

Shrewsbury Ark

England & Wales · Charity number 1163476

Details

Other names	SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION, SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION (CIO), The Shrewsbury Ark
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2015-09-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE PERSONS IN NECESSITOUS CIRCUMSTANCES BY THE PROVISION OF(I)A CARE CENTRE FOR THE NEEDY;(II)WHEN APPROPRIATE, ADDITIONAL DAY AND NIGHT FACILITIES WITH THE AIM OF OFFERING PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN CONCERN FOR THE NEEDY;(III)A NIGHT SHELTER FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE.

Activities: Provision of support to homeless and vulnerable people in Shrewsbury

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Shropshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£254,497	£351,242	-	-
2023-09-30	£392,757	£329,662	-	-
2022-09-30	£312,843	£300,948	-	-
2021-09-30	£301,861	£234,177	-	-
2020-09-30	£330,052	£215,053	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Emily Jane Bell	Chair	2018-12-05
Anna Louise Waddington-Feather		2017-11-08
Craig Richard McWha		2025-12-02
Elizabeth Maureen Moran		2025-12-02
Ian Plomer Somervaille CBE RN		2003-12-20
Jonathan Norman Davies		2020-02-25
Margaret Ann Thorne		2025-07-23
Michael Steven Henry Haffenden		2021-12-08
Richard Jenkins		2022-11-02
Thomas Rolls		2026-02-25

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE004642 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1163476

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

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SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

TRUSTEES

Mrs E J Bell
Ms H J Shaw
I P Somerville CBE
A R Sharpe (resigned 19.10.23)
Ms A L Waddington-Feather
Ms E A Gregory (resigned 24.1.24)
J N Davies CEng FICE
M E Matthews (resigned 30.9.24)
M Haffenden
Mrs J Robinson ACA BFP
Mr R Jenkins

REGISTERED OFFICE

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**REGISTERED COMPANY
NUMBER**

CE004642 (England and Wales)

**REGISTERED CHARITY
NUMBER**

1163476

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Barclays Bank plc - 44/46 Castle Street,
Shrewsbury, SY1 2BU

CCLA Investment Management Ltd - Senator
House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London,
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SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 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).

The Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association - A Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered by the Charity Commission for England & Wales, No 1163476

The charity is better known locally as The Shrewsbury Ark.

The principal address is that of the Shrewsbury Ark - 32 Castle Foregate, Shrewsbury SY1 2EH.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association (registered Charity no 1163476) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation first registered on 8th September 2015 whose objectives, set out in its Constitution adopted on 22nd June 2015, are to relieve persons in necessitous circumstances by the provision of:

The objectives of the charity are to relieve persons in necessitous circumstances by the provision of:

- (i) A Care Centre for the needy;
- (ii) When appropriate, additional day and night facilities with the aim of offering practical Christian concern for the needy;
- (iii) A Night Shelter for homeless people.

The charity has only been operating as a CIO since 2015, but in its unincorporated form (Charity Registered No 501881, now wound up) the charity has been in existence since 1973.

Significant activities

In the 12 months under review, the Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association (SCCA) has continued to operate the Shrewsbury Ark, as a referrals only day centre for homeless people close to the Town Centre in Shrewsbury. The Shrewsbury Ark delivers the first of the charity's three objectives and contributes to delivery of the second. The charity does not at present run a Night Shelter.

The premises of the Shrewsbury Ark are open daily on weekdays to people experiencing rough sleeping throughout Shropshire; to offer help and advice, work with Housing Agencies and Shropshire Council to find homes for the homeless and to continue to support those who have been so helped, as they settle in.

The Ark staff also liaise with local Drug, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Teams, local Mental Health Teams and Shropshire Council RESET team to provide appropriate services

In partnership with the local Primary Care Trust, we make medical advice available to those for whom GP Surgeries may appear unwelcoming or judgmental.

We offer limited meals to those referred who have no other source of hot food, together with snacks and beverages to anyone who needs them. The Ark also provides shower and toilet facilities, laundry facilities, access to a phone and IT, a place for official meetings and a care of address for mail.

Above all, however, the Ark offers non-judgmental care and support to those referred to us.

SCCA was founded in 1973. It ran then, and still runs, on Christian principles but there is no discrimination against any who wish to use the charity's services on grounds of religion (or lack of it) or any other diversity. This policy of non-discrimination applies equally to paid staff and volunteers.

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

Taking account of the Charity Commission's guidance the Trustees have no doubt that the Ark, being a unique service in the Town and surrounding area, provides a significant and proven Public Benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Shrewsbury Ark

During the year to September 2024 the Ark day centre continued to serve clients who had been verified by Shropshire Council's Rough Sleepers Team. This means that our team has focused its support on those most in need of our facilities and care. We continue to provide necessities like hot food, laundry and bathroom facilities and access to the internet in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

Many of our clients have an intense dislike of bureaucracy and officialdom; an alarming number have mental health diagnoses and learning disabilities which makes completing official forms difficult; and a high proportion have health issues resulting from addiction, alcohol and/or inadequate living conditions.

The more focused approach working with fewer clients with the greatest needs has allowed the staff and volunteers to engage closely with those who have real and current problems in their lives and the will to address them, whilst still offering a warm welcome, friendship and support.

The weekly visit by a local GP has continued which enables many clients to receive medical advice and treatment that they simply would not have sought before.

We continue to work closely with the RESET service - a multi-disciplinary team funded by Shropshire Council - and the council's Rough Sleeper team to offer a safe space for us to provide cohesive and effective support to our clients.

The wider range of health and care agencies continue the arrangements to deliver their services to our clients on our premises, where the clients are more comfortable and where they are more likely to keep their appointments.

We have also been able to offer many additional activities to our clients such as boxing, fishing, pamper days, cooking, one to one literacy lessons and crafting.

The new strategy of working only with verified rough sleepers who have been referred into our service has been extremely effective in cutting down instances of anti-social behaviour in and around our Ark, making a far safer environment for our staff, volunteers and clients.

Focusing on fewer, high need individuals has also had far more positive outcomes for our clients in terms of moving forwards with their lives.

Staffing

Our work with the Cranfield Trust in 2023 identified many key operational tasks that were currently being carried out by volunteers (mainly trustees) but that were of such importance to the organisation that they needed to be performed by members of staff.

As a result, two new roles were created and recruited: Charity Director and Charity Co-ordinator. The expectation is that in addition to ensuring the smooth administrative running and governance of the organisation, these members of staff would also raise enough funds to cover the costs of their salaries. As a result, Abbie King was appointed Director in March 2024 and Kim Tunbridge was made Fund Raising Manager at the same time.

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Ark Charity Shop

The purpose of the Ark Shop is to underwrite SCCA's charitable objectives and has provided an income stream which helps to fund our services to our clients. However, under difficult trading conditions the shop was reporting a loss in 2024 and the new director identified it as an area for improvement with a high potential for increased income.

In June 2024 a new shop manager was appointed, and a modest shop refit was carried out to give the shop the best chance of making an impact on the high street. A substantial amount of time was also spent identifying higher price point items which were listed online.

Much effort has gone into the reboot of the shop and the Trustees remain extremely grateful for the work of the Shop Manager and her volunteer staff for their invaluable contribution.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

We have experienced a more challenging year for raising income for the charity. We are very pleased that the generous donations of the public have been maintained at levels seen in previous years, however, we have seen a drop off in grant awards. In difficult financial times there is more demand from all charities on grant making bodies, trusts and also on our local council. We also decided to invest in a Charity CEO and dedicated fundraiser to ensure that we were prepared for these more challenging times. There is still the impact of increased utilities costs on both the shop and the Day Centre. As highlighted in the Trustees report, our priorities are now to stabilise and maintain our financial position, controlling expenditure and to continue to source funds in order to deliver our day-to-day services.

Reserves

We have continued our reserve policy of at least £55,000 during this year, which has not quite been met in this financial year. The board continue to monitor and review this throughout the year ended 30 September 2025.

At 30 September 2024, the free reserves of the charity, calculated as unrestricted funds less designated funds, and fixed assets were a surplus of £54,136. (2023: surplus £68,982).

Sustainability

The Trustees are satisfied that the present activities of the Charity represent a viable and sustainable project for the foreseeable future provided, of course, that donations and grants continue to be received at more or less the present rate, and provided that no extreme and unexpected financial commitments arise. Sufficient funds are available as Reserves (see previous paragraph) to act as a buffer should unexpected financial tribulations affect the Charity. We will continue to maintain a regular and careful review of income and expenditure throughout the year, so that appropriate steps can be taken to increase the former, and/or reduce the latter, if it appears necessary. Plans for the future (see below) need to be seen in this context.

FUTURE PLANS

As outlined above during late 2023 our approach has changed to a referral basis and this continues to provide results for our clients with successes leading to more 'categories' of client being opened up. The staff structure changes to include an overall Charity Director and Charity Coordinator in 2024 meaning that each of the shop and day centre managers are able to concentrate on their own areas, with the new roles overseeing both and the operation of the charity as a whole. At present there are no plans to create any extra building changes within the Ark.

To provide a further update, we have reviewed the performance of our shop and have decided not to renew the lease that was coming up for renewal at the end of 2025. This has unfortunately, resulted in two redundancies. However, the financial impact on the charity will be significantly positive once the closing costs have been absorbed.

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO") first registered on 8th September 2015 under a constitution approved by the Charity Commission and adopted by the membership of the previous (unincorporated) SCCA at a General Meeting on 22nd June 2015

The charity has only been operating as a CIO since 2015, but in its unincorporated form (Charity Registered No 501881, now wound up) the charity has been in existence since 1973.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Chairman of Trustees is appointed by Churches Together in Shrewsbury; other Officers and Trustees are elected at a General Meeting. Additional Trustees may be co-opted by the Committee to take advantage of particular skills and qualifications. The charity enjoys the patronage of Rt Rev'd Sarah Bullock (Bishop of Shrewsbury), of Rev'd Christopher Walker (former Chairman), and of Marcus Bean (Celebrity Chef) and his wife Jenny.

Decision making

The purposes for, and the policies adopted by, the charity are set and their implementation is supervised by a small number of dedicated volunteer Trustees, all of whom take an active interest in the services provided by the Ark; indeed, some Trustees also volunteer on the "shop floor". Day-to-day activities in the Ark and the Shop are managed by the respective Managers who direct and supervise their staff and volunteers.

The charity's principal project is the Shrewsbury Ark which incorporates a Day Centre for homeless and vulnerable people close to the Town Centre of Shrewsbury.

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The trustees (who are also the directors of Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

24/07/2025

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

Emily Bell

.....
Mrs E J Bell - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

C Moelwyn-Williams

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Date: *28th July 2025*

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	200,771	20,000	220,771	360,028
Other trading activities	3	29,413	-	29,413	30,197
Investment income	4	2,229	-	2,229	1,625
Other income		<u>2,084</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,084</u>	<u>907</u>
Total		<u>234,497</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>254,497</u>	<u>392,757</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		23,985	-	23,985	22,806
Charitable activities					
General		<u>323,812</u>	<u>3,445</u>	<u>327,257</u>	<u>306,856</u>
Total		<u>347,797</u>	<u>3,445</u>	<u>351,242</u>	<u>329,662</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(113,300)	16,555	(96,745)	63,095
Transfers between funds	14	<u>30,346</u>	<u>(30,346)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(82,954)	(13,791)	(96,745)	63,095
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>722,380</u>	<u>33,791</u>	<u>756,171</u>	<u>693,076</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>639,426</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>659,426</u>	<u>756,171</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	585,290	-	585,290	598,168
Investments	10	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,411</u>
		585,290	-	585,290	614,579
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	14,088	-	14,088	32,252
Investments	12	18,495	-	18,495	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>37,859</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>57,859</u>	<u>113,066</u>
		70,442	20,000	90,442	145,318
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(16,306)	-	(16,306)	(3,726)
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>54,136</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>74,136</u>	<u>141,592</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>639,426</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>659,426</u>	<u>756,171</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>639,426</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>659,426</u>	<u>756,171</u>
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				639,426	722,380
Restricted funds				<u>20,000</u>	<u>33,791</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>659,426</u>	<u>756,171</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 September 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - continued
30 SEPTEMBER 2024

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 2024/07/2025..... and were signed on its behalf by:

Emily Bell

.....
Mrs E J Bell - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, 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 Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charitable company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirement of paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of paragraphs 11.42, 11.44, 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of paragraphs 12.26, 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A;
- the requirement of paragraph 33.7.

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.

Grants from the government and other agencies have been included as 'Grants' in furtherance of the charity's objects.

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.

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|-------------------------|--|
| - Computer Equipment | - 50% in year of acquisition, then 2 years straight line |
| - Fixtures and Fittings | - 50% in year of acquisition, then 5 years straight line |
| - Vehicles | - 25% reducing balance |
| - Land and Buildings | - 2% straight line |

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation 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.

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Redundancy and termination payments

Redundancy and termination costs are recognised as an expense in the Statement of Financial Activities and a liability in the Statement of Financial Position immediately at the point the charity is committed to either: terminate the employment of an employee or group of employees before normal retirement date; or provide termination benefits as a result of an offer made in order to encourage voluntary redundancy.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	156,160	167,950
Gift aid	5,211	662
Legacies	26,800	3,735
Grants	<u>32,600</u>	<u>187,681</u>
	<u>220,771</u>	<u>360,028</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
General grant	30,000	130,975
Government grant	<u>2,600</u>	<u>56,706</u>
	<u>32,600</u>	<u>187,681</u>

Included within grant income shown above is funding received from Shropshire Council, a grant received from the Local Authorities during the financial year.

Apart from the annual Employment Allowance credit against Employers National Insurance, the charity has received no other financial assistance from the Government in this financial period.

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Shop income	<u>29,413</u>	<u>30,197</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank interest received	<u>2,229</u>	<u>1,625</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	16,037	18,969
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	<u>588</u>	<u>408</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2024 nor for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Trustees' expenses

During the year a trustee was reimbursed in total £344 for charity expenses that were paid for personally on behalf of the charity. (2023: £nil).

7. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	202,994	194,707
Social security costs	12,656	6,528
Other pension costs	<u>4,256</u>	<u>3,323</u>
	<u>219,906</u>	<u>204,558</u>

The total remuneration and benefits paid to the key management personnel, to whom the Trustees delegate the day-to-day running of the charity was £22,448. This includes the Charity Director, appointed in March 2024.

Included within Other Staff Costs under Raising Donations and Legacies are redundancy payments of £5,000. At 30 September 2024, there were no outstanding redundancy payments due.

