management of volunteers. Elaine Mellers remains as part-time administrative assistant and we are currently recruiting a second part-timer to oversee all communications and fundraising activities. This will bring the employee head count to one full-time and two part-time. We continued to contract out finance and website management.
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SECTION E: Financial Review

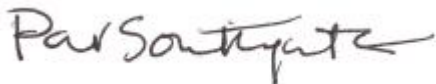
Policy on Reserves	The Trustees maintained a reserve policy of £30,000, covering roughly five-six months. During the coming year, as it becomes clear what the operating costs of the building will be, they will re-examine whether this remains prudent.
Financial Review	<u>Financial Review 2021-22</u> The funding position of the Charity over the last year reflected our work on renovating the former Hill Street Baptist Church so that we could open it as the Genesis Centre. Our position also reflects our ability to perform our mission during Covid times, when our ability to run our services was sometimes greatly affected. It is safe to say that we probably will not ever have another financial year like this one. The main highlights are as follows: - Receipts totalled £196,723 in 2021-22, nearly 20% more than £165,216 in the previous year. - £90,000 was secured in grants for Genesis Centre. This included another donation of £10,000 from a supportive local couple, £40,000 from Talbot Village Trust and £35,000 from the Clothworkers Foundation. - Overall payments were higher than in the previous year, at £243,363 in 2021-22 versus £178,817 in 2020-21. This is largely attributed to contractors' costs associated with the renovation of the Genesis Centre. - Every area of fundraising was similar to or increased from the previous year.

	Income for Amos House, consisting of Housing Benefit, rent and specific donations, for 2021-22 was £26,221 versus £17,666 in 2020-21. This increase is accounted for by periods of unoccupancy between tenants because of the pandemic. Expenditure was £20,286 versus £21,152 in the previous year due to expenditure on maintenance and repairs. A grant of £1000 was secured from Arnold Clark Community Fund to pay for maintenance work. Financially, we are looking forward to a period of consolidation before we tackle Phase Two of the work on the Genesis Centre, which includes renovating the Activities Hall, renovating the Balcony, and repointing the building. Outlook 2022-23 We are very excited about the coming year as we settle into our very own building and start to put in operation our plans to become a one-stop centre for all help to our clients in Poole. Initially we will open on five weekdays, from 12:00 noon to 2:30pm, but intend to extend our hours as more volunteers join us. Because of the various drop-in closures many volunteers have not been as active as they may have liked and re-motivating them and expanding our volunteer base for future activities is a priority for our new Genesis Centre Manager. We Are With You are already providing addiction outreach twice a week and we expect our partners from St Mungo's, Victim Support and Mental and Physical Health Support to join us shortly. During the coming year we hope to be able to work on the second hall, which could be the location for SWEP and a winter shelter and a programme of daytime activities to help the clients move on, including financial advice and training sessions. Yet again we are strengthened by the level of local support shown for our plans and are very confident for the future.
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SECTION G: Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature	
Full Name	Revd. Pat Southgate
Position	Chair of Trustees
Date	6 April 2022

ROUTES TO ROOTS CIO

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

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Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

Reference and Administrative Details

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Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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And signed on its behalf



Revd. Pat Southgate
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Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
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Date:

17 MAY 2022

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For the year ended 31st March 2022

