

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

ACTS OF KINDNESS

Registered Number 1157916

Acts of Kindness presents its report and accounts for the 16 month period ending 31 August 2022. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with applicable law and the requirements of the Church Accounting regulations 2011.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number 1157916

Principal address Oasis Church Centre
4 Plymouth Road
Redditch B974QB

Trustees

Mr Robin Baker
Mr Neil Bishop
Mr Richard Sturdey
Mrs Diane Tolson
Mrs Sarah Leeson
Mr Ian Donnan
Mrs Elaine Palmer-Taylor

Independent examiner

Matthew Elmes BA (Hons) FCCA ACA
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The day to day management of the charity is carried out by the Trustees of the Charity.

Acts of Kindness

Acts of Kindness is a local Charity serving the town and surrounding area of Redditch.

Trustees are drawn from and represent various churches and denominations within the town.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The primary objective of the charity is to assist people of Redditch through initiatives as needs arise, including Redditch Foodbank, Christmas Gifts and Food, Breakfast Clubs

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission; the trustees consider that the charity meets the public benefit requirements of the Charities Act 2011 by carrying out its normal activities.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

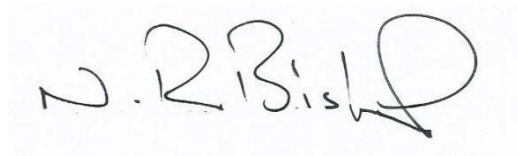
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Going Concern:

It is the view of the Trustees that AOK finances are sufficient to continue activities as a going concern for the foreseeable future

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. R. Bishop', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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N R Bishop - Trustee

AOK Accounts Report

16 Months Ending 31 December 2022

In accordance with Trustee decision, and as advised to Charities Commission, these Accounts cover the period 1 September 2021 to 31 December 2022. Going forward, the Charity's Accounting Year will now become 1 January to 31 December.

Coming out of Covid lockdown, our main area of activity has continued to be Foodbank, operating from premises in the Town Centre.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) office has been developing successfully, now employing 2 part time staff. This Project is gaining ground and delivering successful recovery from debt for a growing number of clients.

A new project has also commenced, with 1 part time staff member, titled Well being and Financial Inclusion, and is beginning to gain ground, offering advice and practical support to individuals and families in a wide range of situations.

In the latter part of the year, the Charity also became owners of the complete building housing Foodbank. This freehold property has been freely and most generously gifted to the Charity by our Landlord. This is a major move for AOK, who now become landlords to the two (business) tenants in the upper floors, and has enabled development of offices for the new projects referred to above.

Income

Our core group of individual and corporate donors has developed further over this year. There have also been significant donations received from corporate donors and online giving platforms, notably Just Giving.

Grant funding from Borough Council continues apace, enabling us to address fuel poverty support and, working closely with Council Housing Office and a local carpet firm, we are now able to offer a growing range of practical household needs to clients, along with one to one support in areas such as debt advice, budgeting and managing of benefit claims etc.

Expenditure

Foodbank operations continue as previous, along with developing CAP and Well Being office. With the acquisition of the Foodbank premises, a number of improvement and decorating tasks have been completed, to facilitate additional use and access to the property, and to provide opportunities for new project areas in the future.

Funds

Closing funds for the year amounted to £237.361.

All Project areas are well funded for the year ahead. Trustees are continuing to look at funding strategies for future development of new and existing Projects

