METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT MIDDLESBROUGH

England & Wales · Charity number 1167625

Details

Other names	MAP MIDDLESBROUGH
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2016-06-13
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Map 54 Borough Road Middlesbrough TS1 2JH
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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM AND THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS BY:A) THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE;B) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING INCLUDING ADVANCING THEM IN LIFE AND ASSISTING THEM TO ADAPT WITHIN A NEW COMMUNITY;C) THE RELIEF OF SICKNESS AND THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF THEIR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH;D) THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

Activities: Weekly drop-in sessions offer friendship, practical and emotional support with access to clothing and household goods. The Welcome session gives new clients essential information about their locality.Clients practice their spoken English at Come & Chat and share lunch together. A games afternoon, two Health & Fitness sessions and football coaching give our clients recreational opportunities.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Recreation
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Middlesbrough
- Redcar And Cleveland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£117,538	£110,150	-	-
2024-08-31	£91,338	£107,496	-	-
2023-08-31	£157,881	£93,688	-	-
2022-08-31	£56,649	£101,577	-	-
2021-08-31	£128,158	£106,231	-	-
2020-08-31	£105,964	£86,098	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Heather Dipple	Chair	2023-09-11
Brian James Glover		2016-10-25
Frances Plane		2023-09-11
JOHN HINMAN		2016-12-06
JOHN HINTON		2018-05-22
LINDA ELISA MILNE		2025-04-29
PAT MARTIN		2016-06-13
Rev DAVID GODFREY		2021-01-25

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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TRUSTEES REPORT
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Methodist Asylum Project : Middlesbrough

Trustees Annual Report
For the Period 1st September 2024 — 31st August 2025

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name: Methodist Asylum Project: Middlesbrough

Registered Charity Number: 1167625

Charity's Principal Address:
Middlesbrough Methodist Hub
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MIDDLESBROUGH
TS1 2JH

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Chartered Accountants,
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The Methodist Asylum Project, Middlesbrough (M.A.P) was initially established as Avenue Refugee Project in 2002. In 2005 it became a project of the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit and in 2009 it became M.A.P. Middlesbrough and adopted its own constitution, and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. In 2016 it became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The Trustees of the Charity meet regularly, at least 4 times each year. The Charity employs a full-time Project Manager, and a full-time Assistant Manager. They deliver the work of the Charity, supported by a team of about 50 volunteers

The Trustees Annual Report, the detailed Annual Accounts and the Auditors Report will be published on our Website and the Charity Commissions Website before the end of June 2026. An illustrated version of the Annual Report and a financial summary will also be available earlier in 2026.

The Members of the Board of Trustees at 31st August 2025 are:

Mrs Heather Dipple - Chair
Mr John Hinton - Secretary
Mr Brian Glover - Treasurer
Rev David Godfrey
Mr John Hinman
Mrs Pat Martin
Mrs Frances Plane
Mrs Linda Milne

Observers:

Mr Billy Barnes - Project Manager
Mr Hamid Yazdanfar - Assistant Project Manager

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Methodist Asylum Project and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993.

They are also responsible for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Risk Management

The Risk Management arrangements of the Charity are identified in the MAP Risk Register and are divided into 4 main risk groups, namely Governance, Operational, Financial and External Risks.

The key risks considered include:

- Risks associated with working with children and vulnerable adults. This is addressed by the Charities 'Safeguarding' Policy.

- Financial Loss, which is addressed through appropriate financial controls and procedures.

- Uncertainty over obtaining sufficient Donations and Grants for continuation of the Charity. Bids for two significant 3 year grants have been successful at the end of the 2021/22 financial year which will ensure stability into the medium term.

- Changes in Government policy regarding dispersal of asylum seekers and refugees to Middlesbrough. The Project Manager keeps abreast of changes in policy and their implications for the work of the Charity.

Sources of funds

Funds are obtained through donations and submitting applications to grant-making Trusts and Foundations.

Reserves Policy
It is the current policy of the Trustees to maintain a basic balance in the reserve of £50,000. ie approximately six months running costs.

Related Party Transactions

Charities preparing accrual (SORP) accounts must disclose:

- trustees 'remuneration and benefits
- trustees 'expenses
- transactions with those persons and entities that are closely connected to the charity or its trustees, referred to as related parties

There has been one transaction of £370 for the design/production/printing of the annual report in the 2024/25 financial year. This was undertaken by a business owned by an individual who is the son of a trustee.

