

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1161258

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
for
Ashley's Birthday Bank**

**Ward Goodman Audit Services Ltd
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Dorset
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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

We provide a vital service for many children and families in the Poole, Bournemouth & Christchurch (and surrounding) area.

Ashley's Birthday Bank was set up at the end of 2014 and registered as a charity in April 2015. We provide underprivileged children with a birthday and Christmas present to ensure they do not go without on these special occasions. We also provide for families who have run away from domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual abuse, neglect, families with alcohol dependency or those who find themselves going through a financially difficult time. The support includes food shopping, toiletries, cleaning equipment, clothing, toys, books, baby equipment, nappies, baby milk, household items, beds, bedding, white goods etc to these families. We also work with the local refuges, the human trafficking unit, Social Workers, Health Visitors, Police Support Workers etc. Unfortunately, the need in this area is massive and we receive daily requests for support. All families have to meet the criteria we have set to ensure only those in genuine need receive our support.

To provide these services we rely solely on donations. We run the charity in our spare time, therefore we work on a voluntary basis; so any money we receive goes straight into providing the support that is required. This is something we are passionate about.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Our aim is to ensure every underprivileged child in Poole, Bournemouth & Christchurch receives a birthday gift and a Christmas present. Also to ensure every family in poverty, or who have escaped domestic violence etc, have their basic needs met. We also provide weekly food shops to families, baby equipment, nappies, baby milk, clothing, beds and household items.

We achieve this by liaising directly with the local Children's Centres, Social Services, Schools, Police Liaison Officers, Midwives etc.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Community Access

We have a set criteria for helping local families which they have to meet in order to receive support from us:-

At least two of the following must apply:-

- Income Support
- ESA (Employment & Support Allowance)
- Universal Credit
- DLA (Disability Living Allowance)
- Families who have been sanctioned by the job centre
- Families who have been made homeless through no fault of their own, including families living in temporary accommodation (B&B/Refuge etc)
- Children who are carers
- Children with life limiting illnesses
- Under 18 Pregnant Mum
- Human Trafficking Unit

If they ask for help with food, we first advise them to approach their local foodbank, through their children's school or through their health visitor. Once they have exhausted this option (they are only open certain days a week and people can only use their facilities for a limited number of times per year), we then provide them with a week's shopping from a supermarket online which includes fresh meat, vegetables, cheese, milk, bread and general items. The cost of this is normally £140 - £160 per family.

We also offer a Gift Service, which was the initial reason the charity was set up. We have a list of the children in the local refuges and provide them with a birthday gift and also a Christmas Gift. We also accept requests through referrals from schools, social services etc.

Volunteers

We currently have 3 Trustees and 1 Volunteer. They are all voluntary and no-one receives payment for their involvement with the charity. The Trustees are all DBS Checked, one has Food Hygiene Certificate and one has First Aid Certification. Two are also trained Mental Health First Aiders. We hold Public Liability Insurance, and provide full risk assessments when we attend events.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

We have helped many hundreds of local families with supplying weekly food shops, toiletries, clothing, baby equipment, Over 1800 Christmas gifts, birthday gifts, household items such as furniture, washing machines, fridges, freezers, curtains, rugs, beds, cots, bedding, toys, microwaves, prams, pushchairs and cleaning supplies. We have also offered advice and support regarding debt advice charities, budgeting, and grants that can be applied for. We also support the Women's refuges, Human Trafficking Refuge, Social Services, Police Support Officers etc with regular requests for clothing, baby equipment, beds, toys, toiletries etc. We have supported children who have suffered rape or sexual abuse, by providing new beds, and bedroom furniture, to try and create a new sanctuary for them.

2023-2024 has continued to be a very difficult year for everyone, due to the cost of living. We have provided a lot more food shops, and sadly the increase on domestic violence has meant more referrals for items such as beds, bedding, toys, clothing, household items etc; as parents and children have had to flee their home and move to a safe location.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Total income for the financial year was £43,603 (2023 - £23,402), and expenditure was £29,385 (2023 - £22,443). From this the net income for the year was £14,218 (2023 - £959).

At the balance sheet date the total unrestricted income was £27,775 (2023 - £13,557). The charity had no funds restricted for use at the year end (2023 - £nil).

Details of Donations/Fundraising

We have been fortunate enough to have received grant funding from Dorset Community Foundation in the sum of £8,000 - to fund family food shops; The Leathersellers' Foundation in the sum of £2,000 (an unrestricted grant) which will be used for general referral requests for families in poverty; Cherry Community Fund in the sum of £1,000 to fund family food shops; John Lewis Partnership - which was used to purchase items for School Holidays to enable families to join together; Tesco Blue Token - to fund family food shops; Little Lives - Christmas donation following Christchurch Advent Calendar Fundraiser; Christchurch Magdalen Trust in the sum of £5,000 to support local families living in the Christchurch area; Cash for Kids - the sum of £1,850 to fund family food shops;

We also receive monies from local Companies through fundraising, sponsored events, company donations; and supermarkets in their token/grant schemes. This money is used to provide food shopping, microwaves, beds, school uniforms, clothing, bedding etc. We have numerous charity pots at local organisations, which bring in much needed funds. J P Morgan undertake a Christmas present collection for us each year, Food shops are our main expense, so these donations enable us to continue to provide food for local families in extreme poverty.

We attended several fundraising events to spread the word about our Charity and to raise much needed funds

We are lucky enough to be included in the Wave 105 Mission Christmas Appeal, and receive Christmas presents for the children we support. Last year we provided over 1,000 gifts.