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Income and Endowments from						
Receipts	1	52,306	-	60	52,366	87,007
Grants	0	-	-	118,100	118,100	60,500
Amos House	3	25,221	-	1,000	26,221	17,666
Trading Activities	4	36	-	-	36	41
Investments	5	-	-	-	-	1
Total Income	6	77,563	-	119,160	196,723	165,215
Expenditure on						
Administration	7	30,955	-	-	30,955	25,112
Cleaning	8	10	-	-	10	368
Food Costs	9	879	-	-	879	1,350
Hill Street	10	59,820	-	123,400	183,220	124,797
Premises Rental	11	8,012	-	-	8,012	6,038
Amos House	12	19,291	-	995	20,286	21,152
Total Expenditure		118,967	-	124,395	243,362	178,817
Net Income/(Expenditure) before transfer		(41,404)	-	(5,235)	(46,639)	(13,602)
Transfers						
Gross Transfers between funds - in		-	-	111	111	33,000
Gross Transfers between funds - out		(111)	-	-	(111)	(33,000)
Net Movement in funds		(41,515)	-	(5,124)	(46,639)	(13,602)
Total funds brought forward		213,448	-	17,571	231,019	244,621
Total funds carried forward		171,933	-	12,447	184,380	231,019

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2022

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Receipts from Generated Funds					
Church Donations & Membership	9,314	-	-	9,314	17,750
Corporate Donations & Membership	2,730	-	-	2,730	2,704
Crowdfunding	-	-	-	-	2,730
Fund Raising	8,444	-	-	8,444	32,123
Gift Aid Tax	1,209	-	-	1,209	3,796
Other Cash and Cheque Donations	23,878	-	-	23,878	21,498
Regular Donations & Membership	6,731	-	-	6,731	6,346
Shoe Donations	-	-	60	60	60
1	52,306	-	60	52,366	87,007
Genesis Centre					
Donations	-	-	10,600	10,600	23,000
Gift Aid Tax	-	-	42,500	42,500	-
Grants	-	-	65,000	65,000	37,500
2	-	-	118,100	118,100	60,500
Amos House Receipts					
Grant	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
Housing Benefits	24,531	-	-	24,531	17,626
Rental Income	690	-	-	690	40
3	25,221	-	1,000	26,221	17,666
Trading Activities					
Sale of clothes	36	-	-	36	41
Investments					
Interest	-	-	-	-	1
6	77,563	-	119,160	196,723	165,215

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Charitable Activities					
Administration					
Bookkeeping	1,030	-	-	1,030	1,020
Database	288	-	-	288	288
Donations	-	-	-	-	600
Insurance	1,557	-	-	1,557	1,438
Office Expenses	823	-	-	823	255
Staff Salaries	25,955	-	-	25,955	20,221
Subscriptions	69	-	-	69	52
Telephone and Internet	513	-	-	513	465
Website & Publications	720	-	-	720	773
7	30,955	-	-	30,955	25,112
Other					
Cleaning Products	-	-	-	-	344
Equipment	10	-	-	10	-
Laundrette	-	-	-	-	24
8	10	-	-	10	368
Food Costs					
Afternoon/Evening Drop-Ins	879	-	-	879	1,350
Breakfasts	-	-	-	-	-
9	879	-	-	879	1,350
Genesis Centre					
Depreciation	464	-	-	464	-
Insurance	1,950	-	-	1,950	1,852
Professional Services	-	-	-	-	(8)
Refurbishment	56,540	-	122,926	179,466	121,853
Repairs & Maintenance	144	-	474	618	589
Sundry Expenses	249	-	-	249	158
Utilities	473	-	-	473	354
10	59,820	-	123,400	183,220	124,797
Skinner Street Premises					
Container	847	-	-	847	878
Container Insurance	(35)	-	-	(35)	60
Skinner Street for Drop-Ins	5,280	-	-	5,280	3,740
Skinner Street for Office	1,920	-	-	1,920	1,360
11	8,012	-	-	8,012	6,038

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
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For the year ended 31st March 2022

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Ref	Funds	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Amos House					
Council Tax	1,460	-	-	1,460	1,412
Electricity	521	-	-	521	313
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Gas	1,092	-	-	1,092	1,517
Lease	13,800	-	-	13,800	13,800
Maintenance	377	-	995	1,372	1,283
Management Fee	418	-	-	418	430
Professional Fees	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,000
Relocation Expenses	-	-	-	-	623
TV Licence	317	-	-	317	314
Water	306	-	-	306	460
12	19,291	-	995	20,286	21,152
Total Payments					
13	118,967	-	124,395	243,362	178,817

