



ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

Southampton City Mission, Unit 5 Second Avenue Business Park, Southampton, SO15 0LP
Tel: 023 8055 0435 email: adminteam@southamptoncitymission.co.uk
www.southamptoncitymission.co.uk

Contents

**CHAIRMAN’S
REPORT.....**
... 3

**STRUCTURE, OBJECTS &
GOVERNANCE..... 4**

**GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT
..... 4**

**SCM BASICS
BANK.....**
..... 7

**SCM
MARKETPLACE.....**
..... 8

**SCM
SCHOOLS.....**
..... 10

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

“What does the Lord require of you, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God”.

Throughout the year SCM has provided emergency food parcels to those in immediate need as well as

building communities around the Marketplace projects. They assist individuals to become more independent by encouraging them to budget, plan and manage their purchases. In March 2023 a new Marketplace was opened at Holy Trinity Church, Weston, which aimed to promote more relational, holistic and sustainable support for those struggling with food poverty. Already the vibrancy and relevance of this new Marketplace has attracted many beneficiaries. As at all Food Banks and Marketplaces we are indebted to so many committed volunteers - we thank them all.

The work in schools has been maintained and we were delighted to welcome Reuben Humphreys to the team in August 2023. He has brought great enthusiasm to the task of presenting the claims of Christianity to young people, particularly at the primary level. We are so grateful for the freedom to do so.

Challenges remain in sourcing sufficient food especially as we have to “buy food in” on a weekly basis. All this adds financial pressure and we pray that more donors will come on board to assist in this practical way.

Duncan House, as General Manager, has overseen the day-to-day work of the charity and we are indebted to him for his faithfulness and wisdom in the ever changing challenges that confront SCM. Equally, without Jen Ball's gifts the office will be invariably poorer, and we thank God for all that she has done with such grace - and patience!

As we look ahead there are specific aims:

1. Continue to raise the profile of SCM, especially its work within schools.
2. Build on existing relationships with churches and church leaders
3. Work with other agencies and groups in the city as there is a great deal of respect for the role of SCM, and indeed good will.

My personal thanks for all the wise counsel and integrity of my fellow Trustees, and to those who pray so regularly and give so generously.

May our God, whom we serve, bless, prosper and sustain the work of SCM.

Chris Ford
Chairman of Trustees

STRUCTURE, OBJECTS & GOVERNANCE

Southampton City Mission (CIO) is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales under charity number 1162099. It was registered on 10 June 2015 and was set up to take forward the activities of Southampton City Mission, established in 1963. The assets and activities of Southampton City Mission (251142) were transferred to SCM (CIO) on 1st April 2016. Its governing document is the constitution adopted on 10 November 2014 as revised on 18 September 2023.

The objects of the CIO are: to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the basic tenets of historical Biblical Christianity; to prevent and relieve poverty in the City of Southampton and its neighbouring area; and to advance education for persons of any age by providing or assisting in the development of their mental, physical and moral capabilities through work in schools and other educational institutions and by supporting other charities in England, the UK or abroad. The projects and activities outlined in this report are undertaken to support these objects.

The charity is governed by a Board of Trustees, currently numbering 8, who delegate the daily running of the charity to a small staff team. A large team of around 200 dedicated volunteers are also vital to the delivery of all the charity's services.

During 2023/24 the Trustees met 6 times as a full board and held additional sub-group meetings to discharge their duties.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

This year of Southampton City Mission started very encouragingly as we were invited to the 2023 Lord Mayor's awards evening in April. SCM was awarded a certificate of recognition for "not only feeding over 14,220 people who otherwise would have gone without, but also creating a sustainable network of support for those in need." This was encouraging recognition from the Lord Mayor and the Council following all of the collective efforts during the Covid years to help coordinate the City's emergency food response.

Having been approached by Dr Diana Smith from Southampton University's School of Geography & Environmental Science, we began a co-designed academic research project across our Marketplace Projects. This Wessex DIET project recorded, through interviews, a range of lifestyle, diet, health and well-being indicators from Marketplace members as they joined a Marketplace. The interviews were then repeated a year later and the results were noticeable in evidencing significant improvements across the board in members' lives.

It is worth noting that our volunteer Teresa Venable continued to coordinate and lead our monthly SCM prayer meetings from her home, as well as create and distribute the SCM Schools prayer diary and advocate and encourage prayer at every level. In a very noticeable encouragement, Teresa put up

a four foot long banner on the wall of our warehouse, 1 Corinthians 9: 10 - 10 “Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.” We are so blessed by our incredible volunteers at the Mission, who are true partners in the Gospel.

We continued to work with many agencies, charities and other Christian Mission Groups. We entered into a formal partnership with Scripture Union and were delighted to use their ‘Grow Communities’ model to run primary school after-school clubs for children interested in learning more about Jesus and his ways. Volunteer Charis McConnell has done a brilliant, consistent, imaginative and above all joyful Grow Community at Mansbridge Primary school called ‘Believe Club’ – named by the children themselves.

Duncan continues to co-chair the Anti-Poverty Network in the city alongside Annette Davis from SCRATCH. These member-led meetings provide a strong platform for sharing and coordination amongst the projects in the city. The APN has a long and historic heritage and track record of speaking with a united voice on important social issues and policies.

