

GARW VALLEY LINKS

England & Wales · Charity number 1157736

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-07-07

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION MAINLY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY MEANS OF BROADCASTING CHRISTIAN MESSAGES OF AN EVANGELISTIC AND TEACHING NATURE.2. THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY OR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD BY PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION, TRAINING, HEALTHCARE PROJECTS AND ALL THE NECESSARY SUPPORT DESIGNED TO ENABLE INDIVIDUALS TO GENERATE A SUSTAINABLE INCOME AND BE SELF-SUFFICIENT.3. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE POOR IN THE SUBJECT OF PERSONAL AND DOMESTIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT.4. TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Activities: GARW VALLEY LINKS, A COMMUNITY CHURCH, RUNS AN ALL AGE SUNDAY SCHOOL, A SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE, PRAYER MEETINGS, LADIES AND MEN'S MEETINGS, MUM'S AND TODDLERS GROUP (0-3 AGE), TEA AND TALK (10-15 AGE), FOODBANK, CAP MONEY AND ALPHA COURSES, PROVIDES FREE CLOTHES TO THOSE IN NEED. SICK, DISABLED AND ELDERLY VISITED. OVERSEAS MISSIONS HELD WITH ONGOING SUPPORT OF THE WORK.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Greece
- Israel
- Kenya
- Philippines
- Rwanda
- Bridgend

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£13,192	£12,192	-	-
2024-12-31	£15,180	£12,785	-	-
2023-12-31	£13,104	£13,146	-	-
2022-12-31	£12,993	£15,420	-	-
2021-12-31	£14,034	£13,774	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID RHODES B.A.	Chair	2014-03-12
ANN PEGGY RHODES M.A.		2014-03-12
CHARLES EDWARD LAING		2014-03-12
KIM NATASHA LAING		2014-03-12

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Trustees' Annual Report

for the period

From (start date) 0 1 0 1 2 5 to (end date) 3 1 1 2 2 5

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

 Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any (for example, any custodian trustees)

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Section A

Reference and administration details (continued)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)

Section B

Structure, governance and management

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Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In planning all activities the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit was kept in mind at trustee meetings. Christian worship meetings which include activities for children, the running of the local foodbank and a drop in centre with free clothes, open to the general public and free of charge.

Additional details of objectives and activities (optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

All activities are undertaken by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Garw Valley Links leased a shop called 'His Place' in Pontycymmer, Bridgend until 23rd October 2025.

Pontycymmer Foodbank that was run in 'His Place' has now moved into Pontycymmer OAP Centre. The opening hours on a Wednesday remain the same. 213 food vouchers were fulfilled in 2025, providing food for 514 people (366 adults and 148 children). Free drinks were also available to any who came in from the community. Once a month Citizens Advice Bureau come to the Foodbank providing practical advice to those seeking help.

Sunday church meetings are held in Tabernacle Chapel, Pontycymmer and in Blaengarw Community Centre. Some fellowship meetings are held on Zoom for those able to access the network.

Several successful Fun Day events have been held in Tabernacle and a local park for families and children. A monthly ladies meeting has been re-established.

Continued support has been given to works that the charity has been linked with internationally for several years..

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity does not have a reserves policy

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (optional information)

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Offerings also provide meals and help for poor students in Bookshine School in Nairobi, Kenya and support for widows and orphans in Cordova, Cebu, Philippines.

The charity also supports the local church in Cordova, rural churches in Kenya in the work in their communities, Joseph Storehouse in Israel and outreach work with refugees in Greece.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

David Rhodes *Kim Natasha Laing*

Full name(s)

David Rhodes Kim Natasha Laing

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair Treasurer

Date

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Section A
Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and Offerings	8,912	1,019		9,931	13,050
HMRC Gift Aid Payments	2,555			2,555	1,952
HMRC SGADS Payments	206			206	178
Bridgend Foodbank Donation	500			500	
<i>Sub total</i>	12,173	1,019		13,192	15,180
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc					
<i>Total receipts</i>	12,173	1,019		13,192	15,180
A3 Payments					
International Mission /Support	4,791	1,010		5,801	4,152
Rent of Premises	3,325			3,325	4,659
Utilities/Maintenance at His Place	943			943	741
Transport	650			650	339
Music Licences/Child Protection	502			502	484
Insurance	327			327	322
Stationary/Equipment/Internet	251			251	382
Catering					50
UK Mission	114			114	1,037
Educational/Personal Support	259	20		279	619
<i>Sub total</i>	11,162	1030		12,192	12,785
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc					
<i>Total payments</i>	11,162	1030		12,192	12,785
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	1011	-11		1,000	2,395
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end					
				4,275	
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	7,651	18		7669	6,669

Section B

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Details		Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in Bank	7,651	18	
	<i>Total cash funds</i> <i>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</i>	7,651	18	

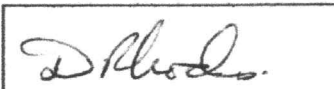
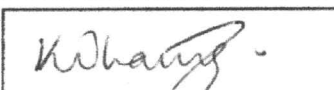
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B2 Other monetary assets				

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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				

Details		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print name	Date of approval
	David Rhodes	24/03/26
	Kim Natasha Laing	24/03/26

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Pontycymmer Foodbank is run in 'His Place' and is open on Wednesdays. 237 food vouchers were received in 2024, providing 3 days of food for 549 people (366 adults and 183 children). 'His Place' is used during Foodbank sessions as a drop-in-centre with access to free clothes and refreshments.