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Balance Sheet
As at 31st March 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Fixed Assets	309,287	-	-	309,287	300,000
Cash at Bank and In Hand					
Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO Account	(2,097)	-	11,460	9,363	70,743
Amos House Account	14,811	-	987	15,798	9,863
Cash in Hand	189	-	-	189	237
	12,902		12,447	25,349	80,843
Current Assets					
Refundable Storage Deposit	176	-	-	176	176
Liabilities					
Due within 1 Year					
Creditor	432	-	-	432	-
Due after 1 Year					
Talbot Trust	150,000	-	-	150,000	150,000
Net Asset Surplus	171,933	-	12,447	184,380	231,019
Fixed Assets					
Cost Genesis Centre	300,000	-	-	300,000	300,000
Kitchen Equipment Additions	9,751	-	-	9,751	-
Depreciation this year	(464)	-	-	(464)	-
	309,287	-	-	309,287	300,000
Funds					
Restricted	B.fwd	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	C.Fwd
Activities	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
Arnold Clark	-	1,000	(995)	-	5
Daisy Amos House	982	-	-	-	982
Genesis Centre	8,800	118,100	(123,400)	-	3,500
Haddon - Breakfasts	1,491	-	-	-	1,491
Haddon - Shoes	3,410	60	-	-	3,470
Total Restricted	17,683	119,160	(124,395)	-	12,448
Unrestricted Funds	213,336	77,563	(118,967)	-	171,932
	231,019	196,723	(243,362)	-	184,380

ROUTES TO ROOTS CIO

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Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

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Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

Revd Pat Southgate
Revd Lucy Holt
Andrew Teale
Kate Mellor
Martin Finch

Principal Office

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BH15 1NR

Charity Registration Number

1155945

Gift Aid Registration

XR62155

Independent Examiner

M A Bilson Dip FS, FCIB
41 Cowslip Road
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Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Reserves

In order to complete Phase One of the building works on the Genesis Centre and to prepare the building to move in, the Trustees decided to advance some of the work even though it meant depleting the reserves. The Trustees are determined to rebuild the reserves as soon as possible to return them to six month of the Charity's annual costs.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on
And signed on its behalf



Revd. Pat Southgate
Chair

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

I report on the accounts of Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO for the year ended 31st March 2022, which are set out on pages 4-8

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The trustee's 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 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 Act 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 material matters have come to my attention gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 10 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed

M A Bilson Dip FS, FCIB
41 Cowslip Road
Broadstone
BH18 9QZ



Date:

17 MAY 2022

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2022

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from						
Receipts	1	52,306	-	60	52,366	87,007
Grants	0	-	-	118,100	118,100	60,500
Amos House	3	25,221	-	1,000	26,221	17,666
Trading Activities	4	36	-	-	36	41
Investments	5	-	-	-	-	1
Total Income	6	77,563	-	119,160	196,723	165,215
Expenditure on						
Administration	7	30,955	-	-	30,955	25,112
Cleaning	8	10	-	-	10	368
Food Costs	9	879	-	-	879	1,350
Hill Street	10	59,820	-	123,400	183,220	124,797
Premises Rental	11	8,012	-	-	8,012	6,038
Amos House	12	19,291	-	995	20,286	21,152
Total Expenditure		118,967	-	124,395	243,362	178,817
Net Income/(Expenditure) before transfer		(41,404)	-	(5,235)	(46,639)	(13,602)
Transfers						
Gross Transfers between funds - in		-	-	111	111	33,000
Gross Transfers between funds - out		(111)	-	-	(111)	(33,000)
Net Movement in funds		(41,515)	-	(5,124)	(46,639)	(13,602)
Total funds brought forward		213,448	-	17,571	231,019	244,621
Total funds carried forward		171,933	-	12,447	184,380	231,019