At our Marketplaces and Basics Banks we continue to invite advice agencies in to provide either permanent or itinerant support for our members and clients. We have Social Prescribers from the local health services, Citizens Advice advisors, the Society of St James housing officers, the Energy Centre’s healthy homes advisors and many others from agencies setting up for a day to provide one-off advice and extra support. This partnership working has provided huge benefits to our members and clients, as well as enabling our city colleagues to engage more successfully with people who would otherwise not come looking for their services.

| In July, we organised a meeting of the Food Bank Network – a friendly network of Christian food projects which SCM has had a hand in planting, releasing and supporting over the years. It is always encouraging to hear from projects from Fareham, Romsey and the New Forest among others, sharing stories of blessing and struggle and to pray together.

As a staff team we enjoyed a retreat day of prayer and contemplation at a lovely location near Manor Farm Country Park. It was important to come together before the Lord, not for vision, strategy and discussion, but for prayer and stillness. We are looking forward to including such retreats in the rhythm of our year together.

Our staff team expanded in August with Reuben Humphreys joining the Schools Team as our third employed Schools Worker. Coming to us from a youth worker position at St Mark’s Anglican Church in Shirley, Reuben is well known in his local schools already and brings significant experience to our team. At the same time, our Schools Lead, Ellie Cousins, started her maternity leave with Duncan covering her role for the interim.

| In the autumn, SCM were key players at the Love Southampton Cost of Living Summit, with Duncan being invited to contribute as one of the speakers for the event.

SCM also organised a meeting of the Food Aid Forum – a network for all of the food aid providers in Southampton: Food Parcels, served hot food, soup kitchens, pop-up projects, pay as you feel cafes,

pantries and community larders. The Forum decided to go ahead with a food aid snapshot survey for one week in December, where we would attempt to measure all of the food aid given out that week. This was a very successful survey and the Council in particular were very grateful for the information. Again, we expect this now to become a regular process in our calendar.

Southampton City Mission is a member of the City Mission Movement in the UK. As such, we sent six staff members and a volunteer to join in with the worship, teaching, sharing, praying and encouragement on offer at this biannual gathering.

In December, having had several preliminary meetings with Church leaders in Portsmouth, Duncan was invited to talk to the steering committee of One Body Portsmouth. "One Body exists as a platform to facilitate strong relationships between leaders of the Christian Church in Portsmouth". Duncan spoke to them about the potential of starting a Portsmouth City Mission as a vehicle for more effective outreach and service of the churches in Portsmouth, offering support and shared resources from SCM. The group responded with interest and enthusiasm and are going to pray and discuss wider within their network.

It was a great pleasure for Chris Ford as Chairman and Duncan as General Manager, to travel to London to attend the Parliamentary Group on Faith and Society at Portcullis House as Love Southampton presented all of the good work that the church had contributed to Southampton during the Covid years. The professional and powerful report was well received by the MP's and guests who attended and will stand on record as a testimony to the sacrifice and hard work of God's people during a national crisis.

At the end of the fiscal year in March, Duncan attended the annual meeting of the City Mission leaders, this year hosted by Derby City Mission. It was excellent to hear from national colleagues of the work of compassion and hope through City Missions all over the UK. Much was accomplished through sharing, praying, learning and partnerships.

The project reports from our project leads will obviously cover the bulk of our efforts and delivery as a Mission but I hope that this report gives a taste of some of the other work which Southampton City Mission is involved in over the year.

Duncan House
SCM General Manager

SCM BASICS BANK

Number of 4 day food parcels provided 20,143

Number of overnight parcels provided	451
Number of people clothed	2,087

(Figures shown are for the period 01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024)

In the past year, SCM Basics Bank has continued to face pressure brought on by the cost of living crisis. These circumstances impacted both our operations and the community we serve, leading to notable shifts in donations, demand, and outreach efforts. Despite the increase in pressure, our team continued to support those in need, with warmth, kindness and grace.



Media Engagement

This year, SCM Basics Bank had the opportunity to raise awareness on a national scale. We were featured on BBC News, where Economics reporter Faisal Islam visited one of our Basics Bank venues to discuss the challenges our clients are facing due to the ongoing cost of living crisis. This exposure allowed us to shed light on the growing demand for support and how our project is coping with the changes.

Additionally, we were featured on GHR South Coast Radio and BBC Radio Solent, where we discussed the state of donations, the increasing need for essentials, and the overall impact of the economic situation on our operations.

Challenges in Donations and Supplies



Throughout the year, we continued to face significant drops in donations, with many individuals struggling to make contributions due to their own financial constraints.

This led to an

unprecedented situation where we ran out of major staples such as rice and pasta—something never before experienced in Basics Bank history. To compensate for the decline in donations, we continue to purchase essentials from wholesalers in order to meet the growing demand.

as

Community and School Engagement

Over the summer, we partnered with the SCM Schools team, attending school fayres to share with children and their families some of the daily struggles our clients face. This initiative also served as a platform to encourage food donations from the families that could make them.

We were thrilled to be invited to two gigs this year, one with the band Ferocious Dog and another with Circa Waves. Both bands encouraged their fans to bring food donations to the events, resulting in a heartwarming response from concert-goers. They both did this food drive across their entire tour, encouraging fans support local food banks in every city they visited.

Harvest and Holiday Campaigns

Harvest time proved to be another busy period for SCM Basics Bank, with 34 schools across the city organising collections on our behalf. Churches throughout the city also contributed, making this a crucial time for restocking and preparing for the increased demand during the winter months.

Our “Christmas Boost the Bank” campaign, run in collaboration with The Daily Echo, was once again a success. This campaign continues to play a vital role in ensuring we can provide additional support to individuals and families during the Christmas season.

