



## 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	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relief of financial hardship</li> <li>• Relief of unemployment</li> </ul> <p>The term 'rough sleepers and vulnerably housed' means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anyone without a home</li> <li>• Those living on the streets</li> <li>• Those with no fixed abode</li> <li>• Those in makeshift accommodation</li> <li>• Those in emergency accommodation</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
Main Activities	<p>The Trustees have followed guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to activities undertaken in relation to the objects.</p> <p><b>Core Work</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ol>

	<p>In September 2023, we opened the Genesis Centre as a Cool Space during the day during a week-long heat wave.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Mungos</li> <li>• We Are With You Drug &amp; Alcohol Team</li> <li>• We Are With You Needle Exchange</li> <li>• BCP Housing Options Team</li> <li>• NHS Community Mental Health Team</li> <li>• NHS Community Nursing</li> <li>• Shelter</li> <li>• Victim Support</li> <li>• STARS</li> <li>• The Big Issue</li> <li>• The Police</li> <li>• The Health Bus</li> </ul> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Bournemouth and Poole College's Space Youth Project is using the building during school holidays for a weekly evening drop-in session.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
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	<p>because of their isolation and loneliness by encouraging social participation and developing their living skills</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Additional Information	<p>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.</p> <p>Its statement of faith and ethos is:</p> <p>"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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hearing, and helping to give a voice to the homeless and vulnerably housed people in Poole</li> <li>• Standing with them and not above them</li> <li>• Encouraging participation and engagement rather than dependency</li> <li>• Respecting difference and not expecting or demanding conformity"</li> </ul> <p>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</p>

	<p>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.</p>
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## SECTION D: Achievements and Performance

Main Achievements	<p><u>Patron</u></p> <p>The Venerable Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne has continued to actively support Routes to Roots.</p> <p><u>Staffing</u></p> <p>Ben Sargent continued as the Genesis Centre Manager.</p> <p>Elaine Mellers, our part-time administrative assistant retired at the end of November. We hired Tracy Hayman to replace her.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We continued to contract out our bookkeeping and website management.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Drop-Ins</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
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	<p>services to take place.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Our showers and laundry facilities are used every day and continue to be a very popular service.</p> <p>We provided Christmas Day dinner for 30 people with a festive two course lunch and a wrapped gift.</p> <p>Following a food standards agency inspection of our kitchen in July we were awarded a 5 star hygiene rating</p> <p><u>Amos House Supported Accommodation</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Partnerships</u></p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Mungos</li> <li>• We Are With You Drug &amp; Alcohol Team</li> <li>• We Are With You Needle Exchange</li> <li>• BCP Housing Options Team</li> <li>• NHS Community Mental Health Team</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NHS Community Nursing</li> <li>• Shelter</li> <li>• Victim Support</li> <li>• STARS</li> <li>• The Big Issue</li> <li>• The Police</li> <li>• The Health Bus</li> </ul> <p><u>Communication</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Our Website was overhauled and re-written and is now up to date.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Volunteer, Trustees, and Staff Members continue to speak at local churches and events about our work.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Genesis Centre</u></p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repointed the Southwest and Southeast facing aspects of the exterior</li> <li>• Replaced guttering and downpipes with deepflow guttering and downpipes on the Southwest and Southeast facing aspects of the building</li> <li>• Ordered the two new security gates</li> <li>• Restored the Victorian glass fan on the Porch Hall Screen</li> <li>• Ordered the new window for the Organ Loft Stairwell</li> <li>• Painted the Porch Hallway, sloping roof under the balcony, office ceiling, and laundry room (where it had been plastered the year before)</li> <li>• Installed central heating in the Activities Hall</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installed double doors between the Activities Hall and Mezzanine Storage Area</li> <li>• Installed alarms on the front fire doors.</li> <li>• Ordered a replacement washing machine and tumble drier for the laundry area.</li> <li>• Installed bumpers to the ceiling joists in the Mezzanine Storage Area</li> <li>• Installed a rail on the staircase leading to the Laundry Area.</li> </ul> <p>We are finalising our fundraising for Phase II, which we hope to complete during 2024-25. Phase II includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of the Activities Hall Renovation to install lighting, floor covering (we already have the carpet squares onsite), decorate, and install blinds/curtains</li> <li>• Repointing the Northwest and Northeast facing aspects of the exterior</li> <li>• Replacing the guttering and downpipes with deepflow guttering and downpipes on the Northwest and Northeast facing aspects of the building</li> <li>• We also hope to create the Clothing Store</li> </ul>
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## SECTION E: Financial Review

Policy on Reserves	Our Reserves Policy continues to be £36,000.
Financial Review	<p><u>Financial Review 2023-24</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>The main highlights are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- Our Grant Income came from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Foundation</li> <li>ASDA Green Tokens</li> <li>BCP Change for Good Fund</li> <li>Brewers Foundation</li> <li>Coop Local Community Fund</li> <li>Garfield Weston</li> <li>Hobson Charity</li> <li>Richard &amp; Jo Kennedy</li> <li>Postcode Local Trust</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