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2022

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts from Generated Funds						
Church Donations & Membership		9,314	-	-	9,314	17,750
Corporate Donations & Membership		2,730	-	-	2,730	2,704
Crowdfunding		-	-	-	-	2,730
Fund Raising		8,444	-	-	8,444	32,123
Gift Aid Tax		1,209	-	-	1,209	3,796
Other Cash and Cheque Donations		23,878	-	-	23,878	21,498
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Shoe Donations		-	-	60	60	60
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Donations		-	-	10,600	10,600	23,000
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For the year ended 31st March 2022

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Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Gas	1,092	-	-	1,092	1,517
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Current Assets					
Refundable Storage Deposit	176	-	-	176	176
Liabilities					
Due within 1 Year					
Creditor	432	-	-	432	-
Due after 1 Year					
Talbot Trust	150,000	-	-	150,000	150,000
Net Asset Surplus	171,933	-	12,447	184,380	231,019
Fixed Assets					
Cost Genesis Centre	300,000	-	-	300,000	300,000
Kitchen Equipment Additions	9,751	-	-	9,751	-
Depreciation this year	(464)	-	-	(464)	-
	309,287	-	-	309,287	300,000
Funds					
Restricted	B.fwd	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	C.Fwd
Activities	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
Arnold Clark	-	1,000	(995)	-	5
Daisy Amos House	982	-	-	-	982
Genesis Centre	8,800	118,100	(123,400)	-	3,500
Haddon - Breakfasts	1,491	-	-	-	1,491
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Accounts



Patron: The Right Reverend Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021

SECTION A: Reference and administration details

Charity Name	Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Other names the charity is known by	Routes to Roots, R2R
Registered charity number	1155945
Principle address	R2R Office
	Skinner Street URC
	Poole
	Dorset BH15 1RQ

Trustees

Name	Office	Period	Those entitled to appoint Trustees
Rev Pat Southgate	Chairman	01/04/2020-31/03/2021	✓
Kate Mellor	-	01/04/2020-31/03/2021	✓
Andrew Teale	-	03/07/2020-31/03/2021	✓
Martin Finch	-	07/06/2020-31/03/2021	✓
Rev Lucy Holt	-	22/01/2020-31/03/2021	✓

SECTION B: Structure, governance and management

Governing Document	Constitution
How Constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee Selection Methods	Appointment by Board of Trustees and by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting

SECTION C: Objectives and activities

Objects	The objects of the CIO are to relieve the needs of rough sleepers and vulnerably housed in the Borough of Poole by furthering such charitable purposes for the public benefit as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the Trustees may from time to time determine, in particular but not limited to: • Relief of financial hardship • Advancement of education • Relief of unemployment For the purposes of this clause the term 'rough sleepers and vulnerably housed' means: • Anyone without a home • Those living on the streets • Those with no fixed abode • Those in makeshift accommodation • Those in emergency accommodation • Those who have experienced homelessness and those who are at risk of becoming homeless and who need support to maintain their housing and independent living
Main Activities	The Trustees have followed guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to activities undertaken in relation to the objects. Core Work 1. <u>Outreach</u>: R2R provides space for outreach workers in the areas of addiction and mental health, physical health, housing and benefits to meet clients in a familiar and unthreatening environment. This improves access to, and take-up of, these important services to resolve the problems that cause homelessness. 2. <u>Providing Basic Necessities of Life</u>: R2R provides a hot meal five times a week, fortnightly Sunday lunch and breakfast for rough sleepers during the cold weather months, clothing, sleeping bags, and practical assistance for those moving into accommodation, as needed. We also signpost rough sleepers to other support such as local soup runs. 3. <u>Prevention and Social Inclusion</u>: R2R works with those who are currently housed to help minimise the risk of repeated homelessness. We give support to those who are in danger of losing their tenancies through whatever means, such as non-payment of top-up fees, etc. Additionally, we encourage and work with clients who are struggling with addictions. We also work with those who might choose to give up their housing because of their isolation and loneliness by encouraging social participation and developing their living skills.