We are so lucky to be blessed with such wonderful volunteers who make what Basics Bank does possible. They continue to work hard in difficult situations and often hear about desperately tough situations and show our clients such love and respect. We are also so grateful to all those who continue to donate time and time again to Basics Bank supporting total strangers in their time of need.

Vicky Mckillen
SCM Basics Bank Manager



the

to

SCM MARKETPLACE

During this last year the Marketplace project has continued to grow with the addition of a new venue in Weston and the three existing venues continuing to thrive.

Weston Marketplace, hosted by Holy Trinity Church, opened its doors in March 2023 with just a handful of brand new members. Membership quickly grew during the following months, reaching the capacity of 45 active members by the end of June 2023. The Weston volunteer team, made up mostly of members from Holy Trinity Church, have helped this Marketplace venue to become a thriving

community hub. Members have reported that Marketplace has become their highlight of the week; somewhere to go to find belonging, acceptance, friendship and emotional and practical support. They also appreciate the affordable and healthy food, so they can feed their families better and save vital funds.

The vicar of Holy Trinity Church Weston has also been delighted at how his church congregation have become invigorated and united by being involved in the Marketplace project. It has also been encouraging to see Marketplace members getting involved in the wider church community.

In May 2023 Millbrook Marketplace hosted by All Saints Church in Millbrook celebrated its first birthday with a cake and birthday cards written by members expressing their appreciation of Marketplace. Demand for membership at Millbrook has remained extremely high and in April 2023 we had to close the waiting list with over 40 people still waiting for a place to become available. Signposting services provided regularly by The Society of St James at Millbrook Marketplace have continued to be an invaluable resource; helping members to sort out housing issues and apply for financial support.

The Marketplace at Townhill Park Community Centre in partnership with City Life Church and Ascension Church also celebrated its first birthday in July 2023. We have slightly expanded the membership criteria to now include any families of children at Squirrels Pre-School, who share the community centre with Marketplace. This has allowed more young families in need to enjoy the benefits of Marketplace membership. The membership here is slightly smaller due to the limited space available and it is now at full capacity with a waiting list in operation.

Our initial Marketplace hosted by Saint Mary's Church has continued to thrive and grow during its third year of operation. Marketplace is now a part of Saint Mary's community hub known as "Meeting Place" which is open to the wider community, not just Marketplace members. Meeting Place includes a pay-as-you-can café, a children's play area, table tennis and signposting from Social Prescribers, CLEAR (a charity supporting refugees and asylum seekers) and other organisations.

Between April 2023 and March 2024 Marketplace members shopped 4947 times, which is a 72.6% increase on the last financial year, and amounts to at least 64,300 items of food provided during the year.

We have been encouraged by the positive feedback from all the Marketplaces. Members are extremely grateful for the food which has enabled them to provide fresh and healthy meals for their family. The money they have saved has enabled members to clear debts, to keep on top of their other bills and to save. But Marketplace is more than just a food project; the Marketplace communities have quickly become safe havens with a warm welcome and a supportive atmosphere, a vibrant hub of friendship with easy access to further professional help when needed.

None of this would be possible without the huge commitment and enthusiasm of our Marketplace volunteers who collect and deliver food, keep the Marketplace shop well stocked, clean and inviting and provide a warm welcome and listening ear to our members. We are so grateful to each and every one of our wonderful volunteers.

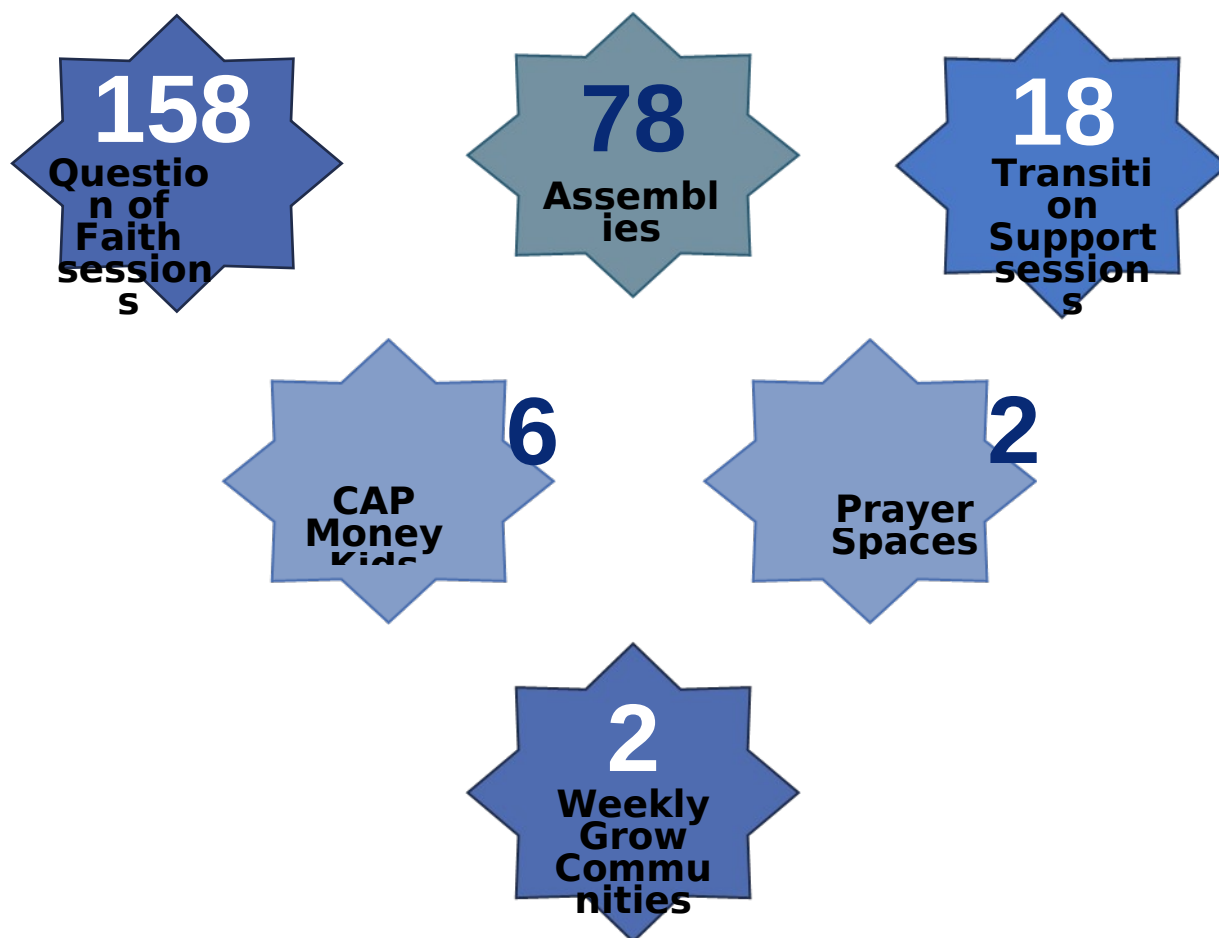
We are also grateful for our church partners at each venue who provide us with the space and facilities to run the Marketplaces. It is such a privilege to partner with local churches as they reach out to their