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Full time staff	6	8
Part time staff	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	342,936	17,092	360,028
Other trading activities	30,197	-	30,197
Investment income	1,625	-	1,625
Other income	<u>907</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>907</u>
Total	<u>375,665</u>	<u>17,092</u>	<u>392,757</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	22,806	-	22,806
Charitable activities			
General	<u>289,413</u>	<u>17,443</u>	<u>306,856</u>
Total	<u>312,219</u>	<u>17,443</u>	<u>329,662</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	63,446	(351)	63,095
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>658,934</u>	<u>34,142</u>	<u>693,076</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>722,380</u>	<u>33,791</u>	<u>756,171</u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 October 2023	613,391	13,953	11,900	5,110	644,354
Additions	-	1,896	-	2,851	4,747
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,900)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,900)</u>
At 30 September 2024	<u>613,391</u>	<u>15,849</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,961</u>	<u>637,201</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 October 2023	22,902	8,412	10,312	4,560	46,186
Charge for year	12,268	2,069	-	1,700	16,037
Eliminated on disposal	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,312)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,312)</u>
At 30 September 2024	<u>35,170</u>	<u>10,481</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,260</u>	<u>51,911</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 30 September 2024	<u>578,221</u>	<u>5,368</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,701</u>	<u>585,290</u>
At 30 September 2023	<u>590,489</u>	<u>5,541</u>	<u>1,588</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>598,168</u>

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10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 October 2023	16,411
Revaluations	2,084
Reclassification/transfer	<u>(18,495)</u>
At 30 September 2024	-
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 September 2024	<u>-</u>
At 30 September 2023	<u>16,411</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	2,600	26,277
Other debtors	288	2,287
Accrued income	5,211	-
Prepayments	<u>5,989</u>	<u>3,688</u>
	<u>14,088</u>	<u>32,252</u>

12. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Listed investments	<u>18,495</u>	<u>-</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	7,533	523
Social security and other taxes	4,878	-
Other creditors	1,121	551
Accruals and deferred income	<u>2,774</u>	<u>2,652</u>
	<u>16,306</u>	<u>3,726</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.10.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.9.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
Ark - Unrestricted	674,583	(54,362)	32,119	652,340
Shop - Unrestricted	3,978	(16,892)	-	(12,914)
Outreach Fund - Designated	42,046	(42,046)	-	-
Daz Funeral Fund - Designated	<u>1,773</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,773)</u>	<u>-</u>
	722,380	(113,300)	30,346	639,426
Restricted funds				
Moving On Fund	21,519	-	(21,519)	-
Lawrence Edbrooke Fund	3,425	(3,425)	-	-
The National Lottery	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
Waterloo Foundation	3,847	(20)	(3,827)	-
Street Homeless Accommodation	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>
	<u>33,791</u>	<u>16,555</u>	<u>(30,346)</u>	<u>20,000</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>756,171</u>	<u>(96,745)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>659,426</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Ark - Unrestricted	202,669	(257,031)	(54,362)
Shop - Unrestricted	31,828	(48,720)	(16,892)
Outreach Fund - Designated	<u>-</u>	<u>(42,046)</u>	<u>(42,046)</u>
	234,497	(347,797)	(113,300)
Restricted funds			
Lawrence Edbrooke Fund	-	(3,425)	(3,425)
Waterloo Foundation	-	(20)	(20)
Street Homeless Accommodation	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>
	<u>20,000</u>	<u>(3,445)</u>	<u>16,555</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>254,497</u>	<u>(351,242)</u>	<u>(96,745)</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.10.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.9.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
Ark - Unrestricted	596,097	79,699	(1,213)	674,583
Shop - Unrestricted	3,339	639	-	3,978
Outreach Fund - Designated	57,505	(15,459)	-	42,046
Mrs J B Wightman Fund - Designated	-	(1,213)	1,213	-
Daz Funeral Fund - Designated	<u>1,993</u>	<u>(220)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,773</u>
	658,934	63,446	-	722,380
Restricted funds				
Moving On Fund	28,517	(6,998)	-	21,519
Lawrence Edbrooke Fund	5,625	(2,200)	-	3,425
The National Lottery	-	5,000	-	5,000
Waterloo Foundation	<u>-</u>	<u>3,847</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,847</u>
	<u>34,142</u>	<u>(351)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,791</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>693,076</u>	<u>63,095</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>756,171</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Ark - Unrestricted	341,342	(261,643)	79,699
Shop - Unrestricted	34,323	(33,684)	639
Outreach Fund - Designated	-	(15,459)	(15,459)
Mrs J B Wightman Fund - Designated	-	(1,213)	(1,213)
Daz Funeral Fund - Designated	<u>-</u>	<u>(220)</u>	<u>(220)</u>
	375,665	(312,219)	63,446
Restricted funds			
Moving On Fund	-	(6,998)	(6,998)
Lawrence Edbrooke Fund	-	(2,200)	(2,200)
The National Lottery	10,000	(5,000)	5,000
Waterloo Foundation	<u>7,092</u>	<u>(3,245)</u>	<u>3,847</u>
	<u>17,092</u>	<u>(17,443)</u>	<u>(351)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>392,757</u>	<u>(329,662)</u>	<u>63,095</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	At 1.10.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.9.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
Ark - Unrestricted	596,097	25,337	30,906	652,340
Shop - Unrestricted	3,339	(16,253)	-	(12,914)
Outreach Fund - Designated	57,505	(57,505)	-	-
Mrs J B Wightman Fund - Designated	-	(1,213)	1,213	-
Daz Funeral Fund - Designated	<u>1,993</u>	<u>(220)</u>	<u>(1,773)</u>	<u>-</u>
	658,934	(49,854)	30,346	639,426
Restricted funds				
Moving On Fund	28,517	(6,998)	(21,519)	-
Lawrence Edbrooke Fund	5,625	(5,625)	-	-
The National Lottery	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Waterloo Foundation	-	3,827	(3,827)	-
Street Homeless Accommodation	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>
	<u>34,142</u>	<u>16,204</u>	<u>(30,346)</u>	<u>20,000</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>693,076</u>	<u>(33,650)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>659,426</u>

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			
Ark - Unrestricted	544,011	(518,674)	25,337
Shop - Unrestricted	66,151	(82,404)	(16,253)
Outreach Fund - Designated	-	(57,505)	(57,505)
Mrs J B Wightman Fund - Designated	-	(1,213)	(1,213)
Daz Funeral Fund - Designated	<u>-</u>	<u>(220)</u>	<u>(220)</u>
	610,162	(660,016)	(49,854)
Restricted funds			
Moving On Fund	-	(6,998)	(6,998)
Lawrence Edbrooke Fund	-	(5,625)	(5,625)
The National Lottery	10,000	(5,000)	5,000
Waterloo Foundation	7,092	(3,265)	3,827
Street Homeless Accommodation	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>
	<u>37,092</u>	<u>(20,888)</u>	<u>16,204</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>647,254</u>	<u>(680,904)</u>	<u>(33,650)</u>

DESIGNATED FUNDS

The Trustees have designated funds from the charity's unrestricted assets as follows:

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Outreach Funds consist of grants received during the prior year from Shropshire Council's public funds explicitly to finance the provision of a new Outreach Service to provide responsive support to rough sleepers in the County, less expenditure incurred in implementing that service.

The Daz Funeral Fund was created from donations received following the death of a client. As the total of those donations was greater than the costs that needed to be met for his funeral, the balance has been retained to defray comparable costs for other clients in future. The board agreed that these funds are to be released in the year ended 30 September 2024.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

The charity's Restricted Funds are:

The Lawrence Edbrooke Fund which provides help for clients of the Ark to move into new, permanent accommodation.

The "Moving On" Fund which received grants from a number of sources to contribute to the costs of moving clients into permanent accommodation in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The National Lottery Fund - funding received to support the purchase of a commercial dishwasher, washing machine and associated installation costs. These assets were purchased in September 2023.

The Waterloo Foundation - funding provided specifically to assist those who have accommodation with energy and utility costs. With agreement from the funder, these funds were released in 2024 to support with the day-to-day running costs of the charity.

Street Homeless Accommodation - In 2024, the charity received legacy income of £20,000, restricted towards the provision of accommodation for individuals who have been made street homeless. This has been spent in the year ended 30 September 2025, creating 10 dedicated beds and a warm inviting space, utilised for the first time in Winter 2024 and available for many years to come.

15. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £4,255 (2023: £3,323). Contributions totalling £1,121 (2023: £551) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year donations of £840 (2023: £1,200) were received from Trustees.

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE004642 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1163476

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

TRUSTEES	Mrs E J Bell Ms H J Shaw I P Somerville CBE A R Sharpe (resigned 19.10.23) Ms A L Waddington-Feather Ms E A Gregory J N Davies CEng FICE M E Matthews M Haffenden Mrs J Robinson ACA BFP Mr R Jenkins (appointed 2.11.22)
REGISTERED OFFICE	32 Caste Foregate Shrewsbury Shropshire SY1 2EH
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	CE004642 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1163476
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	TCA (Shrewsbury) LLP Third Floor 21 St Mary's Street Shrewsbury Shropshire SY1 1ED
SOLICITORS	Wace Morgan 21 St Mary's Street Shrewsbury SY1 1ED
BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd - 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ Barclays Bank plc - 44/46 Castle Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 2BU CCLA Investment Management Ltd - Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4ET

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023. 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).

The Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association - A Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered by the Charity Commission for England & Wales, No 1163476

The charity is better known locally as The Shrewsbury Ark.

The principal address is that of the Shrewsbury Ark - 32 Castle Foregate, Shrewsbury SY1 2EH.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association (registered Charity no 1163476) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation first registered on 8th September 2015 whose objectives, set out in its Constitution adopted on 22nd June 2015, are to relieve persons in necessitous circumstances by the provision of:

The objectives of the charity are to relieve persons in necessitous circumstances by the provision of:

- (i) A Care Centre for the needy;
- (ii) When appropriate, additional day and night facilities with the aim of offering practical Christian concern for the needy;
- (iii) A Night Shelter for homeless people.

The charity has only been operating as a CIO since 2015, but in its unincorporated form (Charity Registered No 501881, now wound up) the charity has been in existence since 1973.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

In the 12 months under review, the Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association (SCCA) has continued to operate the Shrewsbury Ark, as direct-access drop-in centre for homeless and vulnerable people close to the Town Centre in Shrewsbury. The Shrewsbury Ark delivers the first of the charity's three objectives and contributes to delivery of the second. The charity does not at present run a Night Shelter.

The premises of the Shrewsbury Ark are open daily on weekdays

Since November 2023 all facilities are offered to individuals on a referral basis with priority to those rough sleeping, and those referrals can include the following categories

1 - homeless and vulnerable people, including rough sleepers; to offer help and advice, work with Housing Agencies and Shropshire Council to find homes for the homeless and to continue to support those who have been so helped, as they settle in.

2 - those who feel excluded from society, or who have difficulty with day-to-day necessities, for whatever reason.

3 - ex-offenders to find a welcome "on the outside" and to re-establish themselves in the community without re-offending.

For all referrals the Support workers will liaise with local Drug, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Teams, local Mental Health Teams and Shropshire Council RESET team to provide appropriate services

In partnership with the local Primary Care Trust, we make medical advice available to those for whom GP Surgeries may appear unwelcoming or judgmental.

We offer limited meals to those referred who have no other source of hot food, together with snacks and beverages to anyone who needs them. The Ark also provides shower and toilet facilities, laundry facilities, access to a phone and IT, and a poste-restante address for mail. Above all, however, the Ark offers non-judgmental care and support to those referred to us

SCCA was founded in 1973. It ran then, and still runs, on Christian principles but there is no discrimination against any who wish to use the charity's services on grounds of religion (or lack of it) or any other diversity. This policy of non-discrimination applies equally to paid staff and volunteers.

Public benefit

Taking account of the Charity Commission's guidance the Trustees have no doubt that the Ark, being a unique service in the Town and surrounding area, provides a significant and proven Public Benefit.

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Shrewsbury Ark

During the year to September 2023 the Ark day centre continued to serve clients whose needs vary widely, from those simply seeking shelter, warmth and sustenance, through those needing a shower and toilet facilities to those with chronic problems that have defied the support and assistance offered elsewhere. Many have an intense dislike of bureaucracy and officialdom; an alarming number have problems of literacy which makes completing official forms difficult; and a high proportion have health issues resulting from addiction, alcohol and/or inadequate living conditions. The daily routine allowed the staff to engage closely with those who have real and current problems in their lives and the will to address them, whilst still offering a welcome, friendship and support to all.

The weekly visit by a local GP has continued which enables many clients to receive medical advice and treatment that they simply would not have sought before.

The additional RESET service - a multi-disciplinary team funded by Shropshire Council - have continued to provide support to some of our clients and for part of the year were based at the Ark.

The wider range of health and care agencies continue the arrangements to deliver their services to our clients on our premises, where the clients are more comfortable and where they are more likely to keep their appointments.

During 2023 we continued to see large numbers of clients in all categories attending the day centre, putting a very real strain on all our employees, volunteers and the Arks services. In the later part of summer 2023 there was a large increase in violence and threats from and with some of those wanting to use the Ark, possibly associated with certain types of substances circulating.

In consultation with the Police, Shropshire Council and other involved agencies, and for the safety of employees, volunteers, other clients and the general public, the Trustees agreed initially to the Operations Manager request to provide uniformed security on the day centre, and subsequently to a closure of the day centre.

It was agreed that a closure of a minimum of one month was needed, during this time rough sleepers only would be seen on a daily basis elsewhere.

Following detailed consultations between staff members, volunteers, trustees and all agencies involved it was agreed that upon reopening there would be a referral only service. This would allow numbers to be controlled and to ensure that those most in need were able to use the Arks services - initially the referrals would only be for verified rough sleepers. During this time the staff and volunteers underwent training as well as cleaning and updating the ground floor and preparing and agreeing the protocols for reopening. All agreed that security would continue to be provided on reopening to ensure continued safety.

The Day centre reopened on 20th November 2023 and since then has had marked successes with those clients genuinely requiring the support and with support from staff and volunteers who have the time to spend on activities that can move them forward.

As outlined above this has been a difficult period of time, especially for the staff team and in September 2023 our operations Manager decided it was time to move on. The trustees took some work with a charity consultant provided by the Cranfield trust to look at how best to structure the charity staff going forward into 2024.

We are especially grateful this year to our staff team and volunteers in particular our then deputy Manager, Rose, who stepped up during the latter part of the year to lead the changes to the service.

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Outreach

The Charity until mid-2023 provided a rapid response service to reports of people sleeping rough in the area in and around Shrewsbury on behalf of and initially funded by Shropshire Council. This service made a substantial contribution to easing the lot of those sleeping rough, and its value has been widely recognised. From Mid 2023 Shropshire Council are funding and providing this service direct through its own Rough Sleepers team and RESET

The Arks Support workers have however continued to support past and present clients of the Ark who have been housed in independent accommodation and concentrate on supporting them remotely and at the Ark, with facilities to ensure that where possible clients are able to continue to stay in their accommodation.

The Ark Charity Shop

The purpose of the Ark Shop is to underwrite SCCA's charitable objectives and has provided an income stream which helps to fund our services to our clients. In the year under review the Shop continued to operate under difficult trading conditions however generated a small surplus of £639 from a gross income of £34,233.