	4. <u>Life Skills and Wellbeing</u>: R2R has provided projects to develop self esteem, self-awareness, social skills, and employment skills through participation in team working, volunteering, and training and also provided creative activities including art workshops, drama workshops, cooking, etc. We plan to continue to provide these as possible. These are dependent on volunteer involvement and funding, but we plan to continue to take advantage of every opportunity. 5. <u>Engaging the Local Community</u>: R2R offers opportunities to groups, businesses and individuals to volunteer, support and fundraise. To inform, inspire and raise awareness in local businesses, schools, community groups, and churches, R2R volunteers give presentations and talks about the charity's vision and mission. 6. <u>Advocacy</u>: R2R monitors the current situation for homeless and vulnerably housed people in Poole and acts as an advocate for them with police, local government and services.
Additional Information	Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO is a charity based on Christian principles which seeks to serve the needs of rough sleepers and vulnerable housed of all faiths and none. Its statement of faith and ethos is: "Routes to Roots is an organisation whose roots are firmly based in the Christian faith. Our inspiration comes from the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, as recorded in the Bible. We champion the cause of the homeless and the vulnerably housed in Poole. We show them the love of God for all people, not through preaching but through our actions. We also open the eyes of all those who are blind to the needs of the homeless and vulnerably housed in our town. We see Christ in the face of all who seek our help and support. We believe all human beings are made in the image of God and as such should be treated with dignity and self worth by: • Hearing, and helping to give a voice to the homeless and vulnerably housed people in Poole • Standing with them and not above them • Encouraging participation and engagement rather than dependency • Respecting difference and not expecting or demanding conformity" This statement is published on the charity's website and made available to all members, staff, volunteers and Trustees. The CIO welcomes members, staff, and volunteers without faith or of other faiths who respect its faith and observe its ethos. Trustees of the CIO must show their acceptance of the statement of faith and ethos by signing it on election.

SECTION D: Achievements and performance

Main Achievements	<u>New Building</u> Despite the problems caused to everyone by coronavirus throughout the year, we pressed on with seeking funds to start the refurbishment of the former Baptist Church on Hill Street, Poole, which we bought in February 2020. We were extremely successful in this, securing over £56,000 in grants as well as substantial donations from local people, schools, churches and businesses. In addition to the pro bono architect Ken Morgan, we secured pro bono help from eight other local professionals. In July 2021 we were granted listed building and planning consent and work started in September. The work is proceeding in phases with the intention being to complete the main hall, office, kitchen, laundry, showers and toilets, which will enable us to move in. As work progressed, substantial problems to the flooring were uncovered, which delayed us and increased the cost of the project. An additional £25,000 in grants has been pledged to this work but not yet paid in (and another £35,000 in May 2021). We hope to move in before the end of 2022. Trustees Kate Mellor, a grassroots property developer, and Martin Finch, a retired builder, are leading this project alongside architect Ken Morgan. In October 2020 we welcomed Dorset's High Sheriff and his wife to Hill Street to be briefed on our plans for the building and future activities to help clients. We have named this building Genesis Centre. <u>Supported Accommodation</u> We entered the sixth year of this project. During this year, we have had three tenants. Delays in moving people on and finding new tenants were brought about by the pandemic and lockdowns. Sadly one person has now had to be given notice to leave as he persistently broke the terms of his licence, did not engage with EDAS (Essential Drugs and Alcohol Services) and has become a risk to others in the house. Steve, who moved into local authority housing in September 2020, took advantage of the Daisy Fund grant to buy essential furniture and appliances for his new home. Before Christmas 2020 our first female tenant moved in after being homeless and put in a B&B during the lockdowns. <u>Drop-Ins</u> As BCP Council's Covid-19 emergency accommodation provision wound down and more rough sleepers took to the streets, we
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restarted our drop-in sessions at Skinner Street URC on 1 July 2020 after being closed since 25 March 2020. The sessions ran every weekday and were only able to provide takeaways. In July we welcomed back a total of 45 clients and served 133 takeaway lunches. From 12 October, following risk assessments, we were able to allow clients to come indoors and offer hot meals but on 5 November we again had to revert to takeaways only. On average we saw 15 clients each day. At Christmas Kingsbere Kitchen again brought their burger and hot dog van and we were able to serve Christmas Day lunch. On 8 January 2021 we again suspended our drop-ins to encourage clients to take up offers of accommodation arranged for them by St Mungo's. During this period our Drop-in Manager found that a number of people stayed on the streets and took out lunches and hot drinks. On 1 March 2021 we re-opened for takeaway lunches only.