Sunday church meetings are held in Tabernacle Chapel, Pontycymmer and in Blaengarw Community Centre. Some fellowship meetings are held on Zoom as an alternative for those able to access the network.

Continued support has been given to works that the charity is linked with internationally.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Other optional information

Section G

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Signature(s)

David Rhodes *Kim Natasha Laing*

Full name(s)

David Rhodes Kim Natasha Laing

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair Treasurer

Date

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Section A

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and Offerings	12,396	654		13,050	10,615
HMRC Gift Aid Payments	1,952			1,952	2,325
HMRC SGADS Payments	178			178	164
<i>Sub total</i>	14,526	654		15,180	13,104
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc					
<i>Total receipts</i>	14,526	654		15,180	13,104
A3 Payments					
International Mission /Support	3,396	756		4,152	6,022
Rent of Premises	4,659			4,659	3,930
Utilities/Maintenance at His Place	741			741	1,412
Transport	339			339	241
Music Licences/Child Protection	484			484	502
Insurance	322			322	314
Stationary/Equipment/Internet	382			382	240
Catering	50			50	63
UK Mission	1,037			1,037	
Educational/Personal Support	619			619	422
<i>Sub total</i>	12,029	756		12,785	13,146
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc					
<i>Total payments</i>	12,029	756		12,785	13,416
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	2,497	-102		2,395	312
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end					
	4,144	131		4,275	4,317
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	6,640	29		6,669	4,275

B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
Cash in Bank	6,640	29	
<i>Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</i>	6,640	29	

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)



B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print name	Date of approval
	David Rhodes	16/03/25
	Kim Natasha Laing	16/03/25

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Trustees' Annual Report

for the period

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Financial review

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Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

DRhodes *Kim Natasha Laing*

Full name(s)

David Rhodes **Kim Natasha Laing**

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair **Treasurer**

Date

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Charity name **Garw Valley Links**

Charity number (if any) **1 1 5 7 7 3 6**

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and Offerings	9,405	1,210		10,615	10,519
HMRC Gift Aid Payments	2,325			2,325	2,408
HMRC SGADS Payments	164			164	66
<i>Sub total</i>	11,894	1,210		13,104	12,993
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc					
<i>Total receipts</i>	11,894	1,210		13,104	12,993
A3 Payments					
International Mission /Support	4,910	1,112		6022	6,652
Rent of Premises	3,930			3,930	3,707
Utilities/Maintenance at His Place	1,412			1,412	1,145
Transport	241			241	368
Music Licences/Child Protection	502			502	351
Insurance	314			314	297
Stationary/Equipment/Internet	250			240	204
Catering	63			63	197
UK Mission					1,333
Educational/Personal Support	422			422	1,166
<i>Sub total</i>	12,034	1,112		13,146	15,420
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc					
<i>Total payments</i>	12,034	1,112		13,416	15,420
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	140	98			2,427
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end					
	4284	33		4,317	6,744
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	4,144	131		4,275	4,317

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B1 Cash funds	Cash in Bank	4,144	131	
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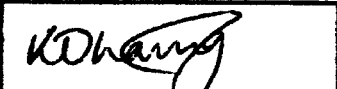
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In planning all activities the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit was kept in mind at trustee meetings. Christian worship meetings which include activities for children, the running of the local foodbank and a drop in centre with free clothes, open to the general public and free of charge.

Additional details of objectives and activities (optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

All activities are undertaken by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Garw Valley Links continues to lease a shop called 'His Place' in Pontycymmer, Bridgend.

Pontycymmer Foodbank is run in 'His Place' and was open two days a week throughout the year. 241 food vouchers were received in 2022, providing 3 days of food for 604 people (417 adults and 187 children). 'His Place' is used during Foodbank sessions as a drop-in-centre with access to free clothes and refreshments.

Sunday church meetings were held in Pontycymmer and Blaengarw. Some fellowship meetings are held on Zoom as an alternative for those able to access the network.

In September 2022 the Message Bus came to Pontycymmer and was used as outreach to youth in the Garw Valley. Weekly 'Chocolate and Chat' meetings were started as a follow up.

Continued support has been given to works that the charity is linked with internationally.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity does not have a reserves policy

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity's funds come from offerings, donations and HMRC Gift Aid repayments. General funds enables the charity to function as a local community church and run 'His Place' for the benefit of the local community.

Offerings also provide meals and help for poor students in Bookshine School in Nairobi, Kenya and support for widows and orphans in Cordova, Cebu, Philippines.

The charity also supports the local church in Cordova, rural churches in Kenya in the work in their communities, Joseph Storehouse in Israel, a community church in Rwanda and outreach work in Greece.

