

Renewed Hope Trust
A Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Charity Registration Number 1161502

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
for the year ending
31st August 2020

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Renewed Hope Trust

Report of the trustees for the year ending 31st August 2020

Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name	Renewed Hope Trust
Charity Registration Number	1161502
Registered Office	Shrewsbury Chapel, Shrewsbury Road, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 6BH

Trustees

Mr J Bartlett Chairman

Mr D Buchan Treasurer

Mr N Dodds

Ms M Philipson

Rev J Kronenberg (resigned October 2019)

Mr J Van Hoof

Mr S Ferrar

Mrs K Ferrar

Ms F Stehrenberg

Mrs Michelle Hirschfield (appointed September 2019)

(Mr Sam Ferrar became Chairman in November 2020 following the resignation of Mr John Bartlett.)

Project co-ordinator

Mrs A Coe (on maternity leave from August 2019 to August 2020)

Mr Kevin McKay (maternity cover from June 2019 to August 2020)

Bankers

HSBC: 72, Station Road, Redhill, SURREY

CAF Bank: 25 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling, KENT, ME19 4JQ

Aims and objectives

Our objectives are set out in full in our constitution. In brief they are

- To promote the Christian religion
- To help the homeless and disadvantaged in the East Surrey area

We aim to achieve these objectives through mobilising the churches of the area and other like-minded people to combat homelessness, unemployment, addiction, hunger, debt and social breakdown. In so doing we partner with specialist organisations in Surrey, helping our clients to engage with the help they require.

Monitoring

The trustees receive regular reports from the project co-ordinator and data is kept on our key performance indicators to assess our work for the benefit of our own development, for donors and for existing and potential grant makers.

Our Focus in the year under review

The principal activities during the year were:

1. East Surrey Winter Night Shelter

We ran a floating winter night shelter from mid-December 2019 through to the end of March 2020 to provide homeless persons in East Surrey with a warm, safe and friendly place to sleep during the coldest months of the winter. This involved up to 16 different churches offering their premises for one night a week for a number of weeks. This was staffed entirely by volunteers from churches and the wider community, who were organised and trained by Renewed Hope Trust. Guests were provided with a hot evening meal and breakfast by the volunteers. The charity provided the mattresses and sleeping bags.

The Shelter had to close a few days early due to the Covid-19 pandemic, however all guests were immediately accommodated by their respective councils.

2. Daytime Drop-In

We ran a day-time Drop-in service for the homeless and other needy persons. This operated each weekday throughout the year, until the Covid-19 pandemic caused it to close. It was temporarily replaced by a take-away sandwich service from the doors of the chapel. We reopened in August once the lockdown was eased and we had Covid secure practices and a risk assessment in place.

The Drop-in provides food, drink, a sense of community and day-time shelter and allows the staff time to get to know the clients so that they can be assisted in accessing professional help for their particular needs. This activity was previously hosted in a rented facility in the centre of Redhill at the same location as our office until the end of December 2019 when we moved into new premises at Shrewsbury Chapel, a short walk from Redhill town centre.

3. Real Meal

Real Meal, a Sunday lunch event at Shrewsbury Chapel, was run on a rota basis by local churches who provided a hot lunch along with some form of Christian worship in line with our objective to 'Promote the Christian religion'. It was attended by anything from 6 to 20 guests, with the larger numbers attending in the winter. This came to an end in March 2020 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

4. Food Bank

A Food Bank was started within Shrewsbury Chapel to provide additional support to our guests from the onset of the pandemic. This outgrew the chapel and moved to different premises during Summer 2020. It was divested after the end of the financial year.

5. Move to Shrewsbury Chapel

An aim of securing the leasehold of Shrewsbury Chapel was to move RHT's office operations and the Drop-In there. This happened on 28 December 2019 after a renovation project making it fit for the purpose of best helping our clients.

The work included installing a shower and disabled toilet, and reprofiling the kitchen and meeting room to make space to have private conversations with clients whilst providing a well-equipped kitchen for our volunteers to provide hot meals for the Drop-In guests. The renovation also included converting an upstairs storage room into an office and kitchenette, made accessible by the installation of a permanent staircase with fire exit. Previously the upstairs was accessible only by a wooden staircase, which was becoming increasingly unsafe to use. The result of this investment has been to provide the charity with much improved facilities enabling us to enhance the offering to our guests.

Achievements and Performance – Public Benefit

More than 300 volunteers were involved in the running of our projects over the course of the year. These are recruited from churches, via Voluntary Action Reigate and Banstead or social media and by word of mouth. All are trained in their respective roles and project in which they are involved.

