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Registered charity name	Beacon House of Prayer also known as Beacon HOP, BHOP, The Beacon.
Charity number	1159478
Principle & registered office	550-552 High Street, Sandyford, Stoke-on-Trent ST6 5PD
Trustees in the year	Mrs Katie Britton Mr Kevin Britton Mr Paul Ian Critchley Mrs Tracy Critchley Mrs Dilwen Gwyn Naylor Mr William John Naylor Mrs Karen Jane Porter Rev William Robert Porter
Independent Examiner	Diane Condliffe, Condliffe & Condliffe Accountants, 23 Sands Lane, Badsey, Evesham, Worcestershire WR11 7EZ
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Solicitors	Debby Hackney, Nowell Meller, 24 Market Place, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent ST6 4AX
Beacon Advisory Group	Mr Jonathan Bellamy, CEO Cross Rhythms City Radio Mrs Heather Bellamy, Cross Rhythms City Radio Mr Lloyd Cooke, CEO Saltbox Miss Jane Holloway, National Prayer Director, World Prayer Centre Rev Robert Mountford, City Vision Ministries Dr Jonathan Oloyede, Convener of National Day of Prayer and Worship Rev Paul Wilson, Development Officer, Methodist Evangelicals Together

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Beacon House of Prayer is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered charity number 1159478, registered on 3 December 2014. Responsibility for Beacon House of Prayer rests with the board of trustees, known as the Leadership Team, which meets quarterly. Board members are appointed in accordance with the constitution.

Objectives as stated in the Constitution

The objects of the charity are to advance the Christian faith and to promote the values thereof for the benefit of the public by:

- (1) developing and making available a Christian prayer resource centre in the north Midlands, helping people to explore prayer and the spiritual dimension of life with multiple prayer rooms available for prayer and staffed by a team of volunteers;
- (2) organising activities and special worship services that explore Christian prayer in various dimensions;

- (3) being a resource hub of information about prayer and education about Christian spirituality for local congregations and individuals;
- (4) offering Christian outreach and services for community groups based around exploring spirituality;
- (5) providing a drop-in service for people seeking support or a chat;
- (6) running training courses about prayer and aspects of the Christian faith;
- (7) co-ordinating conferences for Christians in the wider area;
- (8) offering help in local schools through RE classes, assemblies and school visits to our premises; and
- (9) running a confidential listening and healing prayer service in a local community building. Our facilities are open on most days and evenings.

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2020 AUGUST 2021

I. GENERAL

This last year has been one of the most challenging years for the Beacon House of Prayer charity. At the start of our year in September 2020, the country was still living with the effects of the global pandemic, with much uncertainty about any further lockdowns. Having lived as a dispersed prayer community with online activities and a closing of the house for half a year, lockdown has had an impact on giving and financial support has been reduced. We cut back unnecessary costs and expenditure, in the hope that giving will increase as lockdown ends. Our hopes for the year were to regroup as a community, to re-establish fresh rhythms of life and prayer within the house and to re-engage with the Christian churches and people of our city as a hub and resource of prayer and creative exploring of spirituality.

II. REVIEW OF THE YEAR (Sept 2020 – Aug 2021)

a) Worship & Prayer Rhythm

We kept our rhythms of worship and prayer alive through different lockdowns. We just shifted them between fully online, team in the house and online audience, and face to face in house with restrictions and added online participation, depending on government restrictions. Tuesday evenings were the main touching point for the house of prayer community, although we did trial some Thursday evening worship and teaching opportunities through autumn 2020. There was a dedicated group of musicians who brought online worship 3-4 mornings a week. We also partnered with Cross Rhythms radio station to bring a recorded 'prayer for the day' through Lent 2021.

b) Resources for local churches

Our simple rhythms of prayer and worship and our specials drew in a wider online community from different places, and helped to resource Christians in their faith and awareness of issue to pray for.

c) Our prayer community

Our community has been dispersed for most of this year. Finishing the Sunday congregation didn't help a sense of belonging, but we continued to touch base with each other through visiting and phone calls, and through continued small life group fellowship.

d) Team and Training

Most of the volunteer team was not needed with the house being closed. However, the prayer leaders and musicians continued to help, and others in the community took part in the special events.

e) Special Events

Specials included 100 hours of online prayer in January 2021, and ten days of prayer through Thy Kingdom Come initiative in May 2021. Both of these drew in local Christians and friends involved in houses of prayer across the British Isles. We tried to make both Advent and Easter creative opportunities for online worship. Different people in the community led reflections and thoughts for the day through the festivals.

f) Houses of Prayer network

As we were in lockdown during October, we made the annual houses of prayer gathering online. We drew in more people than ever, trialing new zoom technology for some webinars. We continued a pulse of bi-monthly sharing and prayer afternoons, which was valuable for many house of prayer leaders.

g) Outreach

The main outreach activity was a cross walk in all 51 cities of England in July 2021. William and Paul led this, connecting with Christians in every city, walking for a couple hours in each city centre, making a sign of the cross, and praying for God's grace and blessing on that place. It was an amazing opportunity to bless people from the Beacon and to pray at a significant time of the nation coming out of lockdown.

h) Healing ministry

The Sozo healing prayer team were very creative, offering online Sozos for the first time. There was good take up of this ministry. They also trained up a couple of new team members.

i) Building and land

The Beacon building was out of action for most of this year. Re-payments of the loan to purchase our building were put on pause for one year whilst we assessed reduced income. Meanwhile, the developers who own the surrounding land put in planning permission for a petrol station, with a carpark and garden for us mid 2021. They are still awaiting the outcome.

III. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN 2021-22

We hope to re-open the building as soon as government pandemic restrictions allow. We plan to develop a new midweek worship and teaching gathering for both our community and local Christians. We look forward to encouraging some of the creative and healing ministries in providing new activities and also developing some more intentional led retreats for the public. We look forward to resourcing local churches and working towards starting an internship programme.

IV. FINANCE REVIEW

Beacon House of Prayer is financed mainly through the regular giving of around 35 individual supporters together with others who make occasional donations. Cash at the bank and in hand at 31 August 2021 was £41,851. Receipts amounted to £40,488 and payments £31,213 which were expended in accordance with our purposes. Net assets are recorded as £166,029. Gift Aid repayments of tax from HMRC are not counted as income until it has been received. Accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Reserves. To ensure that the charity remains sustainable as a going concern in the event of significant loss of income or other unforeseen circumstances, it is the trustees policy to hold reserves of approximately 3 months expenditure.

Pandemic. Because of the national lockdown from March 2020 and the restrictions placed on places of worship, the Beacon's income has noticeably reduced placing a challenge to our reserves policy. Therefore a review and curtailment of all expenditure was undertaken and our five year cash flow forecast adjusted accordingly which is able to demonstrate the Beacon House of Prayer as being sustainable as a going concern. The situation will continue to be monitored, with the expectation that once the pandemic is over, our income flow will return to previous levels and our expenditure and reserves accordingly.

Financial Investment Policy. In accordance with the governing document the trustees have the power to invest money as in their absolute discretion they think fit.

V. RISKS

The principle areas of Beacon House of Prayer activity, finance and strategic planning and risks are regularly considered by the trustees. Systems and resources allowing risk to be mitigated are implemented as appropriate.

Safeguarding. Beacon House of Prayer prioritises safeguarding and is committed to following guidelines from government and thirtyone:eight (previously known as CCPAS -The Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service) on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults and good working practice including safe recruitment of workers and volunteers.

Data Protection. Beacon House of Prayer is registered with the Information Commissioners Office and follows GDPR guidelines and code of practice for stored data and cctv images.

Privacy Statement. A copy is displayed in the appropriate places.

Covid. The Beacon is carefully following government policy for places of worship and adopting the guidelines throughout the pandemic.

signed on behalf of the trustees

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W R Porter', with a horizontal line underneath.

Rev William R Porter

31/5/22

Date

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD
1st September 20~~19~~²⁰ to 31st August 2021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE ORGANISATION:

THE BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER

CHARITY REGISTRATION 1159478

I report on the accounts of the organisation for the period ending 31st August 2021

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the organisations trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7) (H) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosure in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the account requirements of the Act.Have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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18th May 2022 .

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BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER (REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1159478)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.8.21

	2021 £	2020 £
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
FREEHOLD PROPERTY	165,678	165,678
	165,678	165,678
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
CASH AND BANK IN HAND	41,851	37,076
RESTRICTED FUNDS	0	
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	41851	37,076
	<u>41,851</u>	<u>37,076</u>
	<u>207,529</u>	<u>202,754</u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
	-	-
<u>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</u>		
LOAN ON PROPERTY	41,500	46,000
	<u>41,500</u>	<u>46,000</u>
<u>NETT ASSETS</u>	<u>166,029</u>	<u>156,754</u>
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>		
CAPITAL ACCOUNT B/F	156,754	156,163
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	9,275	591
	<u>166,029</u>	<u>156,754</u>
CAPITAL ACCOUNT C/F		

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TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	FREEHOLD PROPERTY £	FIXTURES & FITTINGS £	TOTALS £
COST			
AS AT 1.9.20	165678	0	165678
ADDITIONS	0	0	0
AS AT 31.8.21	165678	0	165678
DEPRECIATION			
AS AT 1.9.20	0	0	0
ADDITIONS	0	0	0
AS AT 31.8.21	0	0	0
NETT BOOK VALUE			
AS AT 31.8.21	165678	0	165678
AS AT 1.9.20	165678	0	165678

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BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER (REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1159478)

Income and Expenditure Account for the Period Ending 31st August 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
<u>INCOME</u>		
Gifts and Donations	33,246.00	38,516.00
Sales	250.00	82.00
Gift Aid	6,992.00	8,546.00
	40,488.00	47,144.00
<u>LESS SUPPORT COSTS</u>		
Water	270.00	560.00
Insurance	-	-
Light & Heat	4,734.00	5,277.00
Telephone	380.00	648.00
License Fees	630.00	1,300.00
Sundries	178.00	512.00
Professional Fees	235.00	235.00
Insurance	867.00	-
Repairs & Renewals	(164.00)	262.00
Building Maintenance	314.00	1,397.00
Gifts	100.00	530.00
Presence Worship	8,330.00	9,800.00
Stipend Services	11,093.00	16,352.00
Admin Support	297.00	1,413.00
Comms Support	-	667.00
Resources	522.00	506.00
Printing & Stationery	391.00	504.00
Refreshments	-	1,191.00
Computer & Internet Costs	570.00	603.00
Equipment Hire	662.00	793.00
Publicity	-	-
Tools & Equipment	745.00	1,516.00
Cleaning	14.00	441.00
Conferences	916.00	1,430.00
Training	-	616.00
Safeguarding	129.00	-
	31,213.00	46,553.00
SURPLUS FUNDS	9,275.00	591.00

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