The Trustees remain extremely grateful for the work of the Shop Manager and her volunteer staff for their invaluable contribution; where it generates a stock of clothing suitable for the Ark's clients and also provides a second focus for the charity in the Town Centre.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

It has been pleasing to see a continued increase in overall income, particularly in the generous donations of the public as well as the grant received to purchase the car park, In difficult financial times there is more demand from all charities on grant making bodies, trusts and also on our local council.

There is still the impact of increased utilities costs on both the shop and the Day Centre, and the new premises has also led to an increased cleaning bill as contractors have been needed to maintain all the areas. As highlighted in the Trustees report, our priorities are now to stabilise and maintain our financial position, controlling expenditure and to continue to source funds in order to deliver our day-to-day services.

Reserves

We have continued our reserve policy of at least £55,000 during this year, which has been met, and will be reviewed in the year to Sept 2024. The free reserves held at the year end were £63,982 (2022: £59,816).

Sustainability

The Trustees are satisfied that the present activities of the Charity represent a viable and sustainable project for the foreseeable future provided, of course, that donations and grants continue to be received at more or less the present rate, and provided that no extreme and unexpected financial commitments arise. Sufficient funds are available as Reserves (see previous paragraph) to act as a buffer should unexpected financial tribulations affect the Charity. We will continue to maintain a regular and careful review of income and expenditure throughout the year, so that appropriate steps can be taken to increase the former, and/or reduce the latter, if it appears necessary. Plans for the future (see below) need to be seen in this context.

FUTURE PLANS

As outlined above during late 2023 our approach has changed to a referral basis and this continues to provide results for our clients with successes leading to more 'categories' of client being opened up.

The staff structure changes to include an overall Charity Director and Charity Coordinator in 2024 meaning that each of the shop and day centre managers are able to concentrate on their own areas, with the new roles overseeing both and the operation of the charity as a whole.

At present there are no plans to create any extra building changes within the Ark.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO") first registered on 8th September 2015 under a constitution approved by the Charity Commission and adopted by the membership of the previous (unincorporated) SCCA at a General Meeting on 22nd June 2015

The charity has only been operating as a CIO since 2015, but in its unincorporated form (Charity Registered No 501881, now wound up) the charity has been in existence since 1973.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Chairman of Trustees is appointed by Churches Together in Shrewsbury; other Officers and Trustees are elected at a General Meeting. Additional Trustees may be co-opted by the Committee to take advantage of particular skills and qualifications. The charity has enjoys the patronage of Rt Rev'd Sarah Bullock (Bishop of Shrewsbury), of Rev'd Christopher Walker (former Chairman), and of Marcus Bean (Celebrity Chef) and his wife Jenny.

Decision making

The purposes for, and the policies adopted by, the charity are set and their implementation is supervised by a small number of dedicated volunteer Trustees, all of whom take an active interest in the services provided by the Ark; indeed, some Trustees also volunteer on the "shop floor". Day-to-day activities in the Ark and the Shop are managed by the respective Managers who direct and supervise their staff and volunteers.

The charity's principal project is the Shrewsbury Ark which incorporates a Day Centre for homeless and vulnerable people close to the Town Centre of Shrewsbury. The Shrewsbury Ark Shop raises charitable funds for the Ark.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The trustees (who are also the directors of Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

05/07/2024

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

Emily Bell

.....
Mrs E J Bell - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

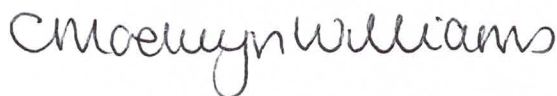
Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 8th July 2024

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	342,936	17,092	360,028	279,713
Other trading activities	3	30,197	-	30,197	32,869
Investment income	4	1,625	-	1,625	189
Other income		<u>907</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>907</u>	<u>72</u>
Total		<u>375,665</u>	<u>17,092</u>	<u>392,757</u>	<u>312,843</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		22,806	-	22,806	24,913
Charitable activities					
General		<u>289,413</u>	<u>17,443</u>	<u>306,856</u>	<u>276,035</u>
Total		<u>312,219</u>	<u>17,443</u>	<u>329,662</u>	<u>300,948</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		 63,446	 (351)	 63,095	 11,895
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>658,934</u>	<u>34,142</u>	<u>693,076</u>	<u>681,181</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		 <u><u>722,380</u></u>	 <u><u>33,791</u></u>	 <u><u>756,171</u></u>	 <u><u>693,076</u></u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	593,168	5,000	598,168	523,893
Investments	10	<u>16,411</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,411</u>	<u>15,727</u>
		609,579	5,000	614,579	539,620
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	32,252	-	32,252	21,092
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>84,275</u>	<u>28,791</u>	<u>113,066</u>	<u>135,338</u>
		116,527	28,791	145,318	156,430
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(3,726)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,726)</u>	<u>(2,974)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>112,801</u>	<u>28,791</u>	<u>141,592</u>	<u>153,456</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>722,380</u>	<u>33,791</u>	<u>756,171</u>	<u>693,076</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>722,380</u>	<u>33,791</u>	<u>756,171</u>	<u>693,076</u>
FUNDS	13				
Unrestricted funds				722,380	658,934
Restricted funds				<u>33,791</u>	<u>34,142</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>756,171</u>	<u>693,076</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 September 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - continued
30 SEPTEMBER 2023

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .05/07/2024..... and were signed on its behalf by:

Emily Bell

.....
Mrs E J Bell - Trustee

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, 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 Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charitable company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirement of paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of paragraphs 11.42, 11.44, 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of paragraphs 12.26, 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A;
- the requirement of paragraph 33.7.

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.

Grants from the government and other agencies have been included as 'Grants' in furtherance of the charity's objects.

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.

- | | |
|-------------------------|--|
| - Computer Equipment | - 50% in year of acquisition, then 2 years straight line |
| - Fixtures and Fittings | - 50% in year of acquisition, then 5 years straight line |
| - Vehicles | - 25% reducing balance |
| - Land and Buildings | - 2% straight line |

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation 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.

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	167,950	105,483
Gift aid	662	-
Legacies	3,735	-
Grants	<u>187,681</u>	<u>174,230</u>
	<u>360,028</u>	<u>279,713</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
General grant	130,975	100,370
Government grant	<u>56,706</u>	<u>73,860</u>
	<u>187,681</u>	<u>174,230</u>

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Shop income	<u>30,197</u>	<u>32,869</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank interest received	<u>1,625</u>	<u>189</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	18,969	11,644
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	<u>408</u>	<u>-</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2023 nor for the year ended 30 September 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2023 nor for the year ended 30 September 2022.

7. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	194,707	158,430
Social security costs	6,528	7,017
Other pension costs	<u>3,323</u>	<u>3,319</u>
	<u>204,558</u>	<u>168,766</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Full time staff	8	8
Part time staff	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	279,713	-	279,713
Other trading activities	32,869	-	32,869
Investment income	189	-	189
Other income	<u>72</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72</u>
Total	<u>312,843</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>312,843</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	24,913	-	24,913
Charitable activities			
General	<u>262,091</u>	<u>13,944</u>	<u>276,035</u>
Total	<u>287,004</u>	<u>13,944</u>	<u>300,948</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	25,839	(13,944)	11,895
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>633,095</u>	<u>48,086</u>	<u>681,181</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>658,934</u></u>	<u><u>34,142</u></u>	<u><u>693,076</u></u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 October 2022	531,688	2,904	22,700	4,010	561,302
Additions	81,703	11,049	-	1,100	93,852
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,800)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,800)</u>
At 30 September 2023	<u>613,391</u>	<u>13,953</u>	<u>11,900</u>	<u>5,110</u>	<u>644,354</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 October 2022	10,634	2,791	19,974	4,010	37,409
Charge for year	12,268	5,621	530	550	18,969
Eliminated on disposal	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,192)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,192)</u>
At 30 September 2023	<u>22,902</u>	<u>8,412</u>	<u>10,312</u>	<u>4,560</u>	<u>46,186</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 30 September 2023	<u>590,489</u>	<u>5,541</u>	<u>1,588</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>598,168</u>
At 30 September 2022	<u>521,054</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>2,726</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>523,893</u>

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 October 2022	15,727
Revaluations	<u>684</u>
At 30 September 2023	<u>16,411</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 September 2023	<u>16,411</u>
At 30 September 2022	<u>15,727</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 30 September 2023 is represented by:

	Listed investments £
Valuation in 2023	9,336
Cost	<u>7,075</u>
	<u>16,411</u>

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	26,277	-
Other debtors	2,287	2,200
Gift aid receivable	-	15,204
Prepayments	<u>3,688</u>	<u>3,688</u>
	<u>32,252</u>	<u>21,092</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	523	99
Other creditors	551	-
Accruals and deferred income	<u>2,652</u>	<u>2,875</u>
	<u>3,726</u>	<u>2,974</u>

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.10.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.9.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
Ark - Unrestricted	596,097	79,699	(1,213)	674,583
Shop - Unrestricted	3,339	639	-	3,978
Outreach Fund - Designated	57,505	(15,459)	-	42,046
Mrs J B Wightman Fund - Designated	-	(1,213)	1,213	-
Daz Funeral Fund - Designated	<u>1,993</u>	<u>(220)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,773</u>
	658,934	63,446	-	722,380
Restricted funds				
Moving On Fund	28,517	(6,998)	-	21,519
Lawrence Edbrooke Fund	5,625	(2,200)	-	3,425
The National Lottery	-	5,000	-	5,000
Waterloo Foundation	<u>-</u>	<u>3,847</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,847</u>
	<u>34,142</u>	<u>(351)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,791</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>693,076</u>	<u>63,095</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>756,171</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Ark - Unrestricted	341,342	(261,643)	79,699
Shop - Unrestricted	34,323	(33,684)	639
Outreach Fund - Designated	-	(15,459)	(15,459)
Mrs J B Wightman Fund - Designated	-	(1,213)	(1,213)
Daz Funeral Fund - Designated	<u>-</u>	<u>(220)</u>	<u>(220)</u>
	375,665	(312,219)	63,446
Restricted funds			
Moving On Fund	-	(6,998)	(6,998)
Lawrence Edbrooke Fund	-	(2,200)	(2,200)
The National Lottery	10,000	(5,000)	5,000
Waterloo Foundation	<u>7,092</u>	<u>(3,245)</u>	<u>3,847</u>
	<u>17,092</u>	<u>(17,443)</u>	<u>(351)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>392,757</u>	<u>(329,662)</u>	<u>63,095</u>

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.10.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
Ark - Unrestricted	628,785	(32,688)	596,097
Shop - Unrestricted	2,317	1,022	3,339
Outreach Fund - Designated	-	57,505	57,505
Daz Funeral Fund - Designated	1,993	-	1,993
	<u>633,095</u>	<u>25,839</u>	<u>658,934</u>
Restricted funds			
Moving On Fund	42,461	(13,944)	28,517
Lawrence Edbrooke Fund	5,625	-	5,625
	<u>48,086</u>	<u>(13,944)</u>	<u>34,142</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>681,181</u>	<u>11,895</u>	<u>693,076</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Ark - Unrestricted	202,356	(235,044)	(32,688)
Shop - Unrestricted	37,227	(36,205)	1,022
Outreach Fund - Designated	73,260	(15,755)	57,505
	<u>312,843</u>	<u>(287,004)</u>	<u>25,839</u>
Restricted funds			
Moving On Fund	-	(13,944)	(13,944)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,944)</u>	<u>(13,944)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>312,843</u>	<u>(300,948)</u>	<u>11,895</u>

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	At 1.10.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.9.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
Ark - Unrestricted	628,785	47,011	(1,213)	674,583
Shop - Unrestricted	2,317	1,661	-	3,978
Outreach Fund - Designated	-	42,046	-	42,046
Mrs J B Wightman Fund - Designated	-	(1,213)	1,213	-
Daz Funeral Fund - Designated	<u>1,993</u>	<u>(220)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,773</u>
	633,095	89,285	-	722,380
Restricted funds				
Moving On Fund	42,461	(20,942)	-	21,519
Lawrence Edbrooke Fund	5,625	(2,200)	-	3,425
The National Lottery	-	5,000	-	5,000
Waterloo Foundation	<u>-</u>	<u>3,847</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,847</u>
	<u>48,086</u>	<u>(14,295)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,791</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>681,181</u></u>	<u><u>74,990</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>756,171</u></u>

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			
Ark - Unrestricted	543,698	(496,687)	47,011
Shop - Unrestricted	71,550	(69,889)	1,661
Outreach Fund - Designated	73,260	(31,214)	42,046
Mrs J B Wightman Fund - Designated	-	(1,213)	(1,213)
Daz Funeral Fund - Designated	<u>-</u>	<u>(220)</u>	<u>(220)</u>
	688,508	(599,223)	89,285
Restricted funds			
Moving On Fund	-	(20,942)	(20,942)
Lawrence Edbrooke Fund	-	(2,200)	(2,200)
The National Lottery	10,000	(5,000)	5,000
Waterloo Foundation	<u>7,092</u>	<u>(3,245)</u>	<u>3,847</u>
	<u>17,092</u>	<u>(31,387)</u>	<u>(14,295)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>705,600</u></u>	<u><u>(630,610)</u></u>	<u><u>74,990</u></u>

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

DESIGNATED FUNDS

The Trustees have designated funds from the charity's unrestricted assets as follows:

The Mrs J B Wightman Fund was initiated with funds donated in 2013 on closure of the Wightman Hall Charity, for use in developing a project within the Wightman Hall Charity's own objectives. The purchase of the freehold property in 2021 has been wholly met from this fund.

Outreach Funds consist of grants received during the prior year from Shropshire Council's public funds explicitly to finance the provision of a new Outreach Service to provide responsive support to rough sleepers in the County, less expenditure incurred in implementing that service.

The Daz Funeral Fund was created from donations received following the death of a client. As the total of those donations was greater than the costs that needed to be met for his funeral, the balance has been retained to defray comparable costs for other clients in future.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

The charity's Restricted Funds are:

The Lawrence Edbrooke Fund which provides help for clients of the Ark to move into new, permanent accommodation.

The "Moving On" Fund which received grants from a number of sources to contribute to the costs of moving clients into permanent accommodation in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The National Lottery Fund - funding received to support the purchase of a commercial dishwasher, washing machine and associated installation costs. These assets were purchased in September 2023 and the outflow of funds as shown above represents the associated depreciation charge on these assets, in line with the charity's depreciation policy.

The Waterloo Foundation - funding provided specifically to assist those who have accommodation with energy and utility costs.

14. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £3,323 (2022: £3,319) Contributions totalling £551 (2022: £nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year donations of £1,200 (2022: £1,920) were received from Trustees. There were no other related party transactions during the year.

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1163476

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

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SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

TRUSTEES

Mrs E J Bell (Chair of Trustees)
Ms H J Shaw (Hon Treasurer)
I P Somerville CBE
A R Sharpe
Ms A L Waddington-Feather
Ms E A Gregory
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Mrs L E Kealy LLB (resigned 31.8.22)
M E Matthews
M Haffenden (appointed 8.12.21)
Mrs J Robinson ACA BFP (appointed 7.6.22)
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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1163476

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SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2022. 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).

The Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association - A Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered by the Charity Commission for England & Wales, No 1163476

The charity is better known locally as The Shrewsbury Ark.

The principal address is that of the Shrewsbury Ark - 32 Castle Foregate, Shrewsbury SY1 2EH.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association (registered Charity no 1163476) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation first registered on 8th September 2015 whose objectives, set out in its Constitution adopted on 22nd June 2015, are to relieve persons in necessitous circumstances by the provision of:

The objectives of the charity are to relieve persons in necessitous circumstances by the provision of:

- (i) A Care Centre for the needy;
- (ii) When appropriate, additional day and night facilities with the aim of offering practical Christian concern for the needy;
- (iii) A Night Shelter for homeless people.

The charity has only been operating as a CIO since 2015, but in its unincorporated form (Charity Registered No 501881, now wound up) the charity has been in existence since 1973

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

In the 12 months under review, the Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association (SCCA) has continued to operate the Shrewsbury Ark, as direct-access drop-in centre for homeless and vulnerable people close to the Town Centre in Shrewsbury. The Shrewsbury Ark delivers the first of the charity's three objectives, and contributes to delivery of the second. The charity does not at present run a Night Shelter.

The premises of the Shrewsbury Ark are open daily on weekdays to all-comers. However for part of each day we give preference to those who wish to address particular problems. Amongst the tasks set by SCCA Trustees for the Ark are:

- 1 - To offer help and advice to homeless and vulnerable people, including rough sleepers; to work with Housing Agencies and Shropshire Council to find homes for the homeless and to continue to support those who have been so helped, as they settle in.
- 2 - To offer comfort and support to those who feel excluded from society, or who have difficulty with day-to-day necessities, for whatever reason.
- 3 - To help ex-offenders find a welcome "on the outside" and to re-establish themselves in the community without re-offending.
- 4 - To liaise with local Drug, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Teams to help addicts and those in fear of addiction.
- 5 - To liaise with local Mental Health Teams to provide support and understanding for those afflicted by mental health problems.
- 6 - To liaise with the local Primary Care Trust to make medical advice available to those for whom GP Surgeries may appear unwelcoming or judgmental.

We offer limited meals to those who have no other source of hot food, together with snacks and beverages to anyone who needs them. The Ark also provides shower and toilet facilities, laundry facilities, access to a phone and IT, and a poste-restante address for mail. Above all, however, the Ark offers non-judgmental care and support to anyone who needs it.

SCCA was founded in 1973. It ran then, and still runs, on Christian principles but there is no discrimination against any who wish to use the charity's services on grounds of religion (or lack of it) or any other diversity. This policy of non-discrimination applies equally to paid staff and volunteers. The charity does not proselytise.

Public benefit

Taking account of the Charity Commission's guidance the Trustees have no doubt that the Ark, being a unique service in the Town and surrounding area, provides a significant and proven Public Benefit. The Outreach Service (see below) amplifies and extends our achieved Public Benefit.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Shrewsbury Ark

Without doubt, the most significant achievement in the year under review has been the move into our new premises: very much more spacious, re-designed and refurbished with our principles and priorities in mind, and offering our clients a wider range of facilities. It has been, and continues to be, an enormous success. The new premises were formally opened in June 2022 by HM Lord-Lieutenant for Shropshire, Mrs Anna Turner JP; and we have also been pleased to have received a visit by Rt Rev'd Michael Ippgrave, Bishop of Lichfield.

The charity has also now acquired the freehold of the small car park immediately adjacent to the Ark. This is a boon to staff and volunteers who do not have to park at a distance; and in particular to our partner agencies who can park at the Ark and do not have to allow additional time to walk to and from their appointments with our clients. It also offers a small future income stream from letting out one or more spaces.

Although the move of premises occupied much administrative time it remained possible throughout the year to focus clearly on the support of homeless and vulnerable people. Many of these are "regulars" but new clients are referred to us by other local agencies, by the local police and by word of mouth on the street. Our Outreach service continued to support clients on the streets in and around Shrewsbury, in coordination with a similar service provided by Shropshire Council for the wider area of Shropshire, and also kept in touch with clients who have been housed to try to ensure that they do not return to the streets for any avoidable reason.

Clients' needs vary widely, from those simply seeking shelter, warmth and sustenance, through those needing a shower and toilet facilities to those with chronic problems that have defied the support and assistance offered elsewhere. Many have an intense dislike of bureaucracy and officialdom; an alarming number have problems of literacy which makes completing official forms difficult; and a high proportion have health issues resulting from addiction, alcohol and/or inadequate living conditions. The daily routine allows the staff to engage closely with those who have real and current problems in their lives and the will to address them, whilst still offering a welcome, friendship and support to all.

The weekly visit by a local GP has continued, albeit on a less frequent basis for part of the year after one of the GPs supporting us contracted Long COVID. This service enables many clients to receive medical advice and treatment that they simply would not have sought before. The availability of more space in new premises has also enabled a wider range of health and care agencies to deliver their services to our clients on our premises, where the clients are more comfortable and where they are much more likely to keep their appointments.

Clients using the Ark's services are helped to the extent that they themselves wish to be helped: we aim to help them help themselves. There are many examples of homeless individuals who have been housed, individuals in stressful circumstances whose problems have been addressed, and individuals who have failed to find any other ready source of care and support being supported and encouraged, for the Trustees to have no doubt whatsoever of the benefit and utility of the Ark's services. Our system of measurable outcomes/performance indicators, setting out a structure for progress through the support and interventions that the Ark can offer, was of limited value during the worst of the COVID pandemic, and pressures on staff since then have meant that it still needs to be reactivated. This is one of the Trustees' early priorities, because it generates objective milestones in what are frequently very individually subjective achievements. The very welcome number of donations, in cash and in kind, from around the county testify to the regard in which the project is held; and the active support we receive from Shropshire Council indicates the degree of benefit to the community as a whole that the Ark generates.

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Early experience in our new premises clearly indicated that the daily footfall of clients was increasing, leading to increasing pressures on the staff. This was one factor leading to a high degree of staff turbulence culminating, in the autumn of 2022, with a long period of sick leave for the Ark Manager coinciding with Maternity Leave for the Volunteer Coordinator who was also effectively the Deputy Manager. Additional Support Workers were recruited, and a new Operations Manager started work in March 2023. Up to 50 willing and hard-working volunteer staff work in the Ark, and without them we would not be able to continue in operation, nor provide essential direct support for clients. The Charity has received loyal, committed and conscientious support from all its paid staff and volunteers who have worked incredibly hard in what is often a thankless and stressful task; but without their efforts the Ark would not exist and its services to homeless and vulnerable people in Shropshire would cease. The Trustees are indebted to them all.

We do not have objective evidence of why there have been so many more clients passing through the Ark since Spring 2022. Subjectively, we believe it has been a combination of the much brighter, more spacious premises; the better and wider variety of facilities; the easing of COVID restrictions which has meant that people are less constrained than in the height of the pandemic; and the success of Shropshire Council in providing temporary accommodation for those they need to house, who have then used the Ark for support during the day.

We are glad to be able to welcome the new RESET Team (Rough sleeping Engagement, Support and Empowerment Team), funded by Shropshire Council with a grant from central government, into the Ark. RESET is a multi-disciplinary team working with rough sleepers who have issues of drug and/or alcohol abuse, and many of their clients will also be clients of the Ark. This will offer a significant mutual benefit by focussing additional professional support for the resolution of long-standing, intractable problems.

The Outreach Service

On behalf of Shropshire Council the Charity has provided a rapid response service to reports of people sleeping rough in the area in and around Shrewsbury. A dedicated member of staff, with support from other persons so that there is no lone-working, visits known rough sleeping sites to try to ensure that they all have at least the basic minimum of support, and that they know they can come to the Ark for further advice and assistance. This service has made a substantial contribution to easing the lot of those sleeping rough, and its value has been widely recognised.

The Outreach Team also arranges visits to past and present clients of the Ark who have been housed in independent accommodation. In this way it is hoped that preventive support and advice can be given, when necessary, so that incipient problems are nipped in the bud and the danger of further homelessness (perhaps resulting from misconduct in the accommodation, failure to pay bills on time, lack of familiarity with basic hygiene requirements, etc) can be averted. Outreach is making a major contribution to reducing the incidence of homelessness and rough sleeping in the County, and is contributing significantly to the delivery of the second of our charitable objectives.

The Ark Charity Shop

The purpose of the Ark Shop is to underwrite SCCA's charitable objectives by providing a regular income stream, which helps to fund our services to our clients. In the year under review the Shop continued to be limited by ongoing COVID restrictions affecting both public and staff, however generated a small surplus of £1,022 from a gross income of £37,227.

The Trustees remain extremely grateful for the work of the Shop Manager and her volunteer staff for their invaluable contribution; it adds significantly to the charity's financial assets, generates a stock of clothing suitable for the Ark's clients and also provides a second, very visible focus for the charity in the Town Centre.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

It has been pleasing to see a small increase in overall income, with the shop returning to nearer normality in the latter part of the year. The refurbishment of the new premises continued with all the initial required items being completed. Inevitably the costs of operating more facilities in a larger building are showing in the overall increased expenses, as is the impact of increased utilities costs on both the shop and the Day Centre. As highlighted in the Trustees report, an increased staff number is now required to run the day centre and to deal with an increasing demand for our services. Our priorities are now to maintain our financial position and continue to source funds in order to deliver our day-to-day services.

Reserves

We have continued our reserve policy of at least £55,000 during this year, which has been met, and will be reviewed in the year to Sept 2023. The free reserves held at the year-end were £59,816 (2021: £87,180).

Sustainability.

The Trustees are satisfied that the present activities of the Charity represent a viable and sustainable project for the foreseeable future provided, of course, that donations and grants continue to be received at more or less the present rate, and provided that no extreme and unexpected financial commitments arise. Sufficient funds are available as Reserves (see previous paragraph) to act as a buffer should unexpected financial tribulations affect the Charity. We will continue to maintain a regular and careful review of income and expenditure throughout the year, so that appropriate steps can be taken to increase the former, and/or reduce the latter, if it appears necessary. Plans for the Future (see below) need to be seen in this context.

FUTURE PLANS

Having moved into the new premises and settled in, the Trustees reviewed their Strategy for the future and concluded that the first priority was to ensure that our clients can receive the optimum support in our new surroundings, before embarking on any further significant change. The Strategy Review also identified a need to review our staffing organisation and level, and changes are taking effect in 2023.

Acquisition of the Car Park will also give longer-term scope, as and when further finance is available and when experience of operating the Ark in its new home has developed, for further physical expansion of the premises by building "on stilts" at first-floor level. Such further development is certainly not (yet) a firm "plan" for the future, but it is an aspiration that has become more feasible now that the Car Park belongs to the Ark.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO") first registered on 8th September 2015 under a constitution approved by the Charity Commission and adopted by the membership of the previous (unincorporated) SCCA at a General Meeting on 22nd June 2015.

The charity has only been operating as a CIO since 2015, but in its unincorporated form (Charity Registered No 501881, now wound up) the charity has been in existence since 1973.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Chairman of Trustees is appointed by Churches Together in Shrewsbury; other Officers and Trustees are elected at a General Meeting. Additional Trustees may be co-opted by the Committee to take advantage of particular skills and qualifications. The charity has enjoys the patronage of Rt Rev'd Sarah Bullock (Bishop of Shrewsbury), of Rev'd Christopher Walker (former Chairman), and of Marcus Bean (Celebrity Chef) and his wife Jenny.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Decision making

The purposes for, and the policies adopted by, the charity are set and their implementation is supervised by a small number of dedicated volunteer Trustees, all of whom take an active interest in the services provided by the Ark; indeed, some Trustees also volunteer on the "shop floor". Day-to-day activities in the Ark and the Shop are managed by the respective Managers who direct and supervise their staff and volunteers.

The charity's principal project is the Shrewsbury Ark which incorporates a Day Centre for homeless and vulnerable people close to the Town Centre of Shrewsbury and an Outreach Service funded by Shropshire Council to provide support to people sleeping rough in the County. The Shrewsbury Ark Shop raises charitable funds for the Ark.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

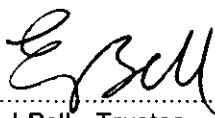
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29th JUNE 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mrs E J Bell - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association (the Trust) for the year ended 30 September 2022.

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

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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.

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Date: 30th June 2023

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	279,713	-	279,713	270,758
Other trading activities	3	32,869	-	32,869	22,489
Investment income	4	189	-	189	161
Other income		<u>72</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>8,453</u>
Total		<u>312,843</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>312,843</u>	<u>301,861</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		24,913	-	24,913	22,418
Charitable activities					
General		<u>262,091</u>	<u>13,944</u>	<u>276,035</u>	<u>212,759</u>
Total		<u>287,004</u>	<u>13,944</u>	<u>300,948</u>	<u>235,177</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		25,839	(13,944)	11,895	66,684
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>633,095</u>	<u>48,086</u>	<u>681,181</u>	<u>614,497</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>658,934</u>	<u>34,142</u>	<u>693,076</u>	<u>681,181</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	523,893	-	523,893	527,659
Investments	9	<u>15,727</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,727</u>	<u>16,263</u>
		539,620	-	539,620	543,922
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	21,092	-	21,092	19,526
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>101,196</u>	<u>34,142</u>	<u>135,338</u>	<u>213,909</u>
		122,288	34,142	156,430	233,435
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(2,974)	-	(2,974)	(96,176)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>119,314</u>	<u>34,142</u>	<u>153,456</u>	<u>137,259</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>658,934</u>	<u>34,142</u>	<u>693,076</u>	<u>681,181</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>658,934</u>	<u>34,142</u>	<u>693,076</u>	<u>681,181</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - continued
30 SEPTEMBER 2022

FUNDS

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Unrestricted funds:

Ark - Unrestricted	596,097	628,785
Shop - Unrestricted	3,339	2,317
Outreach Fund - Designated	57,505	-
Daz Funeral Fund - Designated	1,993	1,993
	<u>658,934</u>	<u>633,095</u>

Restricted funds:

Moving On Fund	28,517	42,461
Lawrence Edbrooke Fund	5,625	5,625
	<u>34,142</u>	<u>48,086</u>

TOTAL FUNDS

693,076 681,181

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29th JUNE 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mrs E J Bell - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

1. 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, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirement of paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of paragraphs 11.42, 11.44, 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of paragraphs 12.26, 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A;
- the requirement of paragraph 33.7.

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.

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.

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations and legacies	105,483	174,303
Gift aid	-	15,204
Legacies	-	7,766
Grants	<u>174,230</u>	<u>73,485</u>
	<u>279,713</u>	<u>270,758</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
General grant	100,370	69,433
Government grant	<u>73,860</u>	<u>4,052</u>
	<u>174,230</u>	<u>73,485</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Shop income	<u>32,869</u>	<u>22,489</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank interest received	<u>189</u>	<u>161</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2022 nor for the year ended 30 September 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2022 nor for the year ended 30 September 2021.