The East Surrey Winter Night Shelter accommodated 31 guests in the winter from December 2019 to March 2020, slightly more than in the two previous years. Six guests moved back with their families, 11 of them had been found regular accommodation by the end of Night Shelter, while 5 remained rough sleeping or sofa surfing. Some of those not immediately accommodated were accommodated as part of the 'Everyone In' Covid Response funded by the Government. We continued to support all of them with our daytime facilities helping them access housing and other services. We also helped several local homeless people who used our daytime Drop-In, but declined a place on the Night Shelter.

The day-time Drop-In had 5,355 visits from 420 people, 255 of whom were guests. We also issued several hundred food vouchers for nearby foodbanks. This is approximately 30% more guests than the previous year and as the need increases year-on-year, this put our previous facilities under severe pressure. To alleviate this we raised funds to update our new leased premises at Shrewsbury Chapel to enable it to become our centre of operations with a wider range of needed facilities for our service users. The Drop-In is also a place where clients can be encouraged to take steps to improve their life circumstances. This may include referrals to other agencies who may specialise in such things as help with addiction and housing. As the need has grown, we have been working

increasingly closely with other local charitable organisations who also come into contact with our clients. This ensures that the needs of people are met while minimising overlap of services.

Cumulative small wins in the lives of individuals, who can find support within the community created by Renewed Hope Trust, changes lives and our society.

The move to Shrewsbury Chapel has made a significant difference in the potential offering to our guests. Having previously rented different buildings in the past, we were constrained by the terms of rental agreements and availability of the rooms out of hours. The new facility can accommodate larger numbers in the Drop-In, the freedom to run activities outside of the Drop-In hours and also make the space available for other similar charities to use for the benefit of their clients. For example, Alcoholics Anonymous rent the building weekly for their meetings. A volunteer also started running a choir here for the guests before the Covid-19 pandemic.

The coronavirus pandemic halted efforts to find volunteers to run extra activities, however the ambition for this remains for the future once circumstances permit.

Financial review

The charity made an operating surplus on general funds of £119,771 in the financial year, compared with £10,608 in 2018-19. This reflects an exceptional growth in the level of donations, particularly by individuals, especially around the onset of the covid-19 pandemic. Two fundraising dinners were particularly effective and the trustees decided that £60,000 of funds raised at those events would be designated as a strategic development fund, to help the charity develop new services once the covid-19 situation allows this.

General Fund Expenditure rose from £62,184 (2018-19) to £81,535 (2019-20). This is partly because a third member of staff, recruited in 2018-19, was in post for the full year; and there was a period of overlap between the project manager's period of maternity leave, and a postholder brought in to provide maternity cover. The move to Shrewsbury Chapel brought in a different profile of premises costs, with a significant saving on rent paid for the previous premises.

The refurbishment project at Shrewsbury Chapel cost £32,924 more than donations given specifically for the purpose, so this sum was transferred from general funds to enable the project to be completed. There are no further restricted funds held for this purpose.

A separate restricted fund was established in April 2020, from donations and grants given to operate a food bank within the chapel as an additional support to our guests. There was a balance on this restricted fund of £4,926 at the year end. The food bank moved to different premises during the Summer and, after the end of the financial year, the trustees decided that it should be divested (see Note 7 to the accounts).

The trustees have adopted a reserves policy which calls for general fund reserves to be maintained at a level equivalent to three months' general fund expenditure (approximately £20,000). The level of donations received this year means that the reserves held at 31 August 2020 (£119,939) were significantly above this level. The trustees are developing plans for the future development of the services provided, which in the short term include the recruitment of a new specialist support worker to provide better support and advice to clients.

The trustees consider that the charity remains a going concern.

Governance

The charity is governed by its founding document. Trustees are appointed for fixed terms which may be up to 4 years. They can then be re-appointed for a further term if willing to stand. All of the trustees appointed have been from supporting churches or from amongst those who have been volunteer workers or those who are registered on our database as supporters.

The charity's income is below the level that would require a formal audit of the accounts; but the accounts have been subject to Independent Examination by a suitably qualified person.

This report has been approved by the trustees at their meeting on 13 April 2020 and is signed on their behalf by the Chairman.

