

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

ACTS OF KINDNESS

Registered Number 1157916

Acts of Kindness presents its report and accounts for the 12 month period ending 31 December 2024. 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 24 Church Green East
Redditch B98 8DG

Trustees

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Mr Neil Bishop
Mr Richard Sturdey
Mrs Diane Tolson
Mr Ian Donnan
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Mrs Caroline Baker

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, Well Being and Financial Inclusion, Debt Management and Benefits advice/support.

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

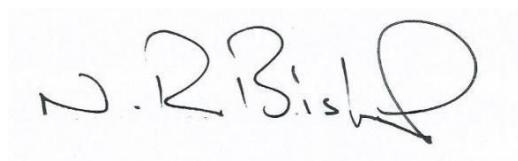
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the 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 24 March 2025 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 2024

Income

Individual and corporate donors has remained constant throughout this year, along with online giving platforms, notably Just Giving.

Grant funding from Borough Council has continued for Housing Support and we have also gained in this year a new grant from Trussell which has enabled growth in Financial Inclusion work. We continue 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 benefit claims.

Summarising annual income for the year:

	2024	2023
Donations all sources	46,836	58,463
All Grants	178,975	118,755
Rentals	7,150	6,250
Other Income	2,254	111
Total Income	235,215	183,579

Expenditure

Foodbank operations continue as previous, our CAP office continues to manage increasing client numbers and debt issues, and FI / Well Being office is now benefitting from a dedicated worker offering significant level of support with benefit entitlements and less serious areas of debt management. Household support, working with local Borough Council, continues to assist clients away from homelessness and a wide range of well being issues.

We have also been able to create new links with a charity offering mental health support for school children, utilising the middle floor of Number24. This space is now fully refurbished and providing support to a great number of Redditch families.

	2024	2023
Total Annual Expenditure :	208,540	179,285

Funds

Closing funds for the year amounted to £268,329, an increase of £26,6753 for the year.

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 12 MTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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 2024

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024

4. Debtors

Debtors outstanding at 31 December 2024 comprise Gift Aid Claim in hand £4,515

5. Creditors

At 31 December 2024 provisions in accounts comprise:

- Operating Costs £ 27,515

Acts of Kindness - Trustees Annual Report

12 months ended 31 December 2024

The main area of activity through the year remains in the Redditch Foodbank project, now closely aligned with Well Being and Financial Inclusion staff and volunteers. We continue to offer Household Support to re-housed families and individuals through close relationships and funding offered by Redditch Borough Council. The Christians Against Poverty (CAP) project is progressing well, with direct advice and support to individuals facing desperate financial difficulties.

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

Foodbank Client Statistics are entered into Trussell Trust system in order to produce national statistics on foodbank usage. Annual statistics are shown below.

		2024	2023
Numbers of individuals supported	Adults	2,153	2,363
	Children	1,184	1,464
	Total	3,337	3,827

Food supplied to clients:

(metric tonnes)	29.5	34.2
Value equivalent (£000)	£69.27	£80.50

In other areas of AOK support activities :

	2024		2023	
	No	£	No	£
Payzone	64	4504	41	2455
Carpets	11	4618	6	1534
White Goods	243	46800	268	60069
Beds	17	4387	4	1634
Christmas Toys	600	4387	390	3323
Other Support	73	5669	23	1839

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	47,375.56	-	47,375.56	55,595.00
Income from charitable activities	178,435.43	-	178,435.43	121,623.02
Other trading activities	7,150.00	-	7,150.00	6,249.56
Investments	1,911.97	-	1,911.97	-
Other income	341.99	-	341.99	111.00
Total income	235,214.95	-	235,214.95	183,578.58
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	203,918.34	4,138.00	208,056.34	178,838.91
Other expenditure	483.95	-	483.95	446.05
Total expenditure	204,402.29	2,535.00	208,540.29	179,284.96
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	30,812.66	-4,138.00	26,674.66	4,293.62
Transfers				
Gross transfers between funds - in	147,800.00	5,000.00	152,800.00	9,526.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	- 152,800.00	-	152,800.00	9,526.00
Other recognised gains / losses				
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	25,812.66	862.00	26,674.66	4,293.62
Total funds brought forward	233,479.48	8,175.00	241,654.48	237,360.86
Total funds carried forward	259,292.14	9,037.00	268,329.14	241,654.48

Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets		
	-	-
Current assets		
Debtors	4,514.94	5,054.19
Cash At Bank And In Hand	291,329.08	250,632.03
	295,844.02	255,686.22
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	27,514.88	14,031.74
	27,514.88	14,031.74
Net current assets less current liabilities	268,329.14	241,654.48
Total assets less current liabilities	268,329.14	241,654.48
Liabilities	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	268,329.14	241,654.48
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	9,694.50	153,938.24
Designated		
Designated - CAP Project	69,088.67	30,323.97
Designated - Christmas Project	-25.85	2,190.48
Designated - Foodbank	104,093.23	53,998.84
Designated - Income Max	40,444.70	
Designated - Number24	-1,361.04	-21,416.42
Designated - Well Being / Financial Inclusion	37,357.93	14,444.37
Restricted		
Restricted - Fuel Payments	9,037.00	8,175.00
Fund Totals	268,329.14	241,654.48

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)

Class and nominal code		General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Total	Last year
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
	301: Bank Current Account	-97,843.47	252,687.84	9,037.00	163,881.37	223,998.26
	302: Petty Cash	-175	200	-	25	25
	303: CAP Account (Oasis)	-	25,510.74	-	25,510.74	26,608.77
	304: Savings Account	101,911.97	-	-	101,911.97	-
Total		3,893.50	278,398.58	9,037.00	291,329.08	250,632.03
Current Asset - Debtors						
	Z05: Accounts Receivable	875	3,639.94	-	4,514.94	5,054.19
Total		875	3,639.94	-	4,514.94	5,054.19
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
	Z04: Accounts Payable	-4,926.00	34,090.53	-	29,164.53	541.57
	Z10: Accruals	-	-1,649.65	-	-1,649.65	13,490.17
Total		-4,926.00	32,440.88	-	27,514.88	14,031.74
Net total assets						
		9,694.50	249,597.64	9,037.00	268,329.14	241,654.48
Represented by						
	General (Unrestricted)	9,694.50	-	-	9,694.50	153,938.24
	Designated - CAP	-	69,088.67	-	69,088.67	30,323.97
	Designated - Christmas	-	-25.85	-	-25.85	2,190.48
	Designated - Foodbank	-	104,093.23	-	104,093.23	53,998.84
	Designated - IncMax	-	40,444.70	-	40,444.70	-
	Designated - No24	-	-1,361.04	-	-1,361.04	-21,416.42
	Designated - WB	-	37,357.93	-	37,357.93	14,444.37
	Restricted - Fuel	-	-	9,037.00	9,037.00	8,175.00
Total		9,694.50	249,597.64	9,037.00	268,329.14	241,654.48

Fund movement summary

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Fund balances Carried forward
CAP - CAP Project	30,323.97	35,214.36	41,449.66	45,000.00	69,088.67
DE - DEFRA					
FI - Financial Inclusion					
IncMax - Income Max		51,679.33	11,234.63	-	40,444.70
WB - Well Being / Financial Inclusion	14,444.37	78,351.99	75,438.43	20,000.00	37,357.93
General - General fund	153,938.24	13,976.96	5,420.70	152,800.00	9,694.50
Foodbank - Foodbank	53,998.84	48,532.31	48,437.92	50,000.00	104,093.23
No24 - Number24	21,416.42	7,150.00	17,094.62	30,000.00	1,361.04
Christmas - Christmas Project	2,190.48	310.00	5,326.33	2,800.00	25.85
Fuel - Fuel Payments	8,175.00		4,138.00	5,000.00	9,037.00
EWSL - Eat Well Spend Less					
Totals	241,654.48	235,214.95	208,540.29	-	268,329.14