local community with love and compassion.

Jacqueline James
SCM Marketplace Manager

SCM SCHOOLS

The 2023/24 academic year began with some exciting staff changes. Reuben Humphreys joined the staff team as a Schools Worker, having previously worked as a Youth, Children and Schools Worker whilst Ellie Cousins, our Schools Lead, started maternity leave. Our achievements in 2023-24 include delivering:



We visited 48 schools and were able to share Christian teachings and perspective with over 15,000 pupils during the period.

In the final term of the 2023/24 academic year, we distributed 1,083 'It's Your Move: Your Secondary School Survival Guide' booklets. Transition Support sessions gave pupils time to reflect on their time at primary school whilst exploring how they felt about moving on to secondary school.

Other visits included attending 2 school summer fairs and a Christmas fair. We were privileged to engage the wider school community in fun activities and found it a valuable opportunity to build closer links with those schools. Members of the team also assisted at holiday clubs run by local churches.

Having been contributors at a local secondary school Faith Day for a number of years, we were delighted to be invited as the keynote speakers for their whole school Faith Day in July 2024.

We also attended the "One City: No Barriers" event organised by Southampton City Council, involving pupils from secondary schools in Southampton, faith leaders and RE teachers. This event aims to promote respect, improve understanding and collaboration between all faith groups and those who do not profess a faith. It was super to join discussions and share information about how faith impacts our daily lives.

An exciting development over the last year was arranging a school visit to our warehouse for a Pupil Voice group to have a hands-on experience behind the scenes of a food project. The staff and children loved their time with us and have now decided to organise a fundraising event for our Basics Banks. We hope to arrange more of these visits in the 2024-25 academic year.

IMPACT OF SCM VISITS

" Teachers feel more confident in teaching RE and have a better range of ideas and approaches. Children have a positive experience of RE and are able to talk about what they have learned."



TEACHER COMMENT

" We appreciate all the staff that come and deliver the sessions. They are all so professional and fabulous with our children. Every session that gets delivered is just as interesting as the previous one. The range of activities always hook the children in. Our children really enjoy the day and more importantly they learn a great deal."

We are so grateful to the volunteers who give their time and talents to prepare boxes of equipment and crafts, make props, help pupils engage with activities and lead assemblies and Question of Faith days. Their contribution means we can share the stories and teachings of the Bible with more pupils across Southampton.

Joyce represented SCM at Southampton **SACRE** meetings and contributed to the Schools Hub branch of the **City Mission Movement UK** alongside Duncan. After attending the CMMUK conference in November, Birmingham City Mission visited to see our schools teams in action and were inspired to begin offering Transition Support sessions to primary schools in Birmingham.

We continue as Local Mission Partners with Scripture Union and 4 of the team benefitted from attending their annual conference. In the summer term we teamed up with them to co-host the local "Gather" event – a networking and support group for local youth, children's and school's workers - which will become termly from September 2024.

Joyce Wan
SCM Schools Worker



Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Basic Information

Southampton City Mission (CIO) ("the CIO") was formally registered with the Charity Commission on 10 June 2015 (registration number 1162099).

Trustees for the year and up to the date of this report were:

Chris Ford (Chairman)

Dave Bartlett

Stephen Chapman (Appointed 18 November 2024)

John Duff

David Evans (Appointed 20 May 2024)

Susan Holt (Appointed 20 May 2024)

Temitayo Oloruntuyi

Kelvin Taylor

David Wagstaff (Resigned 16 September 2024)

Helen Willis (Appointed 20 May 2024)

