

**BETHESDA COMMUNITY CHARITABLE TRUST
CHARITY NUMBER 1158979**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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CHARITY INFORMATION

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TREASURER	G L Lawrence
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CHARITY NUMBER	1158979
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TRUSTEE'S REPORT FOR 2024

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024.

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 Cafe. It is open three days a week and proving to be very popular.

Income has been encouraging, gradually increasing throughout the year.

We have held an Easter egg hunt for the children, coffee mornings for Macmillan and Children in Need, four Christmas lunches which included a guest speaker and carol singing, a meal for the town pastors, a men's breakfast and a breast cancer awareness day. 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 £133,49 (£111,003 in 2023) with expenditure of £126,223 (£124,879 in 2023). This shows a profit of £7,126 compared to a deficit of £13,876 in 2023.

At the end of 2024 the reserve funds are £25,081 compared to £17,793 in 2023. The charity's target level of funds is £20,000.

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 4TH JUNE 2025 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 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. 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.



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Date: 26 June 2025

Receipts & Payments Summary 2024

INCOME					
	2023	2023	2024	2024	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals
Bethesda Thank Offering Outreach Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Rent	16,130	16,130	16,950	16,950	
Hirings	20,772	20,772	23,045	23,045	
Donations & Gifts	465	465	7,695	7,695	
Gift Aid - tax	976	976	109	109	
Miscellaneous	184	184	467	467	
Bank interest	154	17	294	28	322
Coffee Shop	26,817	26,817	28,332	28,332	
Coffee Shop Cash Takings	42,489	42,489	53,387	53,387	
Functions, buffets etc	1,105	1,105	1,842	1,842	
Staff functions/Gratuities	950	950	934	934	
Gift shop	357	357	300	300	
Evening Cash Takings	220	220	-	-	
Evening Card Takings	384	384	-	-	
	111,003	17	111,021	28	133,383
Balances b/fwd	59	59	62	62	
Petty cash	527	527	311	311	
Cash	3,515	3,515	6,698	6,698	
Barclays current account	27,941	27,941	11,095	11,095	
Barclays Active saver account		1,829		1,829	
Outreach current account					
Total Cash & Bank	32,042	1,829	32,042	18,165	19,995
	143,045	1,847	144,891	151,521	153,378

PAYMENTS					
	2023	2023	2024	2024	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals
Bethesda Thank Offering Outreach current account	-	-	-	-	-
Building Expenses	875	875	875	875	
Minor Equipment	6,953	6,953	390	390	
Maintenance & Repairs(Key)	3,070	3,070	122	122	
Maintenance & Repairs(Flats)	106	106	106	106	
Cleaning materials	330	330	515	515	
Dish Washer	1,374	1,374	1,285	1,285	
Fire/Intruder Alarm/Maintenance	16,258	16,258	10,126	10,126	
Utilities	1,174	1,174	1,213	1,213	
Telephone	395	395	268	268	
Water rates	22,070	22,070	29,022	29,022	
Light & Heating	2,463	2,463	2,480	2,480	
Waste removal	676	676	385	385	
Business rates	693	693	733	733	
Coffee Shop	52,000	52,000	58,669	58,669	
Catering purchases	1,459	1,459	284	284	
Catering accessories	97	97	2,253	2,253	
Adverts/Uniform/Courses	1,021	1,021	661	661	
Staff functions	740	740	774	774	
Administration	597	597	357	357	
Salaries	1,110	1,110	1,164	1,164	
Casual wages (holidays/overtime)	3,331	3,331	3,392	3,392	
Employers National Insurance	52,000	52,000	58,669	58,669	
Employers Pension	1,459	1,459	284	284	
Barclay Card charges	97	97	2,253	2,253	
Stationery	1,021	1,021	661	661	
Audit expenses	740	740	774	774	
Insurance premium	597	597	357	357	
	1,110	1,110	1,164	1,164	
	3,331	3,331	3,392	3,392	
	117,304	-	117,304	124,971	124,971
Less Capital expenditure	7,231	7,231	517	517	
Less Grants/Donations/Gifts	345	345	478	478	
Net surplus/loss for year	124,880	17	124,880	125,966	125,966
	(13,876)	(13,876)	(13,859)	7,389	7,417
Balances c/fwd	62	62	38	38	
Petty cash	311	311	172	172	
Cash	6,698	6,698	5,699	5,699	
Barclays current account	11,095	11,095	19,389	19,389	
Barclays Premium account		1,829		1,857	
Outreach current account					
Total Cash & Bank	18,165	1,829	19,995	25,298	27,155
	143,045	1,829	144,875	151,264	153,121

Unrestricted funds

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

S, P
Stephen Andrews
Chairman of Trustees
Date: 13.6.25

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

- 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**

	2024	2023
Other	467	184
	<u>467</u>	<u>184</u>

3) **Restricted Funds**

The restricted funds are for the following purposes:

The Outreach Fund is for social events and entertainment.

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Outreach Fund	1,829	28	-	1,857
	<u>1,829</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,857</u>