The Methodist Asylum Project, Middlesbrough maintains close links with the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit (Registered charity no: 1133911) although it has its own board of trustees and is financially independent of the Methodist Circuit.

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Charitable objects:

The Charity's objects are:-

To promote for the benefit of those seeking asylum and those granted refugee status and their dependents by:
a) The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life;
b) The advancement of education and training including advancing them in life and assisting them to adapt within a new community;
c) The relief of sickness and the preservation and protection of their physical and mental health;
d) The relief of financial hardship

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Our Aims:

MAP Middlesbrough offers practical support and social opportunities to those seeking asylum and to refugees in the Middlesbrough and Redcar area. We have been working with asylum-seekers and refugees locally since 2002.

We aim to create welcoming spaces, where there is an instant sense of community. MAP developed out of a project of the Middlesbrough and Eston Circuit of the Methodist Church, and first registered as a charity in 2009.

We offer a varied programme of services including 2nd hand clothing and household goods distribution, a regular weekly activities programme, and one-off classes, collaborations, outings and activities, which are often delivered in partnership with others.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

Chair's Welcome

It has only been a few months since I became the Chair of MAP taking over from Pat who had done a great job for several years.

As you read through this report you will see as in previous years that we have been busy, running weekly sessions, organising summer trips, celebrating Christmas and sharing an Iftar meal with those who come to our service.

As ever we are grateful to our staff Billy and Hamid and all our volunteers without whom we could not manage all we do. We are always pleased when new volunteers offer their help, if you are reading this and want to come and see what we do, please contact us.

We thank those who have provided funding for our work, funding bodies and individuals.

I have been reflecting on the activities we do such as English conversation, giving out donations, providing space for listening to music, giving drinks and food and working closely with other organisations such as the Red Cross and Mears Housing to sign post people to the help they need , many of these activities are about offering practical help. However I think that underpinning all we do are our core values, welcoming people who may not have been made welcome by others, accepting people when they may have faced hostility, being prepared to listen without judgement when people feel they do not have a voice and providing a safe place for fun or for understanding when things are difficult, stressful or sad. What a privilege it is to spend time with so many from other countries, cultures and experiences.

I trust that during the next year we will stay true to our values, explore new opportunities and continue to be there for those who come through our doors.

Thank you for your continued support of MAP.

Heather Dipple

Chair of MAP Trustees

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MAP Project Manager Report

MAP continues to be busy, and our core activities are still working well. Attendances at our events have generally been good. We have registered 194 new asylum seekers which mirrors the number of people dispersed to our area. Until recently much of the home office accommodation has been full, meaning fewer new asylum seekers presented for us to register.

As I write the situation has changed and the number of new people is rising again. There are several reasons for such changes, but they lay beyond our influence. These include the processing time of claims, the length of the move on period, now returned to 28 days from 56 (the period an asylum seeker must move from home office accommodation and become self-supporting and thus vacating a place) all of these affect the number of asylum seekers present and attending and those who need further help negotiating the process.

Given that we have many members who are still living in the area and attending our activities, the numbers you will find spread throughout the report, are still substantial. We also arrange annual events such as the Christmas party, Iftar meal, volunteer meal and summer trips out.

In summary I'm pleased to say that during 2024/2025 MAP has had another successful year registering many new people and retaining long standing members. Our events are well attended and we are in a healthy position to look for new activities to add to the weekly itinerary. Next year we will be reporting on a rationalisation of our premises when we move permanently out of Avenue Church and consolidate our work into the Middlesbrough Methodist Hub in Linthorpe Road Church.

I give my profound thanks to all who help our work prosper and especially to Hamid who has laboured so hard to maintain things particularly during my enforced periods of sick leave in a personally difficult year.

Billy Barnes

MAP Project Manager

The following pages tell the story of of what has happened during the year in more detail.

Middlesbrough College - Tuesday.

MAP has developed a good working relationship with Middlesbrough college who host us every Tuesday 11.30am-1.00pm. The college has given us an opportunity to meet with many of our service users between lessons. We sit in the canteen area, meeting people as they take their lunch break. People know we are there and available for a chat or to answer any questions they may have. We also meet new people who may be unaware of our service. Requests for a little guidance and advice on a range of issues affecting asylum seekers and refugees is encouraging but often we just touch base with students and have a nice chat about how they are, their day and plans going forward.