Chief Executive Officer Duncan House

Registered Office: Unit 5
Second Avenue
Millbrook
SOUTHAMPTON SO15 0LP

Telephone: 023 8055 0435

Financial Statements

Pages 2 to 14

Southampton City Mission (CIO)												
Statement of Financial Activity for the year ended 31 March 2024												
	Restricted income funds					Unrestricted funds				Total all funds	Notes	All funds prior year
	Basics Bank	Poverty relief	Market-place	Schools	Total	Designated Basics Bank	Designated Poverty relief	General fund	Total			
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£
Incoming resources											2	Note 15
Income and endowments from:												
Donations and legacies	459,385	90,071	30,255	26,960	606,671	0	870	101,632	102,502	709,173	3.1	863,765
Charitable activities	0	0	25,009	0	25,009	0	0	0	0	25,009	3.2	13,849
Other trading activities	2,666	0	0	0	2,666	0	0	25	25	2,691	3.3	3,326
Investments	4,298	1,781	303	0	6,382	0	0	7,993	7,993	14,375	3.4	5,551
Total	466,349	91,852	55,567	26,960	640,728	0	870	109,650	110,520	751,248		886,491
Resources expended											2	
Expenditure on:												
Raising funds	523	281	209	0	1,013	0	13	12,045	12,058	13,071	4.1	8,736
Charitable activities	516,496	0	167,034	94,697	778,227	0	0	0	0	778,227	4.2	723,103
Total	517,019	281	167,243	94,697	779,240	0	13	12,045	12,058	791,298		731,839
Net income/(expenditure)	-50,670	91,571	-111,676	-67,737	-138,512	0	857	97,605	98,462	-40,050		154,652
Transfers between funds	25,500	-99,575	77,075	67,737	70,737	-1,500	-1,500	-67,737	-70,737	0		0
Net movement in funds	-25,170	-8,004	-34,601	0	-67,775	-1,500	-643	29,868	27,725	-40,050		154,652
Reconciliation of funds:												
Funds brought forward	170,770	12,835	82,904	0	266,509	15,002	43,270	277,690	335,962	602,471		447,819
Total funds carried forward	145,600	4,831	48,303	0	198,734	13,502	42,627	307,558	363,687	562,421		602,471

	Southampton City Mission (CIO)												
	Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024												
	Restricted income funds					Unrestricted funds				Total all funds	Notes	All funds prior year	
	Basics Bank	Poverty relief	Market-place	Schools	Total	Designated Basics Bank	Designated Poverty Relief	General fund	Total				
	£	£	£	£	£	£		£	£				£
Fixed assets													
Tangible assets	3,505	0	43,416	411	47,332	0	387	0	387	47,719	7	64,636	
Fixed asset investments	89,535	0	0	0	89,535	10,342	41,147	187,519	239,008	328,543	8	321,958	
	93,040	0	43,416	411	136,867	10,342	41,534	187,519	239,395	376,262		386,594	
Current assets													
Stocks	21,000	0	3,000	0	24,000	0	0	0	0	24,000	9	34,000	
Debtors	5,038	1,361	2,812	319	9,530	72	328	15,804	16,204	25,734	10	14,300	
Investments	27,194		0		27,194	0	0	98,232	98,232	125,426	8	156,488	
Cash at bank and in hand	1,222	3,470	435	812	5,939	3,088	765	9,064	12,917	18,856	12	18,033	
Total current assets	54,454	4,831	6,247	1,131	66,663	3,160	1,093	123,100	127,353	194,016		222,821	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	-1,894	0	-1,360	-1,542	-4,796	0	0	-3,061	-3,061	-7,857	11	-6,944	
Net current assets / (liabilities)	52,560	4,831	4,887	-411	61,867	3,160	1,093	120,039	124,292	186,159		215,877	
Total net assets	145,600	4,831	48,303	0	198,734	13,502	42,627	307,558	363,687	562,421		602,471	
Funds of the Charity											13		
Restricted income funds	145,600	4,831	48,303	0	198,734	0	0	0	0	198,734		266,509	
Unrestricted funds	0	0	0	0	0	13,502	42,627	307,558	363,687	363,687		335,962	
Total funds	145,600	4,831	48,303	0	198,734	13,502	42,627	307,558	363,687	562,421		602,471	

Approved on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Chairman Chris Ford

Trustee

Date 13 January 2025

Southampton City Mission (CIO)												
Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 March 2024												
	Restricted income funds					Unrestricted funds				Total all funds	Notes	All funds prior year
	Basics Bank	Poverty Relief	Market-place	Schools	Total	Designated Basics Bank	Designated Poverty Relief	General fund	Total			
	£		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	-18,694	-11,076	-19,931	1,049	-48,652	-1,517	-593	13,430	11,320	-37,332	Below	165,467
Interest income	4,298	1,781	303	0	6,382	0	0	7,993	7,993	14,375	3	5,551
Investments (made)/realised	12,236	13,000	20,000	0	45,236	-342	-1,183	-19,234	-20,759	24,477		-147,423
Purchase of fixed assets	-697	0	0	0	-697	0	0	0	0	-697	7	-55,362
Cash flows from Investing activities	15,837	14,781	20,303	0	50,921	-342	-1,183	-11,241	-12,766	38,155		-197,234
Change in cash in the period	-2,857	3,705	372	1,049	2,269	-1,859	-1,776	2,189	-1,446	823		-31,767
Cash at the start of the period	4,079	-235	63	-237	3,670	4,947	2,541	6,875	14,363	18,033		49,800
Cash at end of the period	1,222	3,470	435	812	5,939	3,088	765	9,064	12,917	18,856		18,033
Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities												
	Restricted income funds					Unrestricted funds				Total all funds	Notes	All funds prior year
	Basics Bank	Poverty Relief	Market-place	Schools	Total	Designated Basics Bank	Designated Poverty Relief	General fund	Total			
	£			£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£
Net income per SOFA	-25,170	-8,004	-34,601	0	-67,775	-1,500	-643	29,868	27,725	-40,050	SOFA	154,652
Depreciation charge	3,134		13,458	883	17,475	0	139	0	139	17,614	7	13,515
Interest income	-4,298	-1,781	-303	0	-6,382	0	0	-7,993	-7,993	-14,375	SOFA	-5,551
(Increase)/decrease in stock	8,000		2,000	0	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9	11,000
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	-594	-1,291	-551	597	-1,839	-17	-89	-9,489	-9,595	-11,434		-1,906
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	234	0	66	-431	-131	0	0	1,044	1,044	913		-6,243
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	-18,694	-11,076	-19,931	1,049	-48,652	-1,517	-593	13,430	11,320	-37,332		165,467