Mr. Sam Ferrar



Chairman

Date:

27 APR 2021

Renewed Hope Trust

Registered charity number 1161502

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS for the year ended 31 August 2020

	2019-20 Restricted Funds	2019-20 General Fund	2019-20 Total £	2018-19 Total £
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary receipts				
Individuals	21,769	113,937	135,706	58,316
Churches	5,000	19,101	24,101	26,798
Councils	7,869	15,000	22,869	5,237
Other organisations	1,000	- 51,989	52,989	24,570
Shrewsbury Chapel: Rent received	-	1,180	1,180	1,100
Bank interest	-	69	69	87
Other Receipts	-	30	30	80
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>35,638</u>	<u>201,306</u>	<u>236,944</u>	<u>116,188</u>
PAYMENTS				
Cost of generating voluntary receipts				
Salaries and Wages	-	57,481	57,481	38,370
Winter Night Shelter	-	207	207	901
Rental: Drop-in and Office	-	6,069	6,069	14,612
Drop-in Activity	-	2,269	2,269	953
Food Bank	10,678	-	10,678	-
Capital expenditure	-	2,143	2,143	238
Other Activities	-	909	909	550
Shrewsbury Chapel: premises costs	59,016	6,892	65,908	52,983
Administrative Costs	-	5,565	5,565	2,929
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>69,694</u>	<u>81,535</u>	<u>151,229</u>	<u>111,536</u>
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	<u>(34,056)</u>	<u>119,771</u>	<u>85,715</u>	<u>4,652</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES as at 31 August 2020

Cash funds:	31 August 2020 £	31 August 2019 £
Current Accounts	1,935	7,356
Deposit Accounts	121,307	31,744
Paypal Account	1,606	-
Petty Cash	17	50
TOTAL	<u>124,865</u>	<u>39,150</u>
Represented by:		
Unrestricted Funds	119,939	33,092
Restricted Funds	4,926	6,058
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>124,865</u>	<u>39,150</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the 'Receipts and Payments' basis and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

2. Receipts from individuals include Gift Aid recovered.

3. Payments to trustees

The charity has made no payments to trustees.

One trustee made an interest-free loan to the charity of £5,000, in order to support the cash flow requirements of the building project. This was fully repaid within the year. These transactions are not included within the statement of receipts and payments.

4. Analysis of Movement in funds

	1 September 2019	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	31 August 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Shrewsbury Chapel (building project)	6,058	20,034	(59,016)	32,924	-
Food Bank		15,604	(10,678)	-	4,926
Unrestricted Funds					
Designated Funds	-	-	-	60,000	60,000
General Funds	33,092	201,306	(81,535)	(92,924)	59,939

Refurbishment work at Shrewsbury Chapel continued throughout Autumn 2019. The £6,058 opening balance on funds given specifically for this work, and a further £20,034 received, was fully utilised and the balance of the cost of this project was taken from general funds.

A new restricted fund was established in the year comprising grants and voluntary donations given towards the costs of a Food Bank established in April 2020.

The trustees decided that two significant gifts should be set aside for initiatives supporting the strategic development of the charity and £60,000 has accordingly been transferred from general funds to a designated fund within the overall unrestricted funds.

5. Analysis of Prior Year Receipts and Payments by funds

	2018-19 Restricted Fund (building Project)	2018-19 General Fund	2018-19 Total £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary receipts			
Individuals	29,018	29,298	58,316
Churches	5,000	21,798	26,798
Councils	1,237	4,000	5,237
Other organisations	8,141	16,429	24,570
Shrewsbury Chapel: Rent received	-	1,100	1,100
Bank interest	-	87	87
Other Receipts	-	80	80
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>43,396</u>	<u>72,792</u>	<u>116,188</u>
PAYMENTS			
Cost of generating voluntary receipts			
Salaries and Wages	-	38,370	38,370
Winter Night Shelter	-	901	901
Rental: Drop-in and Office	-	14,612	14,612
Drop-in Activity	-	953	953
Capital expenditure (tablets)	-	238	238
Other Activities	-	550	550
Shrewsbury Chapel: premises costs	49,352	3,631	52,983
Administrative Costs	-	<u>2,929</u>	<u>2,929</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>49,352</u>	<u>62,184</u>	<u>111,536</u>
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	<u>(5,956)</u>	<u>10,608</u>	<u>4,652</u>

6. Staff costs

No staff received remuneration in excess of £60,000.

The average number of staff employed was 3 (2018-19: 3)

7. Post balance sheet events

The trustees decided on 25 November 2020 that the Food Bank should be divested. The restricted fund balance of £4,926, plus net receipts since the date of these financial statements, was subsequently transferred to Reigate Baptist Church, except for the unspent part of a grant received which was returned to Reigate and Banstead Council.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments account and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The trustees have approved these financial statements.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees.

Mr. Sam Ferrar



Chairman

Date:

27 APR 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF RENEWED HOPE TRUST

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2020 which are set out on pages 8 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act), and that there is no requirement in the governing document or constitution of the Charity for the conducting of an audit. As a consequence, the trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for an independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- state 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 Commission. 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 includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

Independent examiner's report

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or,
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Julia Booton JBAS Ltd
36 Ramsgate Road, Broadstairs, KENT CT10 1PP

Date: 28/4/21