This has been a rollercoaster year for our staff and volunteers to manage and we are extremely grateful to Skinner Street URC who worked with us throughout this time to make what provision was allowed available.

Communications

Throughout the year we have been supported pro bono by Saltwater Stone, a local PR company, who helped us to set up a regular email newsletter to keep supporters up-dated on our progress at Hill Street and client activity.

Trustees, staff and relevant volunteers kept up-to-date with fortnightly zoom calls after work at Hill Street started in September 2020.

An AGM was not held in 2020 but the Accounts and Trustees' Report for 2019-20 were put on the website, notified in the eNews and sent out to members.

The charity's Business Plan was updated during email and telephone correspondence of the R2R Trustees in April 2020 as meetings could not take place during the coronavirus crisis. It is available on the website.

Patron

The Venerable Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne has continued to be active in supporting us.

Contracted Services and Staffing

We continue to employ two part-time staff and outsource our accounts and financial support. In October 2020 our part-time Drop-in Manager and Volunteer Co-ordinator Helen left and we welcomed Andy Mason as her replacement. During the shutdowns of drop-ins

	our two staff worked from home catching up on administration and helping with plans for the move to Hill Street.
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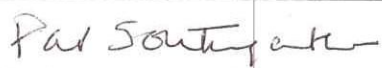
SECTION E: Financial review

Policy on Reserves	In February 2021 the Trustees agreed to raise the six months' reserve policy from £25,000 to £30,000 in order to prepare for an increase in operating costs after our move into Hill Street. Our prudence on reserves enabled us to continue throughout the pandemic without furloughing our two staff.
Financial Review	<u>Financial Review 2020-21</u> The funding position of the Charity decreased over the course of the year, from £244,620 as at 31 March 2020 to £231,019 at 31 March 2021, with the Charity posting a net deficit (receipts minus payments) of £13,601 in the year, versus a surplus of £59,843 in the previous year. The main highlights are as follows: - £56,772 was secured in grants for Hill Street (and £25,000 was pledged). - Receipts totalled £165,216 in 2020-21, nearly 27% more than £129,196 in the previous year. This included a single donation of £10,000 from a local couple. - Overall payments were higher than in the previous year, at £178,817 in 2020-21 versus £69,353 in 2019-20. This is largely attributed to contractors' costs of £124,797 associated with the renovation of the Hill Street premises. - Receipts saw an increase in church, school and individual donations. - Gift aid income was £3,796 compared with £8,151 in the previous year. Income for Amos House, consisting of Housing Benefit, rent and specific donations, for 2020-21 was £17,666 versus £25,220 in 2019-20. This decrease is accounted for by longer periods of unoccupancy between tenants because of the pandemic. Expenditure was £21,152 versus £20,283 in the previous year due to expenditure on maintenance and repairs. <u>Outlook 2021-22</u> Looking forward to 2021-22, thanks to a grant of £35,000 from The Clothworkers Foundation made in May 2021, we believe we have the money to complete the work that will enable us to move into our Hill Street building but the timing of the move remains dependent on the