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of preparation

- 1.1. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) for accounting periods beginning after 31 December 2018 (FRS 102 SORP”), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.
- 1.2. The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention. The activities are dependent on donation income and, as a consequence, the going concern basis for the charitable activities is dependent on donation income continuing.

2. Accounting policies

- 2.1. Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:
- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
 - it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
 - the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
- 2.2. There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.
- 2.3. Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).
- 2.4. Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise. Gift Aid in note 3 below includes amounts recovered on donations made via third parties.
- 2.5. Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so, in accordance with FRS 102 SORP. For SCM, the trustees consider that it is impractical to value the stock of goods donated to Basics Bank on receipt. However, it is possible to estimate the fair value of goods distributed with reasonable accuracy and this is recognised as an expense.

In the case of donated food it is also possible to estimate the value of stock on hand at the balance sheet date. Therefore, the value of goods donated for distribution to Basics Bank beneficiaries, which is recognised as income in these accounts, is taken to be the difference between the opening and closing stock and the value of goods distributed, as adjusted for purchased stock which is recorded at cost.

For the Marketplaces, most of the food distributed to members is purchased. It is possible to estimate the value of the small proportion of food donated to the project and the value of food which is acquired at less than cost. In these cases, the value, or discount, is recorded as income. As for Basics Bank, the value of Marketplace stock on hand at each year end can also be estimated with reasonable accuracy. Therefore, the value of food distributed to Marketplace members can be established and that value is recorded as an expense in these accounts.

In preparing these accounts, replacement cost has been used as the basis for assessing the fair value of goods donated and distributed and for stock valuation with the exception of purchased food which is recorded at cost.

In relation to donated clothes, the trustees have concluded that it is impractical to value the stock. However, it is possible to give an estimate of the value of a typical package of clothes provided to a beneficiary and so this amount multiplied by the number of people clothed has been included in both incoming resources and resources expended.

- 2.6. The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
- 2.7. Bank interest is included on a receivable basis.
- 2.8. Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.8 to 5.9 FRS 102 SORP) and are netted off against the associated cost where this falls in the same accounting period.
- 2.9. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.
- 2.10. The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.
- 2.11. The charity has received grants to fund particular items of expense and these have been recognised as income in the period in which the charity became entitled to the funds.

- 2.12. The policy for including items within the relevant activity categories of resources expended is to allocate costs to the most appropriate activity. In particular the policy for including items within costs of generating funds, charitable activities and governance costs is:

Costs of generating funds

The costs of raising and generating funds includes the cost of staff time in putting together grant applications and reporting to grant providers, amounts paid to fund-raising consultants for advice in making grant applications, fees charged by the various platforms engaged by the charity for processing donations and costs of places in sporting events in which volunteers seek sponsorship to raise funds for the charity.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charity.

Governance costs

Governance costs include all expenditure directly related to the administration of the charity including expenditure incurred in the management of the charity's assets, organisational administration and compliance with charitable and statutory requirements.

- 2.13. Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £250 and are valued at cost. The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in Note 7.2.
- 2.14. Bank deposits are disclosed as Fixed Asset Investments where it is anticipated that they will remain invested for 12 months or more even if they are instant access or have notice periods of less than 12 months and as Current Asset Investments where it is likely that they will be realised within 12 months.
- 2.15. Stocks of donated food are recorded at fair value (see also note 2.5).
- 2.16. The Trustees are not aware of any material uncertainties affecting these accounts.
- 2.17. SCM has a five year lease of its premises from 20 January 2020. The total rent payable over the term of the lease is £78,000 which is being expensed evenly over the lease term. At 31 March 2024 the future commitment under the lease was £10,082 (2023, £28,000).

3. Analysis of incoming resources

3.1. Donations and legacies may be analysed as follows:

	Restricted income funds					Unrestricted funds				Total all funds	Notes	All funds prior year
	Basics Bank	Poverty relief	Marketplace	Schools	Total	Designated Basics Bank	Designated Poverty Relief	General fund	Total			
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£
Cash donations and gifts from individuals	58,459	22,499	6,720	5,550	93,228	0	795	77,406	78,201	171,429		186,291
Gift Aid	7,430	3,716	1,395	1,075	13,616	0	75	12,068	12,143	25,759	2.4	24,030
Cash donations and gifts from churches	13,833	30	0	1,835	15,698	0	0	10,062	10,062	25,760		30,401
Cash donations and gifts from others	19,661	6,626	-2,380	0	23,907	0	0	1,096	1,096	25,003		66,250
Grants	14,300	57,200	4,250	18,500	94,250	0	0	1,000	1,000	95,250		164,553
	113,683	90,071	9,985	26,960	240,699	0	870	101,632	102,502	343,201		471,525
Donated goods												
Food	246,702	0	20,270	0	266,972	0	0	0	0	266,972		292,240
Clothes	99,000	0	0	0	99,000	0	0	0	0	99,000		100,000
Total donated goods	345,702	0	20,270	0	365,972	0	0	0	0	365,972	2.5	392,240
Per SOFA	459,385	90,071	30,255	26,960	606,671	0	870	101,632	102,502	709,173		863,765

3.2. Income from charitable activities represents Marketplace membership fees.

3.3. Income from other trading activities represents income from sale of surplus donated clothes and stamps and coins.

3.4. Investment income represents interest on bank deposits.

3.5. Of the cash donations to Basics Bank, Poverty Relief and Marketplace totalling £35,790 (2023, £41,477) were specifically for the purchase of food.

