

Registered Charity Number: 1165429

GOOD NEWS BRIGHTON
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023



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CHURCH INFORMATION 2023

<u>Contact address</u>	15 Appledore Road Brighton East Sussex BN2 4PT
<u>Church address</u>	15 Appledore Road Brighton East Sussex BN2 4PT
<u>Community Centre</u>	Hillview Centre Hodshrove Lane Brighton BN2 4SE
<u>Charity number</u>	1165429
<u>Charity trustees</u>	Mr Neil Hilton Mr Stuart Murray-Williams Mrs Emily Kenward Mr Jon Bebb Mr Steve Horne (appointed 2 October 2023)
<u>Bankers</u>	Barclays Bank plc Leicester Leicestershire LE87 2BB
<u>Independent examiner</u>	J R Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE Caladine Limited Chartered Certified Accountants Chantry House 22 Upperton Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 1BF

Report of the Trustees

The Trustees present their Annual Report and the Financial Statements of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2023.

1 Church history and Constitution

Good News Brighton is a pioneering church that was formally set up as a CIO in February 2016. Since inception we have slowly grown in terms of activities and the people we serve.

2 Objectives and activates

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist Denomination. The church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes at home and abroad.

3 Organisational structure

The day to day activities of the Church are overseen by Elders and Pastoral staff who report to the trustees.

4 The Trustees

Those who served during the year are as shown on Page 1.

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and are provided with appropriate training to undertake the role they will occupy within the church.

5 Review of activities

The church known as Good News Brighton was established by Neil Hilton in May 2015 with a church plant under the auspices of the Baptist Union operating from 15 Appledore Road, Brighton.

Neil Hilton is the Pastor/Minister in charge of the Church. The Church do provide accommodation for Mr Hilton so he can carry out his duties and responsibilities effectively.

Outreach, evangelism, and befriending of the community began and an official Church Trust was established with the formation of the charitable incorporated organisation on the 4th February 2016.

Good News Brighton started to lease a building from Brighton City Council in May 2017 at a peppercorn rate in the centre of Moulsecoomb. This building, Hillview Good News Centre, is the base for the charity's activities.

Various activities are undertaken as follows:

- Saturday church meeting: fellowship, worship, communion, studying the Bible and prayer.
- Good News Shed: men's DIY and handy group meets twice a week.
- Enhanced Befriending: visiting isolated and lonely people who are unsuitable for volunteer-led befriending. Neil Hilton visits isolated and lonely people one day a week, who have been referred by Time to Talk Befriending and through local connections. Neil started supporting residents from three locally supported housing units in Moulsecoomb during lockdowns. More recently, the support staff at the supported housing contact him when they require befriending services for their residents.
- Chomp Moulsecoomb: in Moulsecoomb, one in every two children are classified as being in child poverty. Families on low income rely heavily on free school meals. We support and work alongside Chomp Partners to provide community meals and activities for low income families during school holidays and half-terms, which helps ease their tight budgets.
- Counselling: subsidised, affordable counselling for local people.
- Discipleship groups: weekly meetings studying the Bible with individuals.

Trustees' Report

5 Review of activities (continued)

- Chaplaincy: Neil Hilton is the appointed chaplain at the local co-operative pub, The Bevy. He provides chaplaincy support to staff, volunteers, and patrons.

- Pints of View: Neil Hilton facilitates a theological discussion group at the Bevy pub. the group is open to anyone to attend. It is informal and focuses on life and spiritual conversation.

Good News Brighton continues to build stronger links and partnerships with other local churches, community groups and service providers, thereby becoming increasingly integrated into the Moulsecoomb community. A growing cross-over between the various activities is occurring, showing an integration of local community members into the life of Good News Brighton.

6 Public benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission and believe that the objectives and activities of the church are for the public benefit.

7 Review of financial position

There was a deficit on General funds of £5,368 for the year. The balance on hand of General funds at 31 December 2023 was £3,568.

8 Risk management

The church has considered the risks it may face and confirms that systems have been established to mitigate them.

9 Reserves

The church endeavours to maintain cash resources to cover at least six months operating expenditure.