Avenue Church Clothing and drop-in - Wednesday morning.

We have continued to support people with household goods and clothing throughout the year. Attendances have fluctuated but overall numbers are good with 1743 people visiting the premises over the year.

We are frequently joined by Mears (home office housing contractors) who can deal quickly with any urgent issues people may have.

The most important issue we have faced during the year is the impending transfer of the Avenue building to new owners. MAP has chosen to relocate to the Middlesbrough Methodist Hub, the planning for which is

now underway and will be achieved by the time this report is published. We look forward to the new opportunities which this will bring.

However, this is a big change for everyone, and leaving the Avenue Church after so many years of service will be a wrench. Heartfelt thanks go to the past Trustees of the Church and all who have volunteered over the years and to those who will continue to do so after the move.

Items distributed over the time period covered by this report include 1396 items of clothing, 3046 household items, 405 toiletry items.

We will be running down stocks to reduce the amounts we have to transfer to the new premises. However MAP still needs the generous contributions so many of you make in terms of clothing and household goods, but sadly, we cannot take appliances.

Redcar English and drop-in - Wednesday afternoon.

The year in Redcar English and drop in has shown steady incremental growth at the Baptist Church. Current attendance has been 659 in the past Year. We have hired an extra room to accommodate the rise in learners. There is a lively mix of service users with very different levels of language ability and really committed volunteers to enable all of them to study and practice English. They also have a lot of fun in their groups, which are noisy for all the right reasons. We are joined each week by the Mears managers and Arash from Open Door, between us we can help with many issues that our service users may have. Omar our Police Community Support Officer also calls in regularly.

Welcome Hub - Thursday

Thursday at the Middlesbrough Methodist Hub is a delightfully busy day, with 1101 attending over the year and remains very popular.

The music café is very informal and light-hearted. We have a safe space for socialising and meeting others and a chance to seek guidance and advice if needed. We are very grateful to Rachel from British Red Cross who can help people with complex problems. When the café finishes at 12.30 the women's craft group begins without men present. This has become a creative fellowship where women can attend with children if necessary and find friendship and connection.

While the craft group is happening Hamid has a regular Barber service running in the Kitchen, this is an extension of our work and helps those for whom visiting a barber is expensive.

Finally, and running Parallel with the above activities our language volunteer Janice takes a small but keen IELTS class (International English Language Testing System).

'Come and Chat' English followed by communal meal. - Friday

Over the course of the year attendances have oscillated between busy and quieter. Sometimes Middlesbrough college has lessons on a Friday, holidays can be problematic for those with families and events at other charities occasionally happen on Fridays. We are however still hosting 1274 visits from language learners over a 12 month period, who greatly benefit from learning English and the fellowship they find whilst learning.

We end with our communal meal at 11.30 and as ever we are grateful to Bob and Belle who put so much care into providing for us.

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Special and annual events.

Xmas Party

We had a wonderful Christmas party in early December 2024 with all the usual elements. Carols and Christmas songs, presents, Santa and a lovely meal prepared as ever by Bob and Belle. Families and singles enjoyed a relaxed afternoon ate well and some were able to take bags of food away for later. As always, the atmosphere was warm and convivial as everybody embraced the Christmas spirit. Many thanks go to the volunteers who work very hard before and especially, unseen, clearing up after. Though tiring for those giving their service it is always rewarding.

Iftar

On 13th of March, we held our Iftar party at the Middlesbrough Methodist Hub, in the Wesley suite. For those unaware Iftar is the daily breaking of the fast for Muslims during the holy month of Ramadan. Muslims must fast during the hours of daylight but can eat during the hours of darkness. Our meal therefore began at sunset. We have many Muslim members of course but the meal is not restricted to those who follow Islam and it was good to support our Muslim members in this gathering, many of whom being single, may have to fast alone for much of the season.

Volunteers Christmas Meal

On the evening of December 16th, we had our 2024 volunteers Christmas meal at the Persian cottage restaurant by popular request this has become our favourite place for such events. The food is excellent the atmosphere very conducive and portions large. We returned for our summer meal on August 12th, 2025. Both events were well attended and a good time had by all.

Trip to Danby

This year MAP was able to take 2 summer trips. The first of these was to Danby and the North York Moors centre in late July it was the largest trip we have taken with 109 people attending. The weather was good and the day relaxing. Our service users had many opportunities for recreation, out of town in fresh air and sunshine. The coaches had a lot of happy people to take home.

