

**BETHESDA COMMUNITY CHARITABLE TRUST
CHARITY NUMBER 1158979**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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CHARITY INFORMATION

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT FOR 2023

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Trust Deed and the recommendations of the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in October 2000 and comply with applicable law.

Structure, governance and management.

The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 17 October 2014. The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is registered charity number 1158979.

Charity trustees are appointed by members of Bethesda Baptist Church.

Objectives and activities.

The objects of the charity are (1) the advancement of the Christian religion and Christian faith (2) relief of poverty, suffering and distress in the community (3) the advancement of education and (4) other purposes beneficial to the community.

The Trustees have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and have strived to ensure that the charity's reflect this.

The main activity to achieve these objectives is the operation of the Key Café, which serves meals and drinks to the general public regardless of their religion or beliefs. This is done within a Christian setting in which Christian literature is available and on display.

The charity's premises hold events on a regular basis promoting the Christian faith

The cafe offers a free listening service to all members of the public who are distressed or have problems that they wish to discuss in confidence.

In order to promote Christianity and other charitable purposes, the charity offers reduced room hire rates for Christian groups and Not for Profit organisations.

Trustees' responsibilities for the financial statements.

The Charities Act 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 at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficit for the year then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable.

The Trustees must also 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 enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees 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.

Achievements and performance.

It has been very encouraging to see a steady increase in the number of people visiting our centre called The Key. The café is open three days a week and is proving to be popular.

Income has been very encouraging, gradually increasing throughout the year.

We have held an Easter egg hunt for the children, an afternoon tea party for the Kings Coronation, coffee mornings for Macmillan and Children in Need. Three Christmas lunches with a guest speaker and carol singing. These events were a great success and provided an opportunity to present the Christian faith. We have also continued to fund the provision of Bibles at local primary schools to any pupil who wished to have one.

As ever we are grateful for the commitment and work of our staff and team of volunteers. Our ability to provide good quality food and service is thanks to them. There have been personnel changes during the course of the year and we appreciate the flexibility of the team to cover this.

Financial review.

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted free reserves at such a level as the Trustees consider necessary to maintain the fabric of The Key Cafe and to provide reasonable funds against any unforeseen costs that may arise.

The statement of financial activities show a net income of £111,003 (£92,810 in 2022) with expenditure of £124,879 (£93,033 in 2022). This leaves a deficit of £13,876 compared to a deficit of £222 in 2022. The majority of this deficit can be accounted for by the upgrading of kitchen equipment, purchasing new ovens and hobs and also the rewiring of the kitchen.

There has also been a big rise in the cost of heating and lighting.

At the end of 2023 the reserve funds are £17,206.

The charity's target level of funds is £17,000.

Independent examiner.

It will be suggested at the next Trustees meeting to re-appoint Larking Gowen as independent examiners of the charity's accounts for the coming year.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 22ND MAY 2024 and signed on their behalf by



Steven Andrews
Chairman of the Managing Trustees

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bethesda Community Charitable Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bethesda Community Charitable Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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. In carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and 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.



Giles Kerkham FCA DChA
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Chartered Accountants
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Date: 23 May 2024

Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2023

Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023
Monetary Funds						
Barclays Premium account	27,941		27,941	11,095		11,095
Barclays Current Account	3,515	1,812	5,327	6,698	1,829	8,527
Cash in hand	527		527	311		311
Petty Cash	59		59	62		62
	32,042	1,812	33,854	18,166	1,829	19,995
Assets						
Debtors:						
Self Raising Flowers	60	0	60	0	0	0
Family of Pat Sloane	390	0	390	0	0	0
	450	0	450	0	0	0
Liabilities						
Creditors:						
Rent Deposits held:						
Mrs Manning (nee Carton)	300	0	300	300	0	300
Mrs Rackham	300	0	300	300	0	300
Mrs Stafford	360	0	360	360	0	360
	960	0	960	960	0	960
Balances at 31st December 2022/2023	31,532	1,812	33,344	17,206	1,829	19,035
Non-Monetary Assets						
Freehold Property -valuation b/f	460,538	0		460,538	0	
Additions	0	0		0	0	
Freehold property -valuation c/f			460,538			460,538
Furnishings & equipment - cost b/f	82,268	0		83,055	0	
Additions	787	0		7,231	0	
Furnishings & equipment - cost c/f			83,055			90,286
Furnishings & equipment-depreciation b/f	58,599	0		61,154	0	
Depreciation charge	2,555	0		2,555	0	
			61,154			63,709
		0	482,439			487,115

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Stephen Andrews

Chairman of Trustees

Date: 27th May 2024

Bethesda Community Charitable Trust
Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

- 1) The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and the accounts comply with the appropriate legal requirements.

2) **Miscellaneous income**

	2023	2022
Other	184	92
	184	92

3) **Restricted Funds**

The restricted funds are for the following purposes:

The Outreach Fund is for social events and entertainment.

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Outreach Fund	1,812	17	-	1,829
	1,812	17	-	1,829