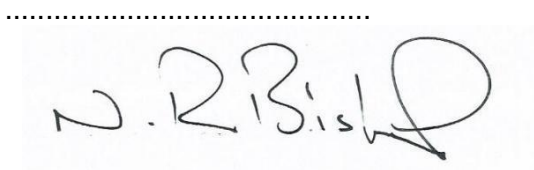
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR 16 MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021/22	Total Funds 2020/21
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Voluntary Income	59,741	42,075	101,816	70,471
Non-Recurring Grants	30,459	78,062	108,521	84,596
Recurring Grants		4,773	4,773	3,432
Total Incoming Resources	90,200	124,910	215,110	158,499
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Costs of Generating Funds				
Charitable Activities	8,640	47,762	56,402	13,140
Administration	17,178	13,087	30,265	8,438
Salaries Support Costs		54,947	54,947	27,182
Support Costs		17,055	17,055	17,861
Total Resources Expended	25,818	132,851	158,669	66,621
Net Movement	64,382	-7,941	56,441	91,878
Opening Fund Balances 1 Sept	52,231	128,689	180,920	89,042
Fund Balance at 31st August / 31st December	<u>116,613</u>	<u>120,748</u>	<u>237,361</u>	<u>180,920</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021/22	Total Funds 2020/21
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Current Assets				
Cash at Bank	116,108	125,133	241,241	180,632
Petty Cash		25	25	25
Debtors & Prepayments	505	1,681	2,186	992
Current Liabilities		-6,091	-6,091	-729
Net Current Assets	116,613	120,748	237,361	89,042
Analysis by Fund/Project:				
AOK General Funds	116,613		116,613	52,231
Foodbank Project		57,413	57,413	69,151
Number 24		-13,824	-13,824	12,012
Christmas Project		4,372	4,372	787
DEFRA		0	0	34,162
CAP		33,406	33,406	12,462
Well Being/FI			28,671	0
Fuel Payments		10,710	10,710	115
Total Funds	52,231	128,689	237,361	180,920

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 22May 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

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N R Bishop -Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 16 MTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102 Section 1A, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland, the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

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

Tangible fixed assets

The Charity received by way of donation, the freehold interest in 24 Church Green East, Redditch, B98 8DE, Land registry title number WR36304. A valuation has been sought and will be introduced within the accounts once signed off by a suitably qualified surveyor.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

No Fundraising events were held during this financial year.

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022

4. Debtors

Debtors outstanding at 31 December 2022 comprise Gift Aid Claim in hand

5. Creditors

At 31 December 2022 provisions in accounts comprise:

- Operating Costs £ 6,091
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6. Movement in Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
<u>Opening Funds as at 1 Sept 2021</u>			
AOK General Funds	52,231		52,231
Foodbank		69,151	69,151
Number24		12,012	12,012
Christmas Project		787	787
DEFRA		34,162	34,162
CAP		12,462	12,462
Fuel Payments		115	115
Total	52,231	128,689	180,920
<u>Closing Funds as at 31 Dec 2022</u>			
AOK General Funds	116,613		116,613
Foodbank		57,413	57,413
Number24		-13,824	-13,824
Christmas Project		4,372	4,372
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Well Being/FI		28,671	28,671
Fuel Payments		10,710	10,710
Total	52,231	128,689	237,361
<u>Movement</u>			
AOK	64,382		64,382
Foodbank		-11,738	-11,738
Number24		-25,836	-25,836
Christmas Project		3,585	3,585
DEFRA		-34,162	-34,162
CAP		20,944	20,944
Well Being/FI		28,671	28,671
Fuel Payments		10,595	10,595
Total	64,382	-7,941	56,441

Acts of Kindness - Trustees Annual Report

16 months ended 31 December 2022

The main area of activity through the year has been Foodbank, operating in town centre premises, along with CAP and Well Being Projects.

With the acquisition (gift) of Number24 premises, this secures our position in the Town Centre and affords new opportunities to extend our range of services in Redditch and surrounding area.

The Christians Against Poverty (CAP) project is progressing well, and Well Being project is beginning to impact the local community.

Warehousing continued at out of town premises, generously provided by Oaklands Trust.

Foodbank Client Statistics continue to be entered into Trussell Trust system in order to produce national statistics on foodbank usage. Redditch Foodbank numbers :

		2021/22 (16 mths)	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19
Numbers of individuals supported	Adults	3,405	1,750	2,257	1,897
	Children	1,909	1,019	1,013	735
	Total	5,314	2,769	3,270	2,632
Food supplied to clients:					
(metric tonnes)		56.9	37.3	36.2	30.8
Value equivalent (£000)		£134.85	£65.30	£63.40	£53.90

Funding was also obtained via local Borough Council, which has facilitated extra support for families, providing assistance with energy bills (a constantly growing need) and family emergencies in the area of white goods, household emergencies etc.

The Trustees are committed to developing the range of services in the year ahead.

Financial and physical resources, secure premises and a strong base of volunteers are enabling new projects to be considered, synergies with other agencies and development of existing services.



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
ACTS OF KINDNESS

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1157916

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2022**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

M J Elmes

Date:

27/6/2023

Name:

Matthew Elmes

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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