Trip to Redcar

On the 18th of August we took a second trip this time to Redcar. We were very kindly hosted by Zetland Park Methodist Church who allowed us to use their hall as a base. Though the weather was occasionally inclement our base meant that volunteers were able to have indoor activities and receive refreshments. We took 75 people many of whom braved the weather and had a good time on the beach or in the parks.

A group of Kurdish families brought a ghetto blaster and danced to the beach to lively Kurdish music. Children did what they always do and enjoyed digging in the sand. Lunch was taken in the church hall with many different cuisines present and sampled, all delicious.

We are very grateful to our volunteers who made the day work so well and to Zetland Park Church for their kind welcome and excellent facilities.

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Funders and Supporters

We were delighted to confirm that we will be receiving a 3 year grant from The Mercers' Charitable Foundation (a registered charity of which the Mercers 'Company is Trustee)

Funding has been awarded by the Postcode Neighbourhood Trust and raised by players of People's Postcode Lottery to be spent over the next 12 months

The Methodist Church (Darlington District) is continuing its generous multi year support of the Charity in the form of an annual grant until 2026.

We continue to express our grateful thanks on behalf of our service users to all those who support us with grants and donations and particularly to our major supporter this year.

- The Methodist Church (Darlington District)
- The Mercers' Charitable Foundation
- Funding awarded by Postcode Neighbourhood Trust and raised by players of People's Postcode Lottery.
- Pope St. John Paul II Fund - Middlesbrough Diocesan Trust

In no particular order we would like to say thank you to all those other individuals and organisations which have supported us financially or by delivering activities and services in collaboration with MAP Middlesbrough and in particular:

Bob & Belle Singh

Rose Hardman - Freelance Fundraiser

Coatham Coaches

Peter Hinton Design

British Red Cross

Open Door NE

Justice First

Redcar Baptist Church

Methodist Churches in the Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit

Mears

North East Migration Partnership

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT
METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
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IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR TO 31ST AUGUST 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2024 which are set out on pages 11 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and independent examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Regulators. This examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the MAP Treasurer and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

   have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Dated: 25th March 2026

J. E. Shield BA F.C.A
Leonard Bye Limited
Chartered Accountants
80 Borough Road
Middlesbrough
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

		2025 £ Restricted Funds	2025 £ Unrest'ed Funds	2025 £ Totals	2024 £ Totals
INCOMING RESOURCES	**Notes**				
Incoming resources from generating funds					
Voluntary Income	**2**	-	7,030	7,030	4,035
Activities for generating funds		-	-	-	-
Investment Income		-	-	-	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities	**3**	85,708	24,800	110,508	87,303
Other Income					
Total Incoming Resources		85,708	31,830	117,538	91,338
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities		45,024	59,046	104,070	102,407
Governance costs		6,080	-	6,080	5,089
Cost of Generating funds					
Total Resources Expended	**4**	51,104	59,046	110,150	107,496
NET INCOMING RESOURCES / **(RESOURCES EXPENDED) BEFORE TRANSFERS**	**5**	34,604	(27,216)	7,388	(16,158)
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS -					
Reclassification of funding		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		34,604	(27,216)	7,388	(16,158)
FUND BALANCES B/F		24,396	106,685	131,081	147,239
FUND BALANCES C/FORWARD		59,000	79,469	138,469	131,081

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets			-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		-		-	
Cash at Bank and in hand		139,819		132,431	
		139,819		132,431	
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	7	1,350		1,350	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			138,469		131,081
NET ASSETS			138,469		131,081
Financed by:					
ACCUMULATED FUNDS					
Restricted Funds					
Big Lottery		-		585	
Postcode Lottery		25,000		-	
Mercers		34,000		23,811	
			59,000		24,396
Unrestricted Funds			79,469		106,685
			138,469		131,081

Trustee: Brian Glover

Date: 23rd March 2026

METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
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NOTES TO THE 2025 ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 General information and basis of preparation

Methodist Asylum Project Middlesbrough was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 13th June 2016. The charity registration number is 1167625. The charity's principle address is Linthorpe Road Methodist Church & Resource Centre, 54 Borough Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2JH.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP 2019) and the Charities Act 2011. The format of the SOFA and balance sheet takes advantage of the small charity concessions set out in the SORP.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds arise when the company receives grants and other significant donations and the use of these funds may be restricted by the donor to a particular area of the company's work. A detailed record is maintained by the company of all transactions relating to income. Unexpended funds at the end of the year are shown separately on the Balance Sheet as restricted funds.