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Full time staff	8	4
Part time staff	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	270,758	-	270,758
Other trading activities	22,489	-	22,489
Investment income	161	-	161
Other income	<u>8,453</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,453</u>
Total	<u>301,861</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>301,861</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	22,418	-	22,418
Charitable activities			
General	<u>193,687</u>	<u>19,072</u>	<u>212,759</u>
Total	216,105	19,072	235,177

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7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	85,756	(19,072)	66,684
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	547,339	67,158	614,497
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>633,095</u>	<u>48,086</u>	<u>681,181</u>

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 October 2021	523,810	2,904	22,700	4,010	553,424
Additions	<u>7,878</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,878</u>
At 30 September 2022	<u>531,688</u>	<u>2,904</u>	<u>22,700</u>	<u>4,010</u>	<u>561,302</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 October 2021	-	2,689	19,066	4,010	25,765
Charge for year	<u>10,634</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>908</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,644</u>
At 30 September 2022	<u>10,634</u>	<u>2,791</u>	<u>19,974</u>	<u>4,010</u>	<u>37,409</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 30 September 2022	<u>521,054</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>2,726</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>523,893</u>
At 30 September 2021	<u>523,810</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>3,634</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>527,659</u>

9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 October 2021	16,263
Revaluations	<u>(536)</u>
At 30 September 2022	<u>15,727</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 September 2022	<u>15,727</u>
At 30 September 2021	<u>16,263</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

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9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

Cost or valuation at 30 September 2022 is represented by:

	Listed investments £
Valuation in 2022	8,652
Cost	<u>7,075</u>
	<u>15,727</u>

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors	2,200	633
Gift aid receivable	15,204	15,204
Prepayments	<u>3,688</u>	<u>3,689</u>
	<u>21,092</u>	<u>19,526</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	99	15,846
Accruals and deferred income	<u>2,875</u>	<u>80,330</u>
	<u>2,974</u>	<u>96,176</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.10.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
Ark - Unrestricted	628,785	(32,688)	596,097
Shop - Unrestricted	2,317	1,022	3,339
Outreach Fund - Designated	-	57,505	57,505
Daz Funeral Fund - Designated	<u>1,993</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,993</u>
	633,095	25,839	658,934
Restricted funds			
Moving On Fund	42,461	(13,944)	28,517
Lawrence Edbrooke Fund	<u>5,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,625</u>
	<u>48,086</u>	<u>(13,944)</u>	<u>34,142</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>681,181</u>	<u>11,895</u>	<u>693,076</u>

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Ark - Unrestricted	202,356	(235,044)	(32,688)
Shop - Unrestricted	37,227	(36,205)	1,022
Outreach Fund - Designated	<u>73,260</u>	<u>(15,755)</u>	<u>57,505</u>
	312,843	(287,004)	25,839
Restricted funds			
Moving On Fund	-	(13,944)	(13,944)
	<u>312,843</u>	<u>(300,948)</u>	<u>11,895</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			
	<u>312,843</u>	<u>(300,948)</u>	<u>11,895</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.10.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.9.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
Ark - Unrestricted	64,274	101,171	463,340	628,785
Shop - Unrestricted	3,324	(1,007)	-	2,317
Outreach Fund - Designated	5,765	(14,408)	8,643	-
Mrs J B Wightman Fund - Designated	471,983	-	(471,983)	-
Daz Funeral Fund - Designated	<u>1,993</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,993</u>
	547,339	85,756	-	633,095
Restricted funds				
Moving On Fund	61,533	(19,072)	-	42,461
Lawrence Edbrooke Fund	<u>5,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,625</u>
	<u>67,158</u>	<u>(19,072)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,086</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>614,497</u>	<u>66,684</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>681,181</u>

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Ark - Unrestricted	271,569	(170,398)	101,171
Shop - Unrestricted	30,292	(31,299)	(1,007)
Outreach Fund - Designated	-	(14,408)	(14,408)
	301,861	(216,105)	85,756
Restricted funds			
Moving On Fund	-	(19,072)	(19,072)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>301,861</u>	<u>(235,177)</u>	<u>66,684</u>

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

	At 1.10.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.9.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
Ark - Unrestricted	64,274	68,483	463,340	596,097
Shop - Unrestricted	3,324	15	-	3,339
Outreach Fund - Designated	5,765	43,097	8,643	57,505
Mrs J B Wightman Fund - Designated	471,983	-	(471,983)	-
Daz Funeral Fund - Designated	<u>1,993</u>	-	-	<u>1,993</u>
	547,339	111,595	-	658,934
Restricted funds				
Moving On Fund	61,533	(33,016)	-	28,517
Lawrence Edbrooke Fund	<u>5,625</u>	-	-	<u>5,625</u>
	<u>67,158</u>	<u>(33,016)</u>	-	<u>34,142</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>614,497</u>	<u>78,579</u>	-	<u>693,076</u>

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12. 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			
Ark - Unrestricted	473,925	(405,442)	68,483
Shop - Unrestricted	67,519	(67,504)	15
Outreach Fund - Designated	<u>73,260</u>	<u>(30,163)</u>	<u>43,097</u>
	614,704	(503,109)	111,595
Restricted funds			
Moving On Fund	-	(33,016)	(33,016)
	<u>614,704</u>	<u>(536,125)</u>	<u>78,579</u>

DESIGNATED FUNDS

The Trustees have designated funds from the charity's unrestricted assets as follows:

The Mrs J B Wightman Fund was initiated with funds donated in 2013 on closure of the Wightman Hall Charity, for use in developing a project within the Wightman Hall Charity's own objectives. The purchase during the prior year of the freehold property has been wholly met from this fund.

Outreach Funds consist of grants received during the prior year from Shropshire Council's public funds explicitly to finance the provision of a new Outreach Service to provide responsive support to rough sleepers in the County, less expenditure incurred in implementing that service.

The Daz Funeral Fund was created from donations received following the death of a client. As the total of those donations was greater than the costs that needed to be met for his funeral, the balance has been retained to defray comparable costs for other clients in future.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

The charity's Restricted Funds are:

The Lawrence Edbrooke Fund which provides help for clients of the Ark to move into new, permanent accommodation.

The "Moving On" Fund which received grants from a number of sources to contribute to the costs of moving clients into permanent accommodation in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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13. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

During the year, the charity applied for a loan to underwrite the charity's cash flow during a period of high capital expenditure on new premises (including the car park). However this loan has not yet been drawn down. The arrangement fees and associated legal fees are anticipated to be in the region of £7,380 and these may become payable irrespective of whether the loan is drawn. No provision for this potential liability has been recognised in the financial year.

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year donations of £1,920 (2021: £600) were received from Trustees. There were no other related party transactions during the year.

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1163476

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

TRUSTEES	Mrs E J Bell - Chair of Trustees Mrs L E Kealy - Hon Treasurer J N Davies CEng FICE Ms E A Gregory M Haffenden (co-opted 8.12.21) M E Matthews Mrs J Robinson ACA BFP (co-opted 7.6.22) A R Sharpe Ms H J Shaw – Acting Treasurer I P Somerville CBE Ms A L Waddington-Feather P N Playfair (resigned 28.5.21)
PRINCIPAL ADDRESS	32 Castle Foregate Shrewsbury SY1 2EH
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1163476
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	TCA (Shrewsbury) LLP Third Floor 21 St Mary's Street Shrewsbury Shropshire SY1 1ED
SOLICITORS	Wace Morgan 21 St Mary's Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 1ED
BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd - 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ Barclays Bank plc - 44/46 Castle Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 2BU CCLA Investment Management Ltd - Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4ET

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2021. 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the charity are to relieve persons in necessitous circumstances by the provision of:

- (i) A Care Centre for the needy;
- (ii) When appropriate, additional day and night facilities with the aim of offering practical Christian concern for the needy;
- (iii) A Night Shelter for homeless people.

Significant activities

In the 12 months under review, the Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association (SCCA) has continued to operate the Shrewsbury Ark, as direct-access day centre for homeless and vulnerable people close to the Town Centre in Shrewsbury. The Shrewsbury Ark delivers the first of the charity's three objectives, and contributes to delivery of the second. The charity does not at present run a Night Shelter.

The premises of the Shrewsbury Ark are open daily on weekdays to all-comers. However for part of each day we give preference to those who wish to address particular problems. Amongst the tasks set by SCCA Trustees for the Ark are:

- 1 - To offer help and advice to homeless and vulnerable people, including rough sleepers; to work with Housing Agencies and Shropshire Council to find homes for the homeless and to continue to support those who have been so helped, as they settle in.
- 2 - To offer comfort and support to those who feel excluded from society, or who have difficulty with day-to-day necessities, for whatever reason.
- 3 - To help ex-offenders find a welcome "on the outside" and to re-establish themselves in the community without re-offending.
- 4 - To liaise with local Drug, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Teams to help addicts and those in fear of addiction.
- 5 - To liaise with local Mental Health Teams to provide support and understanding for those afflicted by mental health problems.
- 6 - To liaise with the local Primary Care Trust to make medical advice available to those for whom GP Surgeries may appear unwelcoming or judgmental.

We offer limited meals to those who have no other source of hot food, together with snacks and beverages to anyone who needs them. The Ark also provides shower and toilet facilities, laundry facilities, access to a phone and IT, and a poste-restante address for mail. Above all, however, the Ark offers non-judgmental care and support to anyone who needs it.

SCCA was founded in 1973. It ran then, and still runs, on Christian principles but there is no discrimination against any who wish to use the charity's services on grounds of religion (or lack of it) or any other diversity. This policy of non-discrimination applies equally to paid staff and volunteers. The charity does not proselytise.

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Public benefit

Taking account of the Charity Commission's guidance the Trustees have no doubt that the Ark, being a unique service in the Town and surrounding area, provides a significant and proven Public Benefit. The Outreach Service (see below) amplifies and extends our achieved Public Benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Shrewsbury Ark

During the year under review, the Ark's performance against its objectives has continued to focus on the support of homeless and vulnerable people. Many of these are "regulars" but new clients are referred to us by other local agencies, by the local police and by word of mouth on the street. Some are brought in by our Outreach service. However, the Ark's activities and services have been heavily impacted during 2020 by the COVID-19 pandemic (see below).

Clients' needs vary widely, from those simply seeking shelter, warmth and sustenance, through those needing a shower and toilet facilities to those with chronic problems that have defied the support and assistance offered elsewhere. Many have an intense dislike of bureaucracy and officialdom; an alarming number have problems of literacy which makes completing official forms difficult; and a high proportion have health issues resulting from addiction, alcohol and/or inadequate living conditions. The daily routine allows the staff to engage closely with those who have real and current problems in their lives and the will to address them, whilst still offering a welcome, friendship and support to all.

As noted in our report on the previous year's accounts, the charity was able to purchase new premises for the Shrewsbury Ark in July 2021 and to set about refurbishment. That work was delayed by COVID, and by the need to rewire the entire building and to install new gas central heating systems; however it was eventually completed early in 2022 and the Ark has now moved in. The new premises are a massive improvement on our previous home, with a properly designed and fitted kitchen plus a smaller "training kitchen" in which clients can be taught to cook, a proper medical room, a new therapy room, a "chill-out" room, a separate office for the Manager and much more office space for other members of staff, together with copious storage space. We are also planning to add an exercise room in which clients can gradually improve their physical health. The Trustees wish to place on record their thanks to all those who have made this move possible, and particularly to the Ark Manager who superintended the fitting-out of the new premises and the physical move, as well as the many, many volunteers and local businesses who gave their time and expertise to help make it all happen. The move into new premises has been an enormous and memorable achievement that will enhance our ability to deliver our objectives in future, crowned by the formal opening of the "new Ark" by HM Lord-Lieutenant for Shropshire, Mrs Anna Turner JP.

The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to impact our work. We noted last year that our old premises, already cramped and ergonomically challenging, could be used only as an administrative base during lockdowns and when social distancing was imperative; and this has continued to constrain us in the year under review - but will be much less of a problem in the new premises. Again, we owe a great debt to our paid and volunteer staff who continued to support clients off-site.

The weekly visit by a local GP has continued, enabling many clients to receive medical advice and treatment that they simply would not have sought before. The availability of more space in new premises will also enable a wider range of health and care agencies to deliver their services to our clients on our premises, where the clients are more comfortable and where they are much more likely to keep their appointments.

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Clients using the Ark's services are helped to the extent that they themselves wish to be helped: we aim to help them help themselves. There are many examples of homeless individuals who have been housed, individuals in stressful circumstances whose problems have been addressed, and individuals who have failed to find any other ready source of care and support being supported and encouraged, for the Trustees to have no doubt whatsoever of the benefit and utility of the Ark's services. We have developed a selection of measurable outcomes/performance indicators setting out a structure for progress through the support and interventions that the Ark can offer; this generates objective milestones in what are frequently very individually subjective achievements. However the very welcome number of donations, in cash and in kind, from around the county testify to the regard in which the project is held; and the active support we receive from Shropshire Council indicates the degree of benefit to the community as a whole that the Ark generates.

During the year the Charity has employed a full-time Manager for the Ark, a Volunteer Coordinator, with a Senior Support Worker and a Client Support Worker taking the majority of the day-to-day business of engaging with individual clients, plus a part-time Administrator (who has also taken on some Client Support work). Up to 50 willing and hard-working volunteer staff work in the Ark, and without them we would not be able to continue in operation, nor provide essential direct support for clients. The Charity has received loyal, committed and conscientious support from all its paid staff and volunteers who have worked incredibly hard in what is often a thankless and stressful task; but without their efforts the Ark would not exist and its services to homeless and vulnerable people in Shropshire would cease. The Trustees are indebted to them all.

The Outreach Service

On behalf of Shropshire Council the Charity has provided a rapid response service to reports of people sleeping rough in the area in and around Shrewsbury. A dedicated member of staff, with support from other persons so that there is no lone-working, has then responded early in the mornings before the rough sleepers have packed up and moved on. This service has made a substantial contribution to easing the lot of those sleeping rough, and its value has been widely recognised. However, Shropshire Council has recently reorganised its own services and has now re-assumed most of this task.

The Outreach team also arranges visits to past and present clients of the Ark who have been housed in independent accommodation and who no longer regularly use the Ark's facilities. In this way it is hoped that preventive support and advice can be given, when necessary, so that incipient problems are nipped in the bud and the danger of further homelessness (perhaps resulting from misconduct in the accommodation, failure to pay bills on time, lack of familiarity with basic hygiene requirements, etc) can be averted. Outreach is making a major contribution to reducing the incidence of homelessness and rough sleeping in the County, and is contributing significantly to the delivery of the second of our charitable objectives.

The Ark Charity Shop

The purpose of the Ark Shop is to underwrite SCCA's charitable objectives by providing a regular income stream, and also to help fund the enhancement of our services to our clients. In the year under review the Shop was forced to close for a number of weeks because of COVID-19, adversely affecting the results for the year: there was a net deficit of just over £1,000 from gross trading income of over £22,000.