	progress of building work and availability of contractors given the current uncertainties. We hope that we will be in before the end of the year. With the kind permission of the URC Elders we will remain at Skinner Street until then. Following our move, and the lifting of pandemic social restrictions, our immediate plan is to re-establish health, housing and benefit outreach and we are in discussions with the relevant local authority providers who are keen for this to go ahead. We will also start work on the second hall, which could be the location for SWEP and a winter shelter and a programme of daytime activities to help the clients move on, including financial advice and training sessions. Because of the various drop-in closures many volunteers have not been as active as they may have liked and re-motivating them and expanding our volunteer base for future activities is a priority. It is important to note that the expected downturn in local donations and fundraising activities from individuals, churches and schools over the last 12 months did not happen. The level of support and appreciation in the local community for our work has never been higher. This will ensure that our long-term plans for a one-stop centre for all help available in Poole will happen.
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SECTION G: Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above
Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature	
Full Name	Revd. Pat Southgate
Position	Chairman
Date	9 th August 2021

Charity No 1155945

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31st March 2021

C/o URC Skinner Street
Poole, Dorset
BH15 1RQ

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

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Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Revd Pat Southgate Revd Lucy Holt Andrew Teale Kate Mellor Martin Finch
Principal Office	Routes to Roots Office Skinner Street URC Poole BH15 1RQ
Charity Registration Number	1155945
Gift Aid Registration	XR62155
Independent Examiner	M A Bilson Dip FS, FCIB Lloyds Bank 101 High Street Poole BH15 1AJ

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

The Trustees have a reserve policy of ensuring £30,000 is reserved to cover six months expenses

Approved by the trustees of the charity on
And signed on its behalf

09/08/2021



Revd. Pat Southgate
Chair

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

I report on the accounts of Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO for the year ended 31st March 2021, which are set out on pages 4-8

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The trustee's 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 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 Act 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 material matters have come to my attention gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 10 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed

M A Bilson Dip FS, FCIB



Date:

19/4/2021

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2021

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from						
Receipts	1	86,947	22,700	361	110,008	91,853
Grants	2	-	29,000	8,500	37,500	12,000
Amos House	3	17,666	-	-	17,666	25,220
Trading Activities	4	41	-	-	41	123
Investments	5	1	-	-	1	-
Total Income	6	104,655	51,700	8,861	165,216	129,196
Expenditure on						
Administration	7	25,103	-	9	25,112	25,497
Cleaning	8	368	-	-	368	777
Food Costs	9	1,350	-	-	1,350	5,463
Hill Street	10	43,097	81,700	-	124,797	8,514
Premises Rental	11	6,038	-	-	6,038	8,130
Project Costs	12	-	-	-	-	689
Amos House	13	20,529	-	623	21,152	20,283
Total Expenditure	14	96,485	81,700	632	178,817	69,353
Net Income/(Expenditure) before transfer		8,170	(30,000)	8,229	(13,601)	59,843
Transfers						
Gross Transfers between funds - in		-	30,000	3,000	33,000	-
Gross Transfers between funds - out		(28,000)	-	(5,000)	(33,000)	-
Net Movement in funds		(19,830)	-	6,229	(13,601)	59,843
Total funds brought forward		233,166	-	11,454	244,620	184,777
Total funds carried forward		213,336	-	17,683	231,019	244,620