1.3 Income Recognition

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

1.4 Resources Expended

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2025 £	2024 £
Sale of Rags	62	928
Sundry Donations	4,221	2,047
Standing Orders	-	-
Misc Income	16	-
Just Giving	2,731	1,060
Gift Aid HMRC	-	-
	7,030	4,035

3. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES- GRANTS

	Restri-cted £	Unrest-ricted £	Total 2025 £	2024 £
Darlington District	-	20,000	20,000	20,000
Mercers	34,000	-	34,000	25,000
Big Lottery	26,708	-	26,708	40,062
Postcode Neighbourhood Lottery	25,000	-	25,000	-
Peoples Voice Media	-	-	-	2,241
Pope John Paul II Fund		4,800	4,800	-
	85,708	24,800	110,508	87,303

4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£
Staffing Costs:		
Project Manager Salary & Pension	38,410	35,523
Project Manager expenses	195	156
Assistant Manager Salary & Pension	32,766	30,253
Assistant Manager expenses	362	434
Mobile Phone Costs	213	359
Funding Advice Worker	-	-
Training	-	-
Volunteers expenses	-	729
Accommodation Costs:		
Avenue Room Rent	8,520	8,520
LRRC Room Rent	9,600	8,400
St Andrews Room Rent	-	-
Redcar Baptist Church Room Rent	2,058	2,171
Office Costs:		
Office Equipment & Servicing	2,856	2,307
Insurance	645	645
Telephone & Broadband	393	318
Miscellaneous expenses	400	242
Payroll expenses	100	100
Accountancy	1,126	1,093
Postage	-	24
Publicity materials	370	360
Microsoft subscriptions	190	-
Catering & Activities:		
Refreshments & Catering	1,071	2,923
Come & Chat Catering	6,033	5,037
Outings & Activities	4,842	1,862
Football Training	-	1,000
Meditation Sessions	-	2,740
Singing on Line	-	1,800
MAP Food Bank	-	500
	110,150	107,496

5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

This is stated after charging:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent Examiners Fees (including VAT)	1,126	1,093

6. PAID EMPLOYEES

Staff costs paid during the year were split:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	62,460	58,464
Employer's National Insurance costs	6,842	5,558
Pension costs	1,874	1,754
Total staff costs	71,176	65,776
Average number of full time equivalent employees	2	2

No member of the management committee received any remuneration in the year for services as a trustee.

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

7. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors and accruals	1,350	1,350
Grants received in advance	-	-
	1,350	1,350

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds	106,685	31,830	(59,046)	-	79,469
	106,685	31,830	(59,046)	-	79,469
Restricted Funds					
Big Lottery	585	26,708	(27,293)	-	-
Mercers	23,811	34,000	(23,811)	-	34,000
Postcode Lottery	-	25,000	-	-	25,000
Total Funds	131,081	117,538	(110,150)	-	138,469

9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

One related party transaction has been identified in the year totalling £370.00 for the design/production and printing of the annual report by a business owned by the Son of a Trustee. This work was done at an arms length basis.

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Annual Report 2023-2024

In Numbers

4,690
Annual footfall across all our sites

87
Nationalities

2
Staff

50
Languages

1,518
Come & Chat footfall at Linthorpe Road

£107.5k
MAP Expenditure

£91.3k
MAP Income

50
Volunteers

423
Drop-in footfall at Redcar site

313
New service users

1,135
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1,907
Clothing & Household goods footfall at the Avenue

3
MAP has 3 sites

100
Food support passes issues

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I should also mention that our chef Bob Singh won an award for Guru Nanak's kitchen, which takes food out across the area to those in need.

Christmas Party 2023

We had a roomful (150 asylum seekers) and many volunteers who joined to celebrate our Christmas party in December 2023. It was a bit of a squeeze, but we managed to have a great time, and all left well fed with presents from Santa and food to take home.

We had music and a 3-course meal thanks to Bob and Belle our fantastic chefs. There were many children and parents who all left smiling. Especially thanks to our volunteers its hard work and a long day but you made it work

Songfest at Stokesley

On 2 February 2024 MAP Joined with NEO in a choir at the opening of the Stokesley folk festival in Stokesley Methodist church. It was a lovely evening, and we were given a wonderful meal by the church.