Section F

Other optional information

[Empty box for other optional information]

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

David Rhodes Kim Natasha Laing

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair Treasurer

Date

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Charity name **Garw Valley Links**

Charity number (if any) **1 1 5 7 7 3 6**

For the period from (start date) **0 1 0 1 2 2**

to (end date) **3 1 1 2 2 2**

Section A		Receipts and payments				
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £	
A1 Receipts						
Donations and Offerings	7,848	2,671		10,519	10,985	
HMRC Gift Aid Payments	2,408			2,408	2,492	
HMRC SGADS Payments	66			66		
Utilities Refunds					557	
<i>Sub total</i>	10,322	2,671		12,993	14,034	
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc						
<i>Total receipts</i>	10,322	2,671		12,993	14,034	
A3 Payments						
International Mission /Support	4,312	2,340		6,652	7,289	
Rent of Premises	3,707			3,707	3,885	
Utilities/Maintenance at His Place	1,145			1,145	1,083	
Transport	368			368	219	
Music Licences/Child Protection	351			351	363	
Insurance	297			297	294	
Stationary/Equipment/Internet	204			204		
Catering	197			197	179	
UK Mission	1,333			1,333	190	
Educational/Personal Support	836	330		1,166		
<i>Sub total</i>	12,750	2,670		15,420	13,774	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc						
<i>Total payments</i>	12,750	2,670		15,420	13,774	
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	2428	-1		2,427	260	
A5 Transfers between funds						
A6 Cash funds last year end						
	6,712	32		6,744	6,484	
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	4,284	33		4,317	6,744	

Details		Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in Bank	4,284		
	Cash in Hand		33	
	<i>Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</i>	4,284	33	


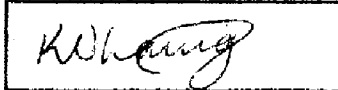
Details		Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets				

Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets				

Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				

Details		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print name	Date of approval
	David Rhodes	20/03/23
	Kim Natasha Laing	20/03/23

GARW VALLEY LINKS

England & Wales - Charity number 1157736

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report

for the period

From (start date) 0 1 0 1 2 1 to (end date) 3 1 1 2 2 1

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

 Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Rhodes	Chair		Trustees
2	Ann Peggy Rhodes	Secretary		Trustees
3	Kim Natasha Laing	Treasurer		Trustees
4	Charles Edward Laing			Trustees
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Section A

Reference and administration details (continued)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted
(eg trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods
(eg appointed by, elected by)

Additional governance issues (optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
 - relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Advancement of the Christian religion.
Prevention or relief of poverty.
Education of the poor in financial management.
Provide facilities for those in need of social welfare in order to improve their conditions of life.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In planning all activities the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit was kept in mind at trustee meetings. Christian worship meetings which include activities for children, the running of the local foodbank and a drop in centre with free clothes, open to the general public and free of charge.

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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Garw Valley Links continues to lease a shop called 'His Place' in Pontycymmer, Bridgend.

The Pontycymmer Foodbank operated in 'His Place' and was open two days a week throughout the year. 186 food vouchers were received in 2021, providing 3 days of food for 377 people (278 adults and 99 children). Restrictions because of the Covid Pandemic in early 2021, Foodbank clients could not enter the shop or access the free clothes and 'His Place' as a drop-in-centre. However, later in the year we were able to invite people in with some limitations.

Covid restrictions also limited church meetings in Pontycymmer and Blaengarw for part of 2021. Meetings on Zoom were run as an alternative for those able to access the network. We also kept contact with vulnerable people via social networks, phone calls and letters.

Continued support has been given to works that the charity is linked with internationally.



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Section A

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and Offerings	8,667	2,318		10,985	12,847
HMRC Gift Aid Payments	2,492			2,492	1,966
HMRC SGADS Payments					550
Utilities Refunds	557			557	
<i>Sub total</i>	11,716	2,318		14,034	15,363
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc					
<i>Total receipts</i>	11,716	2,318		14,034	15,363
A3 Payments					
Ministry Subsistence					70
International Mission /Support	5,059	2230		7,289	6,673
Rent of Premises	3,885			3,885	4,357
Utilities/Maintenance at His Place	1,083			1,083	868
Transport	219			219	264
Music Licences/Child Protection	363			363	360
Insurance	294			294	291
Stationary/Equipment/Internet	272				690
Catering	59	120		179	20
UK Mission	190			190	
<i>Sub total</i>	11,424	2,350		13,774	13,593
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc					
<i>Total payments</i>	11,424	2,350		13,774	13,593
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	292	-32		260	1,770
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end					
	6,420	64		6,484	4,714
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	6,712	32		6,744	6,484

B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
Cash in Bank	6712	32	
<i>Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</i>	6712	32	

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)


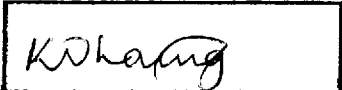
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print name	Date of approval
	David Rhodes	07/03/22
	Kim Natasha Laing	07/03/22