Reserves policy

Grants and donations are used to run the Charity, and our general overheads are relatively small. The Trustees have identified the need for £1,700 to be held in reserve, which is the sum spent on providing Christmas and Birthday Gifts each year. We receive other sums of money as detailed above, which are used for our referrals. The Trustees will use the funds that are not allocated to grant expenditure as they see fit, to ensure the smooth running of the Charity and to fulfil our obligations to the families.

FUTURE PLANS

We plan to continue the service we provide, and further support the families referred to us. We will also continue to fundraise and try to increase our revenue for the next Financial Period, so we can help more families and improve our service to the local community. The cost of living crisis has caused a huge spike in referrals for food shops, and this obviously has an impact on our expenditure.

We also propose to contact local businesses and schools to gain more financial support, and increase the awareness of our Charity.

We hope to obtain grant monies from the various organisations we have applied to.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

We hold an annual AGM, and Trustees and Volunteers attend. During the last Financial Year, the Trustees were confirmed as Anna Carney (Chairperson), Lynn Hewitt (Treasurer) and Danielle Turner (Secretary) - these roles were confirmed for a further two year period until January 2026. We currently have three volunteers who help run stalls at our fetes, sort Christmas presents and collect donations as and when required.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1161258

Principal address

17C Willow Way
Christchurch
Dorset
BH23 1JJ

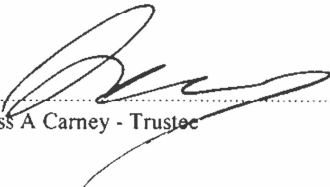
Trustees

Mrs L Hewitt Chairperson
Mrs D Turner Trustee
Miss A Carney Treasurer

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on22.10.24..... and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Miss A Carney - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Ashley's Birthday Bank**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ashley's Birthday Bank

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ashley's Birthday Bank (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 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 Act and 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; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



Mr I M Rodd BSc FCA FCCA

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Date: 23 October 2024

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	2,867	10,125	12,992	16,085
Charitable activities					
Charitable activity		18,392	-	18,392	4,725
Other trading activities	4	12,219	-	12,219	2,592
Total		<u>33,478</u>	<u>10,125</u>	<u>43,603</u>	<u>23,402</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activity	5	<u>19,260</u>	<u>10,125</u>	<u>29,385</u>	<u>22,443</u>
NET INCOME		14,218	-	14,218	959
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		13,557	-	13,557	12,598
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>27,775</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>27,775</u></u>	<u><u>13,557</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		29,035	-	29,035	14,757
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,260)	-	(1,260)	(1,200)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>27,775</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,775</u>	<u>13,557</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>27,775</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,775</u>	<u>13,557</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>27,775</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,775</u>	<u>13,557</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				27,775	13,557
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>27,775</u>	<u>13,557</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22.10.24
and were signed on its behalf by:


A Carney - Trustée


L Hewitt - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. LEGAL FORM

Ashley's Birthday Bank is a charitable incorporated organisation, incorporated in England and Wales. The principal address is noted on page 3 of these financial statements.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. 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

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - Straight line over 3 years

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.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Gift aid

The charity is registered for gift aid and claims on unsolicited donations.

Debtors and prepayments

Debtors and prepayments are recognised at the transaction price where an entity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds from a third party to the charity and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their transaction price after allowing for any trade discounts due.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	12,992	16,085

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising events	10,794	732
Shop income	1,425	1,860
	<u>12,219</u>	<u>2,592</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Charitable activity	<u>28,106</u>	<u>1,279</u>	<u>29,385</u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Charitable activity	<u>19</u>	<u>1,260</u>	<u>1,279</u>

Included within the governance costs above is £1,260 (2023: £1,200) of Independent Examiners remuneration.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	10,846	5,239	16,085
Charitable activities			
Charitable activity	4,725	-	4,725
Other trading activities	2,592	-	2,592
Total	<u>18,163</u>	<u>5,239</u>	<u>23,402</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activity	<u>17,204</u>	<u>5,239</u>	<u>22,443</u>
NET INCOME	959	-	959
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	12,598	-	12,598
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>13,557</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,557</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	1,500
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	1,500
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024	-
At 31 March 2023	-

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	1,260	1,200

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	13,557	14,218	27,775
TOTAL FUNDS	13,557	14,218	27,775

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	33,478	(19,260)	14,218
Restricted funds			
Weekly shops	10,125	(10,125)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	43,603	(29,385)	14,218

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	12,598	959	13,557
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>12,598</u>	<u>959</u>	<u>13,557</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	18,100	(17,204)	959
Restricted funds			
Weekly shops	5,239	(5,239)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>23,402</u>	<u>(22,443)</u>	<u>959</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	12,598	15,177	27,775
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>12,598</u>	<u>15,177</u>	<u>27,775</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	51,641	(36,464)	15,177
Restricted funds			
Weekly shops	15,364	(15,364)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>67,005</u>	<u>(51,828)</u>	<u>15,177</u>

There are restrictions on the following funds:

Weekly Shops - This is income that is restricted from Wave 105 Cash for kids project to be put towards the purchase of new beds for the underprivileged children that need it the most.

Cash For Kids - Beds - This is income from the Wave 105 cash for kids project to be put towards the purchase of new beds for the underprivileged children that need it the most.

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year the three trustees made donations totalling £60 (2023: £195) to the charity. Expenses that were reimbursed to trustees during the year totalling £nil (2023: £nil).