Being well fed we enjoyed the performance and were received enthusiastically by the crowd. Thanks to David and Emily for leading us and to all who lent their voices.

Health Watch Event

We hosted an event with South Tees Health Watch on 29th of February 2024. This was a gathering of many groups in our sector to celebrate each other's work and to present that work to each other.

As well as networking and fact finding there was a lot of fun and fellowship and great food courtesy of Health Watch and our chefs Bob and Belle.

Iftar

In April 2024 we hosted an Iftar meal at MAP for our Muslim members and supporters.

We had over 50 people attend, and it was heartwarming to see people celebrate in fellowship with others. Iftar is the meal that breaks fast daily during Ramadan, and we wanted to reach out especially to those who may have been alone at this time.

Volunteers Meal

In June 2024 volunteers gathered at the Persian Cottage for a splendid meal given by MAP to celebrate our volunteers for all their gifts to us and to say thank you.

The photographic record shows just the starters and the room was so full we had to sit at the edge of the celebration; a wonderful night as volunteers who don't always meet were able to spend time together

Summer Trip

In August 2024 we were able to take a full coach to Preston Park Museum and grounds for a day in the sunshine and a visit to the museum.

Lots of children and parents joined the trip and we came home tired but with a coach full of smiles. So many of our folk were really fascinated by the history on display.

It was a wonderful day.

Looking Forward

We are now into year 2024/25 which is going well to date. A lot has happened since this report, but things remain on an upward curve, and it is very gratifying to see how the work of our volunteers, our members and supporters keeps growing and thriving.

My special thanks to Hamid without whose work, support and friendship, events could feel overwhelming. I cannot stress how much I appreciate his insights, input and endeavour.

The office is full of positivity with a light-hearted approach keeping progress smooth, even when things are tough.

My thanks also to the MAP trustees for their continuing wisdom, guidance and support behind the scenes, remember they too are volunteers. Thank you all for making MAP possible and giving me the very best of jobs.

Billy Barnes, Project Manager

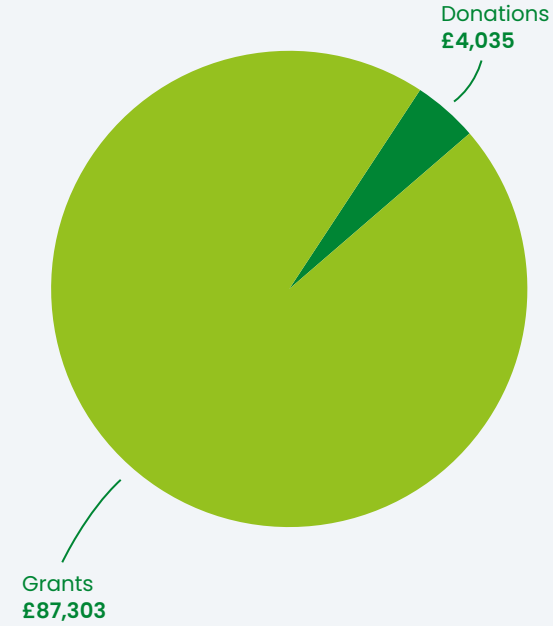
MAP Financial Summary

Initial Cash in Bank **£148,589** *(at 31/08/23)*
Total Cash in Bank **£132,431** *(at 31/08/23)*

The charts below give an indicative breakdown of these figures, whilst the Trustees Annual Report and detailed Annual Accounts will be published on our Website and the Charity Commission Website before the end of June 2025.

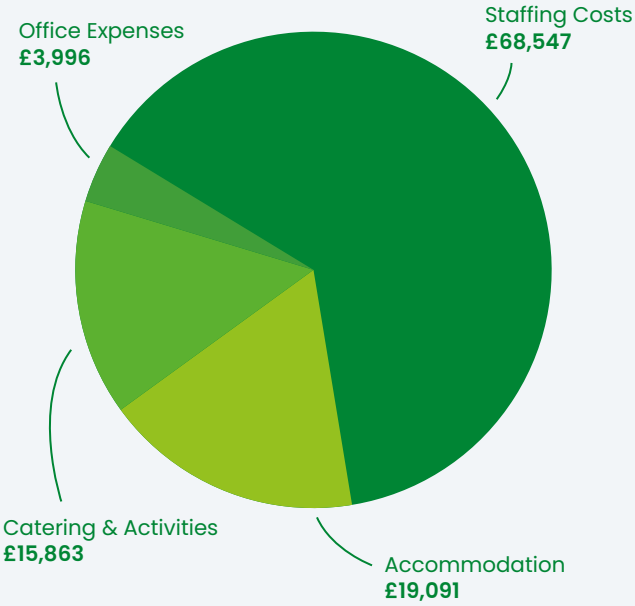
Total Income
£91,338

Including Grants, Donations, and Big Lottery Funding for the Ariadne Project



Total Expenditure
£107,496

Including Staffing costs, Accommodation, Office Expenses, and Catering & activities