4. Analysis of resources expended

4.1. Expenditure on raising funds represents amounts paid directly to a consultant for assistance with grant applications, the cost of staff time in dealing with grant applications and fees paid to third party collection agents.

4.2. Expenditure on charitable activities may be analysed as follows:

		Restricted income funds					Unrestricted funds total	Total all funds	Notes	All funds prior year
		Basics Bank	Poverty relief	Marketplace	Schools	Total				
		£	£	£	£	£				
	Costs of employment	63,371	0	64,284	82,559	210,214	0	210,214	6.1	194,989
	Premises costs and equipment	23,107	0	14,891	3,014	41,012	0	41,012		38,090
	Admin expenses	3,001	0	1,558	1,410	5,969	0	5,969		5,315
	Travelling including volunteers	1,179	0	1,686	2,327	5,192	0	5,192		4,743
	Transport	5,708	0	3,287	0	8,995	0	8,995		9,865
	Staff support and training	1,029	0	1,041	1,214	3,284	0	3,284		2,907
	Schools work materials	0	0	0	748	748	0	748		2,675
	Other expenses	5,101		4,229	3,425	12,755	0	12,755		11,495
Total		102,496	0	90,976	94,697	288,169	0	288,169		270,079
Donations made in kind									2.5	
	Food	315,000	0	76,058	0	391,058	0	391,058		353,024
	Clothes	99,000	0	0	0	99,000	0	99,000		100,000
Total donations made in kind		414,000	0	76,058	0	490,058	0	490,058		453,024
Total charitable activities		516,496	0	167,034	94,697	778,227	0	778,227		723,103

4.3. Costs are apportioned between restricted income funds based on the trustees' estimate of the extent to which the cost relates to the relevant activity. In particular, employment costs are allocated on the basis of time spent and office costs on the basis of usage.

5. Governance costs and Independent Examiner's fee

Included in administrative expenses is £960 (2023 - £900) in relation to the fee for the independent examination. There are no other material governance costs.

6. Paid employees

6.1. Staff costs may be analysed as follows:

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Salary	187,498	176,254
Pension contributions	14,547	11,000
Employer's National Insurance	10,910	10,330
Total	212,955	197,584

The above figures include £2,741 of staff time included in the costs of raising funds.

6.2. The average headcount was 8.6 (5.6 full-time, 3 part-time) (2023, 7.1, 4 full-time, 3.1 part-time). This is equivalent to 7.3 FTEs (2023, 5.7). Their employment costs have been allocated to Basics Bank, Marketplace and Schools Work on the basis of the time spent on each activity.

6.3. No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000.

6.4. The CEO received remuneration of £27,382 (2023, £24,464) including pension contributions.

7. Tangible fixed assets

7.1. Details of fixed assets and their associated depreciation are as follows:

	Computers	Vans	Leasehold additions	Basics Bank Equipment	Marketplace equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost at 31 March 2023	8,247	63,300	10,390	3,581	19,753	105,270
Additions	697					697
Cost at 31 March 2024	8,944	63,300	10,390	3,581	19,753	105,968
Depreciation at 31 March 2023	6,351	24,030	6,201	1,488	2,565	40,635
Charge for year	1,390	9,240	2,318	716	3,951	17,614
Depreciation at 31 March 2024	7,741	33,270	8,519	2,204	6,516	58,249
Net book value at 31 March 2023	1,896	39,270	4,189	2,093	17,188	64,636
Net book value at 31 March 2024	1,203	30,030	1,871	1,377	13,237	47,719

7.2 Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis over the following periods:

7.2.1 Computers - four years

7.2.2 Vans - five years

7.2.3 Leasehold additions - remaining life of the lease

7.2.4 Basics Bank and Marketplace equipment - five years

8. Investments

Investments represent bank deposits which can be withdrawn at 120 days' notice or less and various bonds of term not exceeding one year.

Investments	Brought forward	Additions in period	Disposals	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Asset Investments	321,958	6,586	0	328,543
Current Asset Investments	156,488	1,934	-32,997	125,426

9. Stocks

Stocks are held solely for charitable purposes and the figure represents the value of donated food for distribution to beneficiaries.

	Brought forward	Donations received in period	Purchased in period	Donations made in period	Closing stock
	£	£	£	£	£
Basics Bank	29,000	246,702	60,298	-315,000	21,000
Marketplace	5,000	20,270	53,788	-76,058	3,000
Total	34,000	266,972	114,086	-391,058	24,000

10. Debtors and prepayments

Debtors consist of:

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Rent in advance	2,484	209
Other prepayments	1,579	1,557
Gift Aid recoverable	5,374	8,801
Accrued interest receivable	3,824	2,739
Due from Stewardship	11,505	-
Other debtors	968	994
Total	25,734	14,300

11. Creditors and accruals

Creditors falling due within one year consist of:

	2023/24	2022/23
Tax and Social Security	2,392	3,322
Other	5,465	3,622
Total	7,857	9,944

12. Cash at bank and in hand

This represents a current account, the balance on prepayment cards and petty cash balances.