10 Independent examination

J R Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE was appointed during the year to undertake the Independent Examination.

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Neil Hilton
Trustee

Date: 24 JUN 2024

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Good News Brighton

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Good News Brighton ('the CIO') for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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: 24 June 2024

Statement of Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Receipts						
Donations	350	124	474	650	115	765
Grants	28,351	3,554	31,905	26,860	28,158	55,018
Total receipts	28,701	3,678	32,379	27,510	28,273	55,783
Payments						
Staff Costs						
Salaries	1,080	6,120	7,200	-	6,600	6,600
Administration	4,591	1,621	6,212	2,750	2,750	5,500
Housing - Rent	18,000	-	18,000	18,000	-	18,000
Housing - utilities, council tax, phone etc.	2,689	-	2,689	1,430	1,748	3,178
Pension	76	428	504	-	504	504
Specific Project Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Befriending	-	1,713	1,713	-	1,105	1,105
Chomp costs	-	3,315	3,315	-	3,411	3,411
Good News Shed project	-	583	583	-	500	500
Gatherings, hospitality and entertaining	270	-	270	45	325	370
Community Centre - utilities, rates etc.	4,587	2,293	6,880	-	9,176	9,176
Accountancy, independent examination and payroll fees	720	720	1,440	-	1,248	1,248
Conferences	-	60	60	-	280	280
Counselling and mentoring	-	761	761	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	656	-	656	-	-	-
Insurance	550	471	1,021	-	759	759
IT and stationery	456	-	456	571	-	571
Legal and professional fees	336	336	672	594	-	594
Repairs and renewals	-	109	109	-	-	-
Subscriptions	-	330	330	-	150	150
Telephone and internet	58	-	58	-	-	-
Training and networking	-	17	17	-	80	80
Total payments	34,069	18,877	52,946	23,390	28,636	52,026
Net movement in funds	(5,368)	(15,199)	(20,567)	4,120	(363)	3,757
Cash funds at 1st January 2023	8,936	16,893	25,829	4,816	17,256	22,072
Cash funds at 31 December 2023	3,568	1,694	5,262	8,936	16,893	25,829

The notes on page 7 form part of these Financial Statements.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<u>ASSETS</u>				
<u>Monetary Assets</u>				
Cash at Bank and in hand				
Current Account	<u>5,262</u>	<u>5,262</u>	<u>25,829</u>	<u>25,829</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
<u>Creditors</u>				
Accountancy Fee/Independent Examination		<u>960</u>		<u>900</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 24 JUN 2024



Neil Hilton



Jon Bebb

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared as a Receipts and Payments in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

Funds

General funds represent monies received that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for applications on the general purposes of the church. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the church are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. Restricted funds

The funds of the charity include funds comprising the following restricted funds:

Movements in funds

	Balance at 1 Jan 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Dec 2023 £
Chomp	2,778	3,608	(6,212)	-	174
Befriending	4,981	-	(4,794)	-	187
Good News Shed	2,445	70	(1,594)	-	921
Counselling Services	2,649	-	(2,301)	-	348
Hillview Good News Centre Fund	3,040	-	(2,976)	-	64
Administrator	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-
	<u>16,893</u>	<u>3,678</u>	<u>(18,877)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,694</u>

Chomp Fund

Chomp represents monies given for free community meals and activities for low income families during school holidays.

Befriending Fund

Befriending represents monies given to enable the charity to visit isolated and lonely people.

Good News Shed Project

This fund represents monies given towards the men's DIY and handy group.

Counselling Services

This service is provided by a core member of Good News Brighton, whom is a BACP registered qualified counsellor. This allows Good News Brighton to provide subsidised short-term and open-ended counselling to adults.

Hillview Good News Centre Fund

This fund represents the cost of running the premises used as the base for the charity's activities.

Administrator

This fund represents monies given and usedt of employing a part-time administrator.

3. Commitments

The charity has a rolling agreement for the use of the premises at Hillview Centre, Hodshrove Lane, Brighton, BN2 4SE, at a peppercorn rent.