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2021

Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Receipts from Generated Funds					
Church Donations & Membership	17,750	-	-	17,750	12,389
Corporate Donations & Membership	2,704	-	-	2,704	6,422
Crowdfunding	2,730	-	-	2,730	-
Fund Raising	32,123	-	-	32,123	16,464
Gift Aid Tax	3,796	-	-	3,796	8,151
Hill Street Donations	-	22,700	301	23,001	25,000
Other Cash and Cheque Donations	21,498	-	-	21,498	15,720
Regular Donations & Membership	6,346	-	-	6,346	6,259
School Donations	-	-	-	-	688
Shoe Donations	-	-	60	60	760
1	86,947	22,700	361	110,008	91,853
Grants					
Amos House	-	-	-	-	2,000
Haddon - Kitchen Hill Street	-	-	-	-	5,000
Hill Street	-	29,000	8,500	37,500	-
Help the Homeless	-	-	-	-	5,000
2	-	29,000	8,500	37,500	12,000
Amos House Receipts					
Housing Benefits	17,626	-	-	17,626	23,470
Rental Income	40	-	-	40	1,750
3	17,666	-	-	17,666	25,220
Trading Activities					
Sale of clothes	41	-	-	41	123
4	41	-	-	41	123
Investments					
Interest	1	-	-	1	-
5	1	-	-	1	-
Total Receipts	104,655	51,700	8,861	165,216	129,196
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Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Charitable Activities	£	£	£	£	£
Administration					
Bookkeeping	1,020	-	-	1,020	1,020
Database	279	-	9	288	288
Donations	600	-	-	600	-
Insurance	1,438	-	-	1,438	1,263
Office Expenses	255	-	-	255	530
Staff Salaries	20,221	-	-	20,221	20,804
Subscriptions	52	-	-	52	50
Telephone and Internet	465	-	-	465	480
Website & Publications	773	-	-	773	1,062
7	25,103		9	25,112	25,497
Cleaning					
Cleaning Products	344	-	-	344	33
Laundrette	24	-	-	24	744
8	368		-	368	777
Food Costs					
Afternoon/Evening Drop-Ins	1,350	-	-	1,350	5,351
Breakfasts	-	-	-	-	112
9	1,350		-	1,350	5,463
Hill Street					
Insurance	1,852	-	-	1,852	1,864
Legal Costs	-	-	-	-	3,830
Professional Services	(8)	-	-	(8)	2,820
Refurbishment	40,264	81,589	-	121,853	-
Repairs & Maintenance	589	-	-	589	-
Sundry Expenses	46	112	-	158	-
Utilities	354	-	-	354	-
10	43,097	81,700		124,797	8,514
Premises					
Container	878	-	-	878	809
Container Insurance	60	-	-	60	121
Skinner Street for Drop-Ins	3,740	-	-	3,740	5,280
Skinner Street for Office	1,360	-	-	1,360	1,920
11	6,038		-	6,038	8,130
Projects					
Shoes	-	-	-	-	689
12					689

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Balance Sheet
As at 31st March 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Fixed Asset Addition					
104 Hill Street	300,000	-	-	300,000	300,000
Cash at Bank and In Hand					
Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO Account	54,042	-	16,701	70,743	80,711
Amos House Account	8,881	-	982	9,863	13,348
Cash in Hand	237	-	-	237	385
	63,160		17,683	80,843	94,444
Current Assets					
Refundable Storage Deposit	176	-	-	176	176
Liabilities					
Due after 1 Year					
Talbot Trust	150,000	-		150,000	150,000
	150,000		-	150,000	150,000
Net Asset Surplus	213,336		17,683	231,019	244,620
Restricted Funds	B.fwd	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	2021
Activities	-	-	-	3,000	3,000
Daisy Amos House	1,605	-	(623)		982
Haddon - Breakfasts	1,491	-	-	-	1,491
Haddon - Shoes	3,350	60	-	-	3,410
Hill Street	-	8,800	-	-	8,800
Kitchen	5,000	-	-	(5,000)	-
Lloyds -Database	8	-	(8)	-	-
Total Restricted	11,454	8,860	(631)	(2,000)	17,683
Designated Funds					
Hill Street	-	51,700	(81,700)	30,000	-
Unrestricted Funds	233,166	104,654	(96,484)	(28,000)	213,336
	244,620	165,214	(178,815)	-	231,019

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