The Trustees remain extremely grateful for the work of the Shop Manager and her volunteer staff for their invaluable contribution; it adds significantly to the charity's financial assets, generates a stock of clothing suitable for the Ark's clients and also provides a second, very visible focus for the charity in the Town Centre.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Financially as well as practically, the year has been dominated by the purchase of new premises for the Ark, and by the start of refurbishment works. The purchase was wholly funded by the monies held in the Mrs J B Wightman Fund (for just that purpose); happily, other receipts from grants and donations will be sufficient to cover the forecast costs of refurbishment. This has been a major undertaking for a small local charity, but we have been fortunate in having sufficient expertise amongst the Trustees, and sufficient commitment, imagination and determination from the Manager and her team for this to have been achieved; and we have benefited greatly from the professional advice and support of Mark Newall B Arch RIBA, of Baart Harries Newall Architects over the course of the work. We are also enormously grateful to those local businesses that have contributed time, manpower and logistics to the project. Without their support our costs would have been significantly higher, and the timescale of the work significantly longer.

Total income was a little lower in 2020/21 than in the previous year, probably because of the grant receipts in 2019/20 specifically for our response to COVID; total revenue expenditure was a little higher than the previous year. Nevertheless, the results show net income over the year of over £66,000, an extremely pleasing result (notwithstanding the marginal deficit in the Shop's result).

Reserves

The Trustees' policy of aiming to retain financial reserves of at least £55,000 has again been met. This should furnish the charity with a cushion against any unforeseen financial perturbations, particularly now that we will have to meet the cost of any major maintenance on our premises ourselves.

Sustainability

The Trustees are satisfied that the present activities of the Charity represent a viable and sustainable project for the foreseeable future provided, of course, that donations and grants continue to be received at more or less the present rate, and provided that no extreme and unexpected financial commitments arise. Sufficient funds are available as Reserves (see previous paragraph) to act as a buffer should unexpected financial tribulations affect the Charity. We will continue to maintain a regular and careful review of income and expenditure throughout the year, so that appropriate steps can be taken to increase the former, and/or reduce the latter, if it appears necessary. Plans for the Future (see below) need to be seen in this context.

FUTURE PLANS

Achievement of the aim of moving to new, much larger premises marks a major milestone in the charity's fortunes. Although the Trustees still have ambitions and aspirations for the future, the principal short-term priority now is to ensure that delivery of our objectives is both maintained and enhanced in our new home. In addition, we are negotiating the purchase of the small Car Park immediately adjacent to the Ark, supported by loan funding from CAF Bank and for which a very generous grant has been approved by the Bradbury Foundation. We are already renting part of the Car Park, which has underlined how beneficial it will be in the future when visitors, both professional and personal, can park "on-site", and when our own vehicles can come and go without having to search for (and then worry about) parking costs and time limits.

Acquisition of the Car Park will also give longer-term scope, as and when further finance is available and when experience of operating the Ark in its new home has developed, for further physical expansion of the premises by building "on stilts" at first-floor level. Such further development is certainly not (yet) a firm "plan" for the future, but it is an aspiration that will become more feasible when the Car Park belongs to the Ark.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) first registered on 8th September 2015 under a constitution approved by the Charity Commission and adopted by the membership of the previous (unincorporated) SCCA at a General Meeting on 22nd June 2015. The charity had been in existence since 1973 in unincorporated form under Charity Registered No 501881, now wound up.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Chairman of Trustees is appointed by Churches Together in Shrewsbury; other Officers and Trustees are elected at a General Meeting. Additional Trustees may be co-opted by the Committee to take advantage of particular skills and qualifications. The charity has enjoys the patronage of Rt Rev'd Sarah Bullock (Bishop of Shrewsbury), of Rev'd Christopher Walker (former Chairman), and of Marcus Bean (Celebrity Chef) and his wife Jenny.

Decision making

The purposes for, and the policies adopted by, the charity are set and their implementation is supervised by a small number of dedicated volunteer Trustees, all of whom take an active interest in the services provided by the Ark; indeed, some Trustees also volunteer on the "shop floor". Day-to-day activities in the Ark and the Shop are managed by the respective Managers who direct and supervise their staff and volunteers.

The charity's principal project is the Shrewsbury Ark which incorporates a Day Centre for homeless and vulnerable people close to the Town Centre of Shrewsbury and an Outreach Service providing support to people sleeping rough in the Shrewsbury area, and to clients and former clients in their own homes. The Shrewsbury Ark Shop raises charitable funds for the Ark.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 5 July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs E J Bell - Trustee



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association (the Trust) for the year ended 30 September 2021.

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

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of the ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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.

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Date: *6th July 2022*

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		270,758	-	270,758	302,166
Other trading activities	2	22,489	-	22,489	26,930
Investment income	3	161	-	161	838
Other income		<u>8,453</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,453</u>	<u>10,527</u>
Total		301,861	-	301,861	340,461
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		22,418	-	22,418	23,636
Charitable activities					
General		<u>193,687</u>	<u>19,072</u>	<u>212,759</u>	<u>191,417</u>
Total		<u>216,105</u>	<u>19,072</u>	<u>235,177</u>	<u>215,053</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		85,756	(19,072)	66,684	125,408
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>547,339</u>	<u>67,158</u>	<u>614,497</u>	<u>489,089</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>633,095</u>	<u>48,086</u>	<u>681,181</u>	<u>614,497</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	527,659	-	527,659	5,405
Investments	8	<u>16,263</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,263</u>	<u>160,698</u>
		543,922	-	543,922	166,103
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	19,526	-	19,526	39,814
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>165,823</u>	<u>48,086</u>	<u>213,909</u>	<u>409,627</u>
		185,349	48,086	233,435	449,441
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(96,176)	-	(96,176)	(1,047)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>89,173</u>	<u>48,086</u>	<u>137,259</u>	<u>448,394</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>633,095</u>	<u>48,086</u>	<u>681,181</u>	<u>614,497</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>633,095</u>	<u>48,086</u>	<u>681,181</u>	<u>614,497</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				633,095	547,339
Restricted funds				<u>48,086</u>	<u>67,158</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>681,181</u>	<u>614,497</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 5 July 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mrs E J Bell - Trustee

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

1. 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, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirement of paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of paragraphs 11.42, 11.44, 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of paragraphs 12.26, 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A;
- the requirement of paragraph 33.7.

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.

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.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Shop income	<u>22,489</u>	<u>26,930</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank interest received	<u>161</u>	<u>838</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2021 nor for the year ended 30 September 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2021 nor for the year ended 30 September 2020.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Full time staff	4	4
Part time staff	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	234,166	68,000	302,166
Other trading activities	26,930	-	26,930
Investment income	838	-	838
Other income	<u>10,527</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,527</u>
Total	272,461	68,000	340,461
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	23,636	-	23,636
 Charitable activities			
General	<u>181,881</u>	<u>9,536</u>	<u>191,417</u>
Total	<u>205,517</u>	<u>9,536</u>	<u>215,053</u>
 NET INCOME	66,944	58,464	125,408

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Transfers between funds	<u>(1,125)</u>	<u>1,125</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	65,819	59,589	125,408
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>481,520</u>	<u>7,569</u>	<u>489,089</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>547,339</u>	<u>67,158</u>	<u>614,497</u>

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 October 2020	-	3,441	22,700	4,010	30,151
Additions	523,810	-	-	-	523,810
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>(537)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(537)</u>
At 30 September 2021	<u>523,810</u>	<u>2,904</u>	<u>22,700</u>	<u>4,010</u>	<u>553,424</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 October 2020	-	2,986	17,854	3,906	24,746
Charge for year	-	162	1,212	104	1,478
Eliminated on disposal	<u>-</u>	<u>(459)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(459)</u>
At 30 September 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>2,689</u>	<u>19,066</u>	<u>4,010</u>	<u>25,765</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 30 September 2021	<u>523,810</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>3,634</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>527,659</u>
At 30 September 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>455</u>	<u>4,846</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>5,405</u>

8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 October 2020	160,698
Disposals	(152,319)
Revaluations	<u>7,884</u>
At 30 September 2021	<u>16,263</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 September 2021	<u>16,263</u>
At 30 September 2020	<u>160,698</u>

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 30 September 2021 is represented by:

	Listed investments £
Valuation in 2021	9,188
Cost	<u>7,075</u>
	<u>16,263</u>

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Other debtors	633	25,858
Gift aid receivable	15,204	9,498
Prepayments	<u>3,689</u>	<u>4,458</u>
	<u>19,526</u>	<u>39,814</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	15,846	-
Accruals and deferred income	<u>80,330</u>	<u>1,047</u>
	<u>96,176</u>	<u>1,047</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.10.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.9.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
Ark - Unrestricted	64,274	101,171	463,340	628,785
Shop - Unrestricted	3,324	(1,007)	-	2,317
Outreach Fund - Designated	5,765	(14,408)	8,643	-
Mrs J B Wightman Fund - Designated	471,983	-	(471,983)	-
Daz Funeral Fund - Designated	<u>1,993</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,993</u>
	547,339	85,756	-	633,095
Restricted funds				
Moving On Fund	61,533	(19,072)	-	42,461
Lawrence Edbrooke Fund	<u>5,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,625</u>
	<u>67,158</u>	<u>(19,072)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,086</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>614,497</u>	<u>66,684</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>681,181</u>

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Ark - Unrestricted	271,569	(170,398)	101,171
Shop - Unrestricted	30,292	(31,299)	(1,007)
Outreach Fund - Designated	-	(14,408)	(14,408)
	301,861	(216,105)	85,756
Restricted funds			
Moving On Fund	-	(19,072)	(19,072)
TOTAL FUNDS	301,861	(235,177)	66,684

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.10.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.9.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
Ark - Unrestricted	41,979	23,420	(1,125)	64,274
Shop - Unrestricted	3,738	8,086	(8,500)	3,324
Outreach Fund - Designated	(740)	6,505	-	5,765
Mrs J B Wightman Fund - Designated	436,543	26,940	8,500	471,983
Daz Funeral Fund - Designated	-	1,993	-	1,993
	481,520	66,944	(1,125)	547,339
Restricted funds				
Moving On Fund	-	61,533	-	61,533
Lawrence Edbrooke Fund	4,971	(471)	1,125	5,625
Pret Foundation Trust Grant	2,598	(2,598)	-	-
	7,569	58,464	1,125	67,158
TOTAL FUNDS	489,089	125,408	-	614,497

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Ark - Unrestricted	177,283	(153,863)	23,420
Shop - Unrestricted	44,184	(36,098)	8,086
Outreach Fund - Designated	18,500	(11,995)	6,505
Mrs J B Wightman Fund - Designated	28,827	(1,887)	26,940
Daz Funeral Fund - Designated	3,667	(1,674)	1,993
	272,461	(205,517)	66,944
Restricted funds			
Moving On Fund	68,000	(6,467)	61,533
Lawrence Edbrooke Fund	-	(471)	(471)
Pret Foundation Trust Grant	-	(2,598)	(2,598)
	68,000	(9,536)	58,464
TOTAL FUNDS	340,461	(215,053)	125,408

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

	At 1.10.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.9.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
Ark - Unrestricted	41,979	124,591	462,215	628,785
Shop - Unrestricted	3,738	7,079	(8,500)	2,317
Outreach Fund - Designated	(740)	(7,903)	8,643	-
Mrs J B Wightman Fund - Designated	436,543	26,940	(463,483)	-
Daz Funeral Fund - Designated	-	1,993	-	1,993
	481,520	152,700	(1,125)	633,095
Restricted funds				
Moving On Fund	-	42,461	-	42,461
Lawrence Edbrooke Fund	4,971	(471)	1,125	5,625
Pret Foundation Trust Grant	2,598	(2,598)	-	-
	7,569	39,392	1,125	48,086
TOTAL FUNDS	489,089	192,092	-	681,181

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

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			
Ark - Unrestricted	448,852	(324,261)	124,591
Shop - Unrestricted	74,476	(67,397)	7,079
Outreach Fund - Designated	18,500	(26,403)	(7,903)
Mrs J B Wightman Fund - Designated	28,827	(1,887)	26,940
Daz Funeral Fund - Designated	3,667	(1,674)	1,993
	<u>574,322</u>	<u>(421,622)</u>	<u>152,700</u>
Restricted funds			
Moving On Fund	68,000	(25,539)	42,461
Lawrence Edbrooke Fund	-	(471)	(471)
Pret Foundation Trust Grant	-	(2,598)	(2,598)
	<u>68,000</u>	<u>(28,608)</u>	<u>39,392</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>642,322</u>	<u>(450,230)</u>	<u>192,092</u>

DESIGNATED FUNDS

The Trustees have designated funds from the charity's unrestricted assets as follows:

The Mrs J B Wightman Fund was initiated with funds donated in 2013 on closure of the Wightman Hall Charity, for use in developing a project within the Wightman Hall Charity's own objectives. The purchase during the year of the freehold property has been wholly met from this fund.

Outreach Funds consist of grants received during the prior year from Shropshire Council's public funds explicitly to finance the provision of a new Outreach Service to provide responsive support to rough sleepers in the County, less expenditure incurred in implementing that service. The funds have been spent during the current year with the excess now met from unrestricted funds.

The Daz Funeral Fund was created from donations received following the death of a client. As the total of those donations was greater than the costs that needed to be met for his funeral, the balance has been retained to defray comparable costs for other clients in future.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

The charity's Restricted Funds are:

The Lawrence Edbrooke Fund which provides help for clients of the Ark to move into new, permanent accommodation

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The **"Moving On" Fund** which received grants from a number of sources to contribute to the costs of moving clients into permanent accommodation in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic;

The **Pret Foundation Trust Fund**, granted to finance the cost of food and catering supplies for Ark clients which was fully expended in the prior year.

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year donations of £600 (2020: £1,179) were received from Trustees. There were no other related party transactions during the year.

Accounts

SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION
CHARITY REGISTERED No 1163476

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2020



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SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION

CHARITY REGISTERED No 1163476

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2020

Reference and Administrative Details

1.	CHARITY NAME	The Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association A Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered by the Charity Commission for England & Wales, No 1163476 The charity is better known locally as The Shrewsbury Ark.
	CHARITY ADDRESS	The principal address is that of the Shrewsbury Ark, 10 Castle Foregate, Shrewsbury SY1 2DJ.
	TRUSTEES	Mrs E J Bell (Chair of Trustees) Mrs L E Kealy LLB (Hon Treasurer) P N Playfair (resigned 28 May 2021) I P Somerville CBE A R Sharpe Ms H J Shaw Ms A L Waddington-Feather Ms E A Gregory J N Davies CEng FICE M E Matthews
	CLERK TO THE TRUSTEES	Mrs U J Howells
	INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Clair Moelwyn-Williams FCA TCA Accountants LLP 4 CLARENCE ROAD, SHREWSBURY SY1 1NW
	BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ Barclays Bank plc 44/46 Castle Street, Shrewsbury SY1 2BU CCLA Investment Management Ltd Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET
	SOLICITORS	Wace Morgan 21 St Mary's Street, Shrewsbury SY1 1ED

Objectives and Activities

2. Charity registered No 1163476 is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation first registered on 8th September 2015 whose objectives, set out in its Constitution adopted on 22nd June 2015, are to relieve persons in necessitous circumstances by the provision of:

- (i) A Care Centre for the needy;
- (ii) When appropriate, additional day and night facilities with the aim of offering practical Christian concern for the needy;
- (iii) A Night Shelter for homeless people.