Analysis of income and expenditure

		Total				
		General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
	101 - Planned Giving	1,850.00	16,221.80	-	18,071.80	16,357.50
	103 - Other Donations	300	14,324.54	-	14,624.54	21,155.37
	108 - Corporate Donors	10,224.99	4,454.23	-	14,679.22	18,082.13
Donations and legacies Totals		12,374.99	35,000.57	-	47,375.56	55,595.00
Income from charitable activities						
	104 - Gift Aid	-310	-229.25	-	-539.25	2,867.69
	106 - Grants - General	-	176,399.64	-	176,399.64	111,353.95
	107 - Trussell Trust	-	2,575.04	-	2,575.04	7,401.38
Income from charitable activities Totals		-310	178,745.43	-	178,435.43	121,623.02
Other trading activities						
	110 - Rentals Received	-	7,150.00	-	7,150.00	6,249.56
Other trading activities Totals		-	7,150.00	-	7,150.00	6,249.56
Investments						
	180 - Bank Interest	1,911.97	-	-	1,911.97	-
Investments Totals		1,911.97	-	-	1,911.97	-
Other income						
	111 - Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	111
	199 - Miscellaneous	-	341.99	-	341.99	-
Other income Totals		-	341.99	-	341.99	111
Income and endowments Grand totals		13,976.96	221,237.99	-	235,214.95	183,578.58
Expenditure on:						
Expenditure on charitable activities						
	201 - Food	-	6,483.42	-	6,483.42	2,366.10
	202 - Toys	-	5,326.33	-	5,326.33	2,681.40
	204 - Insurance	2,327.74	-	-	2,327.74	2,268.06
	205 - Equipment	-	591.85	-	591.85	5,450.38
	207 - Administration	2,270.88	9,750.91	-	12,021.79	10,476.69
	208 - Salaries	-	75,234.65	-	75,234.65	55,990.38
	209 - Expenses	290.6	1,322.29	-	1,612.89	1,667.44
	210 - Rent & Rates	-	2,230.80	-	2,230.80	1,451.60
	212 - The Project	-	11,234.63	-	11,234.63	-
	214 - Packaging	-	2,065.69	-	2,065.69	1,481.66
	216 - Printing & Stationery	-	509.63	-	509.63	359.98
	217 - Phone top up	-	140	-	140	150
	219 - Fuel Payments	-	-	4,138.00	4,138.00	2,535.00
	222 - Training	-	250	-	250	319
	223 - Number24 set-up costs	-	8,570.00	-	8,570.00	4,994.65
	251 - Electricity	-63.52	6,285.81	-	6,222.29	5,779.30
	252 - Gas	-	3,808.20	-	3,808.20	1,814.80
	253 - Water	-	1,491.82	-	1,491.82	1,275.39
	254 - Rubbish Removal	-	402.17	-	402.17	375.96
	255 - General Site Costs	-	2,952.19	-	2,952.19	65.78
	258 - Phone/Broadband	-	1,003.11	-	1,003.11	625.19
	261 - White Goods	-	48,974.70	-	48,974.70	61,739.94
	262 - Hardship Payments	-	9,914.44	-	9,914.44	5,215.01
	299 - Miscellaneous	550	-	-	550	9,755.20
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals		5,375.70	198,542.64	4,138.00	208,056.34	178,838.91
Other expenditure						
	220 - Christmas Meal	-	438.95	-	438.95	446.05
	249 - Gifts	45	-	-	45	-
Other expenditure Totals		45	438.95	-	483.95	446.05
Expenditure Grand totals		5,420.70	198,981.59	4,138.00	208,540.29	179,284.96



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A	Independent Examiner's Report		
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Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
ACTS OF KINDNESS

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1157916

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2024**.

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:

15/10/2025

Name:

Matthew Elmes

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