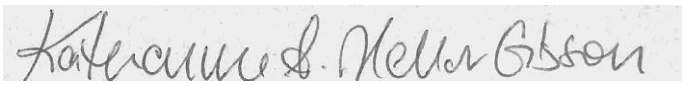


	<p>Ringwood &amp; Ellingham Show Southall Trust St. Aldhelm's Chapel Trust Talbot Village Trust Valentine Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overall payments were larger than in the previous year, at £174,492 in 2023-24. This reflects our continued spend on renovating the Genesis Centre over the last year.</li> </ul> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Individual regular monthly or annual donations</li> <li>- One-off donations by individuals</li> <li>- Memberships</li> <li>- Churches</li> <li>- Local Volunteer and Social Groups</li> <li>- Corporate Donors</li> <li>- Schools</li> <li>- HMRC Tax Reclaim</li> <li>- Stewardship and Charitable Payroll Giving</li> </ul> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Outlook 2023-24</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>We look forward to more volunteer involvement and additional training for volunteers. This will allow us to provide more services for our clients.</p> <p>Yet again we are strengthened by the level of local support shown for our work and are confident in the future.</p>

**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**

**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

**For the year ended 31st March 2024**

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**

<b>Trustees</b>	Kate Mellor (Chair) Revd Lucy Holt (Deputy Chair) Martin Finch Revd Pat Southgate Andrew Teale
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<b>Principal Office</b>	Genesis Centre Hill Street Poole BH15 1NR
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<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1155945
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<b>Gift Aid Registration</b>	XR62155
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<b>Independent Examiner</b>	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**

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



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

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

**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	£	£	£	£
<b>Administration</b>					
Bookkeeping		1,113	-	<b>1,113</b>	1,092
Broadband & Telephone		1,671	-	<b>1,671</b>	1,774
Database		336	-	<b>336</b>	288
Legal Fees		51	-	<b>51</b>	-
Office Expenses		1,092	-	<b>1,092</b>	241
Staff Pension		548	360	<b>908</b>	731
Staff Salaries		34,281	14,641	<b>48,922</b>	43,394
Subscriptions		106	-	<b>106</b>	201
Sundry Expenses		377	-	<b>377</b>	-
Training		-	-	<b>-</b>	40
Website & Publications		720	-	<b>720</b>	720
	<b>4</b>	<b>40,295</b>	<b>15,001</b>	<b>55,296</b>	<b>48,481</b>
<b>Genesis Centre</b>					
Business Rates		670	-	<b>670</b>	1,002
Cleaning		4,190	-	<b>4,190</b>	3,566
Courtyard		-	-	<b>-</b>	432
Depreciation		2,600	-	<b>2,600</b>	1,943
Electricity		16,070	-	<b>16,070</b>	3,022
Gas		737	-	<b>737</b>	2,358
Insurance		4,126	-	<b>4,126</b>	4,918
Kitchen Consumables		220	-	<b>220</b>	-
Launderette		-	-	<b>-</b>	1,147
Refuse		693	-	<b>693</b>	582
Repairs and Maintenance		3,439	-	<b>3,439</b>	297
Sundry Expenses		163	-	<b>163</b>	434
	<b>5</b>	<b>32,908</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,908</b>	<b>19,699</b>
<b>Projects</b>					
<b>Activities</b>		-	-	<b>-</b>	16
Clothing		36	-	<b>36</b>	-
Consumable Support		63	222	<b>285</b>	-
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**For the year ended 31st March 2024**

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<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>10</b>	<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**

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

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

**Balance Sheet Notes to the Accounts**

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

**Funds**

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

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Charity No 1155945

**Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO**

**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

**For the year ended 31st March 2024**

Genesis Centre  
Hill Street  
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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

**Principal Office**

Genesis Centre  
Hill Street  
Poole  
BH15 1NR

**Charity Registration Number**

1155945

**Gift Aid Registration**

XR62155

**Independent Examiner**

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



**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:**

1<sup>st</sup> 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 £
<b>Income and Endowments from</b>					
Receipts	1	105,826	73,806	179,632	138,368
Amos House	2	11,568	-	11,568	16,353
<b>Total Income</b>	3	<b>117,394</b>	<b>73,806</b>	<b>191,200</b>	<b>154,721</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>					
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
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	10	<b>118,073</b>	<b>56,419</b>	<b>174,492</b>	<b>107,140</b>
Net Income/(Expenditure) before transfer		(679)	17,387	16,708	47,581
<b>Transfers</b>					
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		<b>224,951</b>	<b>23,718</b>	<b>248,669</b>	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 £
<b>Receipts from Generated Funds</b>					
CAF		16,701	-	<b>16,701</b>	-
Church Donations & Membership		7,069	-	<b>7,069</b>	20,468
Corporate Donations & Membership		13,681	-	<b>13,681</b>	11,900
Crowdfunding		-	-	-	-
Fund Raising		-	-	-	11,131
Gift Aid Tax		1,350	-	<b>1,350</b>	5,391
Grants		20,500	73,350	<b>93,850</b>	42,090
Other Cash and Cheque Donations		39,194	-	<b>39,194</b>	39,145
Regular Donations & Membership		7,301	-	<b>7,301</b>	8,233
Sundry Income		30	-	<b>30</b>	-
Shoe Donations		-	456	<b>456</b>	10
	<b>1</b>	<b>105,826</b>	<b>73,806</b>	<b>179,632</b>	<b>138,368</b>
<b>Amos House Receipts</b>					
Grant		-	-	-	2,000
Housing Benefits		-	-	-	6,124
Rental Income		11,568	-	<b>11,568</b>	8,229
	<b>2</b>	<b>11,568</b>	-	<b>11,568</b>	<b>16,353</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>117,394</b>	<b>73,806</b>	<b>191,200</b>	<b>154,721</b>

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<b>Charitable Activities</b>					
<b>Administration</b>					
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	<b>40,295</b>	<b>15,001</b>	<b>55,296</b>	<b>48,481</b>
<b>Genesis Centre</b>					
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
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