3. The charity has only been operating as a CIO since 2015, but in its unincorporated form (Charity Registered No 501881, now wound up) the charity has been in existence since 1973.

4. In the 12 months under review, the Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association (SCCA) has continued to operate the Shrewsbury Ark, as a direct-access drop-in centre for homeless and vulnerable people close to the Town Centre in Shrewsbury. The Shrewsbury Ark delivers the first of the charity's three objectives, and contributes to delivery of the second. The charity does not at present run a Night Shelter.

5. The premises of the Shrewsbury Ark are open daily on weekdays to all-comers. However for part of each day we give preference to those who wish to address particular problems. Amongst the tasks set by SCCA Trustees for the Ark are:

- To offer help and advice to homeless and vulnerable people, including rough sleepers; to work with Housing Agencies and Shropshire Council to find homes for the homeless and to continue to support those who have been so helped, as they settle in.
- To offer comfort and support to those who feel excluded from society, or who have difficulty with day-to-day necessities, for whatever reason.
- To help ex-offenders find a welcome "on the outside" and to re-establish themselves in the community without re-offending.
- To liaise with local Drug, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Teams to help addicts and those in fear of addiction.
- To liaise with local Mental Health Teams to provide support and understanding for those afflicted by mental health problems.
- To liaise with the local Primary Care Trust to make medical advice available to those for whom GP Surgeries may appear unwelcoming or judgmental.

6. We offer limited meals to those who have no other source of hot food, together with snacks and beverages to anyone who needs them. The Ark also provides shower and toilet facilities, laundry facilities, access to a phone and IT, and a *poste-restante* address for mail. Above all, however, the Ark offers non-judgmental care and support to anyone who needs it.

7. SCCA was founded in 1973. It ran then, and still runs, on Christian principles but there is no discrimination against any who wish to use the charity's services on grounds of religion (or lack of it) or any other diversity. This policy of non-discrimination applies equally to paid staff and volunteers. The charity does not proselytise.

8. Taking account of the Charity Commission's guidance the Trustees have no doubt that the Ark, being a unique service in the Town and surrounding area, provides a significant and proven Public Benefit. The Outreach Service (see below) amplifies and extends our achieved Public Benefit.

Achievements and Performance

The Shrewsbury Ark

9. During the year under review, the Ark has continued supporting homeless and vulnerable people. Many of these are "regulars" but new clients are referred to us by other local agencies, by the local police and by word of mouth on the street. Some are brought in by our Outreach service. However the Ark's activities and services have been heavily impacted during 2020 by the COVID-19 pandemic (see below).

10. Clients' needs vary widely, from those simply seeking shelter, warmth and sustenance, through those needing a shower and toilet facilities to those with chronic problems that have defied the support and assistance offered elsewhere. Many have an intense dislike of bureaucracy and officialdom; an alarming number have problems of literacy which makes completing official forms difficult; and a high proportion have health issues resulting from addiction, alcohol and/or inadequate living conditions. The daily routine allows the staff to engage closely with those who have real and current problems in their lives and the will to address them, whilst still offering a welcome, friendship and support to all.

11. The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020 generated an immediate and dramatic step-change in the way the charity delivered its services. In close cooperation with Shropshire Council, every known rough sleeper in the County was offered hotel accommodation together with arrangements to keep them supported, informed and entertained whilst living in a wholly new environment. This model response to the pandemic became the template for many other Local Authorities and was recognised by Dame Louise Casey, the Government's "Housing and Homelessness Czar", in a personal letter to the Ark Manager. The requirement for social distancing in response to the pandemic also meant that our premises became virtually useless other than as an administrative base; it is an enormous credit to our paid and volunteer staff that support for clients continued unabated - both to those accommodated in hotels and to those who already had homes elsewhere. Financial grants received during the year have enabled the charity to employ staff to help arrange permanent accommodation for former rough sleepers accommodated in hotels, and others in similar circumstances, and to support them when they move in.

12. One very significant step forward during the year was to initiate a regular weekly medical service run by a local GP. The number of clients accessing her surgery has demonstrated how much the service was needed and there is no doubt both that incipient medical problems have been nipped in the bud before becoming serious, and that some clients for whom a GP Waiting Room would be an alien environment have been able to receive advice and treatment they would otherwise not have received at all.

13. Clients using the Ark's services are helped to the extent that they themselves wish to be helped: we aim to help them help themselves. There are many examples of homeless individuals who have been housed, individuals in stressful circumstances whose problems have been addressed, and individuals who have failed to find any other ready source of care and support being supported and encouraged, for the Trustees to have no doubt whatsoever of the benefit and utility of the Ark's services. We have developed a selection of measurable outcomes/performance indicators setting out a structure for progress through the support and interventions that the Ark can offer; this generates objective milestones in what are frequently very individually subjective achievements. However the very welcome number of donations, in cash and in kind, from around the county testify to the regard

in which the project is held; and the active support we receive from Shropshire Council indicates the degree of benefit to the community as a whole that the Ark generates.

14. During the year the Charity has employed a full-time Manager for the Ark, a Senior Support Worker / Volunteer Coordinator, and a Client Support Worker taking the majority of the day-to-day business of engaging with individual clients. In addition, the Ark has employed two Door Persons during the year, to replace contracted (and extremely expensive) security staff. Some 50 willing and hard-working volunteer staff working in the Ark, without whom we would not be able to continue in operation, provide essential direct support for clients.

15. In June 2020 the Charity was honoured to receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, in recognition of the massive and indispensable service provided by its volunteers. More recently, the Ark has also received an Award from the High Sheriff of Shropshire for its contribution to the community. The Charity has received loyal, committed and conscientious support from all its paid staff and volunteers who have worked incredibly hard in what is often a thankless and stressful task; but without their efforts the Ark would not exist and its services to homeless and vulnerable people in Shropshire would cease. The Trustees are indebted to them all.

The Outreach Service

16. On behalf of Shropshire Council the Charity provides a rapid response service to reports of people sleeping rough, originally anywhere in the Shropshire Council area, but more recently restricted to the area in and around Shrewsbury. A dedicated member of staff, with support from other persons so that there is no lone-working, then responds early in the mornings before the rough sleepers have packed up and moved on. This service has made a substantial contribution to easing the lot of those sleeping rough, and its value has been widely recognised.

17. The charity is also able to arrange visits to past clients of the Ark who have been settled in independent accommodation and who no longer regularly use the Ark's facilities. In this way it is hoped that preventive support and advice can be given, when necessary, so that incipient problems are nipped in the bud and the danger of further homelessness (perhaps resulting from misconduct in the accommodation, failure to pay bills on time, lack of familiarity with basic hygiene requirements, etc) can be averted. Outreach is making a major contribution to reducing the incidence of homelessness and rough sleeping in the County, and is contributing significantly to the delivery of the second of our charitable objectives.

The Ark Charity Shop

18. The purpose of the Ark Shop is to underwrite SCCA's charitable objectives by providing a regular income stream, and also to help fund the enhancement of our services to our clients. In the year under review the Shop was forced to close for much of the summer by the strictures introduced to combat COVID-19 and this inevitably affected trade. Nevertheless the Shop generated a surplus of over £8,000 from gross trading income of nearly £27,000.

19. The Trustees wish to place on record their admiration for the work of the Shop Manager and her volunteer staff for their invaluable contribution; it adds significantly to the charity's financial assets, generates a stock of clothing suitable for the Ark's clients and also provides a second, very visible focus for the charity in the Town Centre.

Financial Review

18. In a year in which many charities found themselves seriously short of income, the Ark has bucked the trend. Fortunately for us, most of our regular donations continued unabated and the

publicity generated by our response to COVID-19 generated a number of one-off donations and grants. As a result, it has turned out to be another highly successful year and the Trustees must record their gratitude to the many individuals, church congregations, other groups (a wide variety of groups, not all of them overtly charitable) and businesses who have contributed to our funding, so that once again we have exceeded our target for donations. It is clear that our donors reflect the respect that the community continues to have for our achievements; they represent the lifeblood of the Shrewsbury Ark, for without them the resources to run the Ark would very rapidly dry up.

19. The number and amount of grants received from Grant-making Trusts and similar charitable concerns has remained impressively high. These have included major grants from the Millichope Foundation, Lloyds Bank Foundation for England & Wales, the Garfield Weston Foundation, the Beatrice Laing Trust, the Truemark Trust, the Lady Forester Trust, Mrs L D Rope 3rd Charitable Settlement, the Albert Hunt Trust, the Hilden Charitable Trust, the Shropshire Masonic Charitable Association and the Masonic charitable Foundation, the Hobson Trust, the 29th May 1961 Trust, the W A Cadbury Charitable Trust and the Alchemy Foundation as well as a number of other smaller but very welcome and greatly appreciated grants. We are extremely grateful to all of them. We are of course also very grateful for the sterling efforts of the lady who has taken over the task of approaching Grant-making Trusts on our behalf, a repetitive and often thankless task carried out with determination and a very welcome degree of success.

20. The charity has been a beneficiary of £20,000 in part-settlement of a legacy during the year, which was been added to the Mrs J B Wightman Fund (see below) for future enhancement of the Ark's services.

21. Expenditure in the Ark was higher than in 2018/19, largely because of additional costs met in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic; but those extra costs were covered by grants received.

22. As explained above, net Income to the Ark Shop was much lower in 2019/20 because of the enforced closure during COVID-19. Indeed, without the Business Support Grant received during "lockdown" the Shop would have been in deficit for the year. However donations received from individuals walking into the Shop whilst it remained open continued at a very worthwhile level, underlining the value of having a presence close to the Town's principal shopping area.

23. Designated Funds. The Mrs J B Wightman Fund now holds nearly £472,000 earmarked for the enhancement of the Ark's services to its clients. Plans for such enhancements are discussed further under "Plans for the Future", below. Funds shown as Outreach Funds derive from the grant received from Shropshire Council for their Outreach Service, which the charity is committed to spend on providing support to persons sleeping rough. The "Daz" Funeral Fund was created to receive donations in memory of a past client to finance his funeral; but in the event income exceeded costs and the balance has been retained to support comparable expenditure in the future.

24. Restricted Funds. Assets held in the Lawrence Edbrooke Fund help clients afford the costs associated with moving into independent accommodation. The Pret Foundation Trust Grant for the provision of food (etc) for the Ark's clients, was not renewed in 2020 and has now been fully expended. Grants received to support clients moving into independent accommodation following the COVID-19 pandemic have been credited to the "Moving On" Fund.

25. Reserves. The Trustees have reviewed their policy for financial reserves and have concluded that the level should be increased to £55,000; this reflects the need to deal sympathetically and properly with both staff and clients if for any reason it were ever deemed necessary to close the project and takes into account the impending move to new premises.

26. Sustainability. The Trustees are satisfied that the present activities of the Charity represent a viable and sustainable project for the foreseeable future provided, of course, that donations and grants continue to be received at more or less the present rate, and provided that no extreme and

unexpected financial commitments arise. Sufficient funds are available as Reserves (see previous paragraph) to act as a buffer should unexpected financial tribulations affect the Charity. We will continue to maintain a regular and careful review of income and expenditure throughout the year, so that appropriate steps can be taken to increase the former, and/or reduce the latter, if it appears necessary. Plans for the Future (see below) need to be seen in this context.

Plans for the Future

27. The Trustees' long-standing frustration at the lack of progress in finding new premises for the Ark was assuaged in August 2020 when an offer for the purchase of the "Rock and Fountain" pub, close to our existing premises, was accepted. This building is substantially larger than our present home and offers scope for us to expand and enhance our services to our clients. A number of quasi-legal issues arose during the process of purchase, but Contracts were eventually exchanged, and the sale completed, on 1st July 2021. The purchase price has been wholly met from the Mrs Wightman Fund, with funds still being available for necessary refurbishment before we can move in.

28. That refurbishment will include showers and a disabled toilet on the ground floor, a kitchen in place of the bar, a proper reception area, a new and properly-equipped medical room and a quiet room for clients who may be in distress. Future plans, as resources allow, include fitting out an exercise room to enable clients to improve their physical and cardio-vascular health. Although we shall not now be able to move in before the autumn of 2021, the prospects for the future are brightening by the day!

Structure, Governance and Management

29. The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) established on 8th September 2015 under a constitution approved by the Charity Commission and adopted by the membership of the previous (unincorporated) SCCA at a General Meeting on 22nd June 2015. The charity has been in existence since 1973. The Chairman of Trustees is appointed by Churches Together in Shrewsbury; other Officers and Trustees are elected at a General Meeting. Additional Trustees may be co-opted by the Committee to take advantage of particular skills and qualifications. The charity has enjoyed the patronage of Rev'd Christopher Walker (former Chairman), and of Marcus Bean (Celebrity Chef) and his wife Jenny.

30. The purposes for, and the policies adopted by, the charity are set and their implementation is supervised by a small number of dedicated volunteer Trustees, all of whom take an active interest in the services provided by the Ark; indeed, some Trustees also volunteer on the "shop floor". Day-to-day activities in the Ark and the Shop are managed by the respective Managers who direct and supervise their staff and volunteers.

31. The charity's principal project is the Shrewsbury Ark which incorporates a Day Centre for homeless and vulnerable people close to the Town Centre of Shrewsbury and an Outreach Service funded by Shropshire Council to provide support to people sleeping rough in the County. The Shrewsbury Ark Shop raises charitable funds for the Ark.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 22 July 2021 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr I P Somervaille, Trustee



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION**

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association (the charity) for the year ended 30th September 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity 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 charity'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

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 charity 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.