13. Funds

The charity maintains four restricted income funds where donations have been made specifically towards the operation of Basics Bank, Marketplace, Poverty Relief work generally or Schools work.

Certain individuals donated money to SCM following the start of the Coronavirus pandemic without specifying the use to which it should be put. The Trustees have continued to designate 90% of this income to be specifically for SCM's poverty relief activities. In addition, where a donor indicates a preference, rather than an instruction, as to the use to which their donation should be put, the donation is designated for that purpose.

The general unrestricted fund is available to support any of the charitable activities undertaken.

14. Prior year fund movements

The statement of financial activity for the prior year is as follows:

	Restricted income funds					Unrestricted funds				Total all funds	Notes
	Basics Bank	Poverty relief	Market-place	Schools	Total	Designated Basics Bank	Designated Poverty relief	General fund	Total		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Incoming resources											2
from:											
Donations and legacies	504,612	53,630	150,951	6,761	715,954	325	21,793	125,693	147,811	863,765	3.1
Charitable activities	0	0	13,849	0	13,849	0	0	0	0	13,849	3.2
Other trading activities	3,306	0	0	0	3,306	0	0	20	20	3,326	3.3
Investments	1,667	70	187	0	1,924	55	387	3,185	3,627	5,551	3.4
Total	509,585	53,700	164,987	6,761	735,033	380	22,180	128,898	151,458	886,491	
Resources expended											2
Expenditure on:											
Raising funds	1,140	365	1,476	4,932	7,913	4	0	819	823	8,736	4.1
Charitable activities	519,019	0	128,238	75,846	723,103	0	0	0	0	723,103	4.2
Total	520,159	365	129,714	80,778	731,016	4	0	819	823	731,839	
Net income/(expenditure)	-10,574	53,335	35,273	-74,017	4,017	376	22,180	128,079	150,635	154,652	
Transfers between funds	5,000	-40,500	35,500	74,017	74,017	0	0	-74,017	-74,017	0	
Net movement in funds	-5,574	12,835	70,773	0	78,034	376	22,180	54,062	76,618	154,652	
Reconciliation of funds:											
Funds brought forward	176,344	0	12,131	0	188,475	14,626	21,090	223,628	259,344	447,819	
Total funds carried forward	170,770	12,835	82,904	0	266,509	15,002	43,270	277,690	335,962	602,471	

15. Support costs

A small proportion of the time of the general manager, the office manager and the admin staff is spent on activities such as HR and Health and safety which relate to all of the charity's projects. The employment costs and related admin costs, together totalling some £17,271 (2023 - £19,066), have been split equally between the projects.

16. Transactions with related parties

16.1. Transactions with trustees

None of the trustees has been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with this charity or a related entity. None of the trustees has been paid any expenses in the current or in the prior year.

16.2. There were no other related party payments in either the current or prior years.

17. Reserves Policy:

The Trustees' policy is that the CIO should hold sufficient reserves to allow it to continue operating even if there were to be a significant reduction in the level of giving and an increase in demand for its activities. The last few years have seen both an increase in demand for emergency food relief and a significant reduction in food donations to the charity as a result of the current cost of living crisis and, consequently, we have had to purchase significant quantities of food. In 2023 we were blessed with grants and donations which resulted in an increase in reserves but, in spite of a significant grant from the Household Support Fund in 2024, there was still a deficit for the year.

Therefore, SCM will need to raise significant ongoing funding in order for its activities to be sustainable in the medium term, particularly since the lease of the current premises expires in January 2025. The current reserves therefore give a window of opportunity in which to obtain the funding needed. The level of new funding that will be forthcoming is uncertain but projections indicate that the CIO will use much of its current reserves in supporting both Marketplace and the Schools work during the period in which the additional funding is being sought.

Statement of Public Benefit:

Because we are legally a “smaller charity” and below the audit threshold, we must include only a brief summary in our Annual Report of the main activities undertaken - you can find that in the main report.

As the Trustees of the charity we confirm that we have had regard to the Charity Commission’s public benefit guidance, where relevant.

The Objects of the Charity – as set out in its Constitution – are:

1. To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the basic tenets of historical Biblical Christianity.
2. To prevent and relieve poverty in the City of Southampton and its neighbouring area.
3. To advance education for persons of any age by providing or assisting in the development of their mental, physical and moral capabilities through work in schools and other educational institutions and by supporting other charities in England, the UK or abroad.

We consider that the first object above passes the “public benefit test” because advancing the Christian faith in our community has a positive impact on the moral and ethical behaviour of those with whom we come in contact. Objects 2 and 3 are the outworking of this in the provision of emergency food and clothing via Basics Bank, to which referrals are made by public sector agencies and other charities, irrespective of ethnic origin, faith (or none) or other factors, by the Marketplace initiative, and by the work done in schools at the invitation of Head Teachers.

Furthermore, our Christian faith and our relationship with God – as Father, Son and Holy Spirit - gives meaning to our lives and encourages us to live in such a way as to benefit the wider society by being good citizens and following the Bible’s teaching on how we should conduct ourselves in society.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Southampton City Mission (CIO)
(Registered Charity number 1162099) on the accounts for the year ended 31 March
2023 set out on pages 2 to 14.**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 "Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Accounting Technicians.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Ken Stratton FMAAT

Date 14 January 2025

Brewery House, High Street
Twyford, Winchester
SO21 1RG