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Date: *30th July 2021*

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2020

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Restricted Income Funds</u>	<u>2020 Total</u>	<u>2019</u>
	<u>Ark</u>	<u>Shop</u>			
<u>Incoming Resources</u>	£	£	£	£	£
Income from Donations, Grants & Legacies	217,014	17,140	68,000	302,154	234,365
Income from Charitable Activities	12	0	0	12	137
Income from Fundraising & Trading Activities	0	26,930	0	26,930	52,075
Income from Investments	838	0	0	838	941
Other Income	4	114	0	118	223
Total Incoming Resources	217,868	44,184	68,000	330,052	287,741
Resources Expended					
Expenditure on Raising Funds					
Staff Costs	0	13,968	0	13,968	13,711
Other Operating Costs	0	2,834	0	2,834	463
Premises Costs	0	16,440	0	16,440	19,221
Support Costs	0	2,558	0	2,558	3,075
Governance Costs	0	259	0	259	252
Fundraising	6,834	0	0	6,834	4,254
Expenditure on Charitable Activities:					
Staff Costs	124,831	0	0	124,831	107,162
Other Operating Costs	12,691	0	9,536	22,227	11,185
Premises Costs	6,354	0	0	6,354	13,625
Support Costs	12,483	0	0	12,483	12,132
Governance Costs	3,440	0	0	3,440	1,329
Depreciation	2,786	39	0	2,825	4,270
Total Expenditure	169,419	36,098	9,536	215,053	190,679
Net Income / (Expenditure)	48,449	8,086	58,464	114,999	97,062
Transfers between Funds	7,375	(8,500)	1,125	0	0
Profit / (Loss) on Disposal of Assets	0	0	0	0	0
Unrealised Investment Gains / (Losses)	10,409	0	0	10,409	13,576
Prior Year Transaction (Gift Aid recovery)	0	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds	66,233	(414)	59,589	125,408	110,638
Net Funds at start of year	477,782	3,738	7,569	489,089	378,451
Net Funds at end of year	544,015	3,324	67,158	614,497	489,089

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BALANCE SHEET as at 30th SEPTEMBER 2020

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>30-Sep-20</u>	<u>30-Sep-19</u>
<u>Tangible Fixed Assets</u>			
Furniture, Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment (Ark)	2	£481	£986
Furniture, Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment (Shop)	2	£78	£117
Vehicles	2	£4,846	£6,461
<u>Investments</u> - COIF	3	£160,698	£150,289
Total Fixed Assets		£166,103	£157,853
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Current Debtors	4	£39,814	£11,838
Deposit Account (COIF)	5	£281,963	£181,125
Deposit Account (CAF Gold)	5	£75,433	£70,852
Deposit Account (Barclays Active Saver)	5	£45,632	£65,517
Current Account (CAF Cash)	5	£4,158	£1,435
Current Account (Barclays)	5	£2,228	£2,140
Cash in Hand	5	£213	£507
Cash at Bank and in Hand		£409,627	£321,576
Total Current Assets		£449,441	£333,414
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Current Creditors	6	(£1,047)	(£2,178)
Total Liabilities		(£1,047)	(£2,178)
NET ASSETS		£614,497	£489,089
Funds Balance at 1 Oct 19 (1 Oct 18)		£489,089	£378,451
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources: Restricted Income Funds		£59,589	(£1,642)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources (Ark): Unrestricted Funds		£66,232	£113,846
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources (Shop): Unrestricted Funds		(£413)	(£1,566)
Funds Balance at 30 Sept 20 (30 Sept 19)		£614,497	£489,089
Represented by:			
<u>Restricted Income Funds</u>			
Lawrence Edbrooke Fund	19	£5,625	£4,971
Pret Foundation Trust Grant	19	£0	£2,598
"Moving On" Fund	19	£61,533	£0
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			
Free Reserves (Ark)	19	£64,274	£41,979
Free Reserves (Shop)	19	£3,324	£3,738
Outreach Funds (Designated Fund)	19	£5,765	(£740)
Mrs J B Wightman Fund (Designated Fund)	19	£471,984	£436,543
"Daz" Funeral Fund (Designated Fund)	19	£1,992	£0
		£614,497	£489,089

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 22/7/21 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr I P Somervaille, Trustee

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Reconciliation of Net Movement in Funds to Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities</u>		
Net Movement in Funds from SOFA		
Ark (incl Restricted Funds) £125,822		£112,204
Shop (£414)	£125,408	(£1,566)
Add back Depreciation Charges		
Ark £2,786		£4,231
Shop £39	£2,825	£39
Unrealised (Gains) / Losses on Investments	(£10,409)	(£13,576)
Loss / (Profit) on Disposal of Fixed Assets	£0	£0
Deduct Interest shown in Investing Activities	(£838)	(£178)
(Increase) / Decrease in Debtors	(£27,976)	£8,589
Increase / (Decrease) in Creditors	(£1,131)	(£3,962)
Net Cash generated by Operating Activities	<u>£87,879</u>	<u>£105,781</u>
 <u>Cash Flow Statement</u>		
Cash Flows from Investment Activities		
Interest	£838	£178
Acquisition of Equipment	(£666)	(£2,673)
Proceeds of Disposal of Equipment	£0	£0
Acquisition of Investments	£0	£0
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash	<u>£88,051</u>	<u>£103,286</u>
Cash at Bank & in Hand at Beginning of Year	£321,576	£218,290
Cash at Bank & in Hand at End of Year	<u>£409,627</u>	<u>£321,576</u>

THE SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION
REGISTERED CHARITY No 1163476

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30th SEPTEMBER 2020

1. Principal Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, following the guidance published by the Charity Commission for England & Wales: the Charities SORP. The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Charity's accounts:

- a. Basis of Accounting. The charity is a going concern: there are no material uncertainties that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue in operation over at least the coming 12 months.
- b. Investment Income. Investment income is recognised when received. Unrealised investment gains (or losses) are reflected at the end of each accounting period; the Trustees are conscious that such gains (or losses) may be illusory.
- c. Donations and Gifts Received. All monetary donations and gifts, including associated Gift Aid receipts, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received, provided that there are no donor imposed restrictions as to the timing of related expenditure, in which case recognition is deferred until the pre-condition has been met. Donations of tangible assets are capitalised at their cash value or estimated cash value, except in the Shop where donated stock has no cash value unless and until it is sold.
- d. Grants Receivable. Revenue grants are credited as incoming resources when received provided any conditions for receipt have been complied with.
- e. The Ark Shop. The Shop is operated by and on behalf of the Charity, and all its surplus income is generated to sustain and enhance the Charity's ability to fulfil its objectives. The Shop is not a separate financial or legal entity.
- f. Expenditure. Expenditure is allocated by activity between the Shrewsbury Ark (the charity's principal project, delivering its objectives) and the Ark Shop. Expenditure under both activities is recognised when incurred.
- f. Fund Accounting. Unrestricted Funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for expenditure on the general objectives of the Charity. Designated Funds are part of Unrestricted Funds, but have been designated by the Trustees for particular purposes. Restricted Funds have been restricted by the donor(s) for a particular purpose and may not be used for any other purpose.

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2. Tangible Assets

	ICT Equipment (Ark)	ICT Equipment (Shop)	Furniture, Fittings Etc (Ark)	Furniture, Fittings Etc (Shop)	Motor Vehicles	Total
Cost						
As at 1 Oct 19	£3,314	£70	£2,266	£926	£22,700	£29,276
Additions	£417	£Nil	£249	£Nil	£Nil	£666
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
As at 30 Sep 20	£3,731	£70	£2,515	£926	£22,700	£29,942
Depreciation						
As at 1 Oct 19	£2,818	£70	£1,776	£809	£16,239	£21,712
Charge for Year	£809	£Nil	£362	£39	£1,615	£2,825
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
As at 30 Sep 20	£3,627	£70	£2,138	£848	£17,854	£24,537
Net Book Value						
at 1 Oct 19	£496	£Nil	£490	£117	£6,461	£7,564
at 30 Sep 20	£104	£Nil	£377	£78	£4,846	£5,405

Depreciation. In view of the role of the charity, tangible fixed assets (except vehicles) are depreciated by 50% on acquisition; thereafter, depreciation is applied so as to write off the cost of IT and Communications Equipment over 2 years, and of Furniture, Fittings and other Equipment over 5 years. Motor vehicles are depreciated each year at 25% of their residual value. At 30th September 2020 the Charity owned no freehold buildings.

3. Investments (COIF)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Market Value as at 1 October 2019	£150,289	£136,713
Additions at cost	-	-
Increase (decrease) in market value	<u>£10,409</u>	<u>£13,576</u>
Bid-Market Value as at 30 Sep 20	£160,698	£150,289
Investments at cost	£81,250	£81,250

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4. Current Debtors

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid & GASDS donations	£9,498	£4,892
Grants for Outreach	£18,500	-
Shropshire Council	£7,358	-
Prepayments & Misc Debtors	<u>£4,458</u>	<u>£6,946</u>
	£39,814	£11,838

5. Cash at Bank and in Hand

Balances were held at 30 September 2020 as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Deposit Account (COIF)	£281,963	£181,125
Deposit Account (CAF Gold)	£75,433	£70,852
Deposit Account (Barclays Active Saver)	£45,632	£65,517
Current Account (CAF Cash)	£4,158	£1,435
Current Account (Barclays)	£2,228	£2,140
Cash in Hand	<u>£213</u>	<u>£507</u>
Total:	£409,627	£321,576

6. Current Creditors

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Treasurer's Expenses	£80	£135
Independent Examiner's Fee (including VAT)	£1,296	£1,260
Accruals & Misc Creditors	<u>(£329)</u>	<u>£783</u>
	£1,047	£2,178

7. Government Grants

- a. The charity received a grant from Shropshire Council of £18,500, to operate an Outreach Service for rough sleepers in the County; this is accounted for as a Designated Fund. The charity also received a £10,000 COVID-19 Business support Grant from Shropshire Council.
- b. The charity received a grant of £15,000 from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to support the resettlement of rough sleepers in permanent accommodation in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic; this is accounted for as a Restricted Fund.
- c. The charity received grants totalling £2,781 from HMRC under the Government's COVID-19 Furlough Scheme

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The Shrewsbury Ark's current premises are owned by Shropshire Council, but no rent is being charged.

8. Volunteers

The charity benefits from the services of volunteers working as Trustees, in the Ark and in the Ark Shop. Numbers varied during the year, in part because of COVID-19, but on average there were over 50 volunteers working for the charity.

9. Goods Donated for Resale

The Ark Shop receives donations of goods for resale. No value is ascribed to those goods until sold. Gross income from sales in the Ark Shop during the year (during which the shop was closed for a significant period due to the COVID-19 pandemic) was £26,930 (2019: £39,799).

10. Trustees' Remuneration

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2019: £Nil). During the year the sum of £80 was charged to the accounts for Trustees' expenses (2019: £135).

11. Staff

There have been four full-time and four part-time employees during the majority of the year. The Charity is contributing to an occupational pension scheme for entitled employees.

During the year total staff costs amounted to:

	Ark	Shop	Total	2019
Salaries	£103,047	£13,428	£116,475	£95,414
Employer's NICs	£4,593	£409	£5,002	£4,817
Employer's Pension Contrs	£2,524	£Nil	£2,524	£1,684
Admin/Contracted Security Staff	£10,681	£Nil	£10,681	£15,505
Training	£2,538	£Nil	£2,538	£2,269
Other Staff Costs	£1,448	£131	£1,579	£1,184
	£124,831	£13,968	£138,799	£120,873

In 2020 no redundancy or termination payments were incurred (2019: Nil).

No employee was paid more than £60,000 during the year (2019: Nil).

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12. Analysis of Strategic Risk

Trustees have reviewed the strategic risks involved in operating the Shrewsbury Ark and the Ark Shop, and are satisfied that appropriate and sufficient action has been taken to mitigate those risks.

13. Financial Reserves

The Trustees reviews their policy for financial reserves during the year and concluded that free reserves should increase to £55,000, to cover any dramatic and unforeseen loss of income. Free reserves remain above this level.

14. Designated and Restricted Funds

The Trustees have designated funds from the charity's unrestricted assets as follows:

- a. The Mrs J B Wightman Fund was initiated with funds donated in 2013 on closure of the Wightman Hall Charity, for use in developing a project within the Wightman Hall Charity's own objectives. As the Ark Shop is generating a surplus, it has also been possible to enhance the Wightman Fund by funds received by and generated in the Ark Shop. This year £20,500 has been received from a legacy and one Trust Fund grant. See also under "Future Plans" below.
- b. Outreach Funds consist of grants received during the year from Shropshire Council's public funds explicitly to finance the provision of a new Outreach Service to provide responsive support to rough sleepers in the County, less expenditure incurred in implementing that service.
- c. The "Daz" Funeral Fund was created from donations received following the death of a client. As the total of those donations was greater than the costs that needed to be met for his funeral, the balance has been retained to defray comparable costs for other clients in future.

The Charity's Restricted Funds are:

- d. The Lawrence Edbrooke Fund provides help for clients of the Ark to move into new, permanent accommodation;
- e. The "Moving On" Fund received grants from a number of sources to contribute to the costs of moving clients into permanent accommodation in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- f. The Pret Foundation Trust Fund, granted to finance the cost of food and catering supplies for Ark clients has now been fully expended.

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15. Analysis of Income from Donations, Grants and Legacies

	<u>Ark</u>	<u>Shop</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2020 Total</u>	<u>2019</u>
Donations (inc Gift Aid)	£105,207	£4,262	£Nil	£109,469	£92,338
Grants & Legacies	£111,807	£12,878	£68,000	£192,685	£142,027
	£217,014	£17,140	£68,000	£302,154	£234,365

16. Allocation of Governance and Support Costs

The breakdown of governance costs is:

	<u>Ark</u>	<u>Shop</u>	<u>2020 Total</u>	<u>2019</u>
Independent Examination	£1,037	£259	£1,296	£1,260
Legal & Professional Fees	£1,860	£Nil	£1,860	£Nil
Misc Governance	£543	£Nil	£543	£321
	£3,440	£259	£3,699	£1,581

The total support and governance costs are all attributable to charitable activities based on actual governance.

17. Related Party Transactions

During the year, donations of £1,179 were received from Trustees. There were no other related party transactions for the year ended 30th September 2020.

18. Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2020 Totals</u>	<u>2019 Totals</u>
Fixed Assets	£166,103	£Nil	£166,103	£157,853
Current Assets	£382,283	£67,158	£449,441	£333,414
Current Liabilities	£(1,047)	£Nil	£(1,047)	£(2,178)
	£547,339	£67,158	£614,497	£489,089

19. Analysis of Movement in Funds

See overleaf.

THE SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ASSOCIATION
REGISTERED CHARITY No 1163476

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2020

19. ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>				<u>Restricted Funds</u>			<u>Total in SOFA</u> £
	<u>Free Reserves (Ark) £</u>	<u>Free Reserves (Shop) £</u>	<u>Outreach Funds £</u>	<u>Mrs J B Wightman £</u>	<u>Daz Funeral Fund £</u>	<u>L Edbrooke Fund £</u>	<u>Pret Foundation Trust £</u>	<u>Moving On Fund £</u>
Income	175,201	44,184	18,500	20,500	3,667	0	0	68,000
Expenditure	153,863	36,098	11,995	1,887	1,674	471	2,598	6,467
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	21,338	8,086	6,505	18,613	1,993	(471)	(2,598)	61,533
Plus Opening balances	41,979	3,738	(740)	436,543	0	4,971	2,598	0
Unrealised Investment Gains / (Loss)	2,082	0	0	8,327	0	0	0	0
Profit / (Loss) on Disposal of Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prior Year Transactions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers between funds	(1,125)	(8,500)	0	8,500	0	1,125	0	0
Final Balance	64,274	3,324	5,765	471,983	1,993	5,625	0	61,533
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