Bankers:
Barclays Bank Plc

Accountants /Auditors:
Leonard Bye, Chartered Accountants

Our Team

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Heather Dipple

I am pleased to introduce myself as a volunteer, trustee and soon to be the Chairperson of MAP. My name is Heather Dipple. Myself and my husband David are relative newcomers to Redcar relocating from a village near Loughborough in the East Midlands 3 years ago to be nearer our eldest son, his wife and 2 children and of course to the sea. My other 2 sons live in Sandbach and Sheffield.

I worked as an NHS psychiatrist and clinical educator in Leicester for most of my working life having trained in Sheffield. I have been concerned about and interested in the welfare of asylum seekers and refugees for several years. I have had various voluntary roles . I worked with the New Evidence Search Team (NEST) which is part of Leicester City of Sanctuary. I was a volunteer in' the meet and greet' project of Loughborough Town of Sanctuary and became a trustee when we achieved charity status. After retiring from the NHS I volunteered with the Medical Justice charity preparing medicolegal psychiatric reports for people who have been detained in immigration detention centres.

My other trustee roles have included working for a mental health charity in Leicester who provide accommodation and support in Leicester for people recovering from severe mental health challenges and I have also had the privilege of being a trustee for Health Action Leicester for Ethiopia (HALE) which has a number of health partnership projects, including mental health, centred around Gondar, a city I have visited on many occasions.

I am pleased to have become involved in MAP activities. I have volunteered at the Redcar English conversation drop in for 2 years.

In my spare time I like to read, walk , sing , go to concerts and the theatre and spend time with our family.

I am looking forward to continued involvement with MAP.

Funders and Supporters

We were delighted to confirm that a grant from the The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington (a registered charity of which the Mercers' Company is trustee) has been approved for three years and is still available for a further year.

Also, the Ariadne Partnership (of which MAP is a part) has also been successful with a second 3 year bid to The National Lottery Community Fund ending in 2025.

The Methodist Church (Darlington District) has continued its generous support of the Charity for number of years.

Grants from the Woodsmith Foundation and the Postcode Neighbourhood Lottery have also continued into 2023/24.

These five grants have provided significant financial stability for MAP for the medium term.

However we continue to express our grateful thanks on behalf of our service users to all those who support us with grants and donations and particularly to our major funders this year:

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- Church Urban Fund / Meditatio Partnership
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THE MERCERS' COMPANY

Trustee to The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington

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- Bob & Belle Singh + Volunteers
- Rose Hardman - Freelance Fundraiser
- Escort Coaches
- Coatham Coaches
- Terry Doyle
- Emily Smith & David Pisaro
- The Thirsk Walking Group Heslington Church
- St James Church, Hamsterley
- Whorlton PCC
- Bossall PCC
- Peter Hinton Design
- British Red Cross
- Open Door NE
- Justice First
- Redcar Baptist Church
- Methodist Churches in the Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit
- Mears
- North East Migration Partnership
- Peoples Voice Media

Get In Touch

If you would like to know more about MAP or its work please just get in touch.

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About MAP

MAP became a registered charity in 2009, and converted to CIO status in 2016.

We have 2 full time members of staff and around 50 volunteers from a wide variety of backgrounds.

METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
MIDDLESBROUGH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

LEONARD BYE
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
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TRUSTEES REPORT
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Methodist Asylum Project : Middlesbrough

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name: Methodist Asylum Project: Middlesbrough

Registered Charity Number: 1167625

Charity's Principal Address:

MIDDLESBROUGH METHODIST HUB
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The Methodist Asylum Project, Middlesbrough (M.A.P) was initially established as Avenue Refugee Project in 2002. In 2005 it became a project of the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit and in 2009 it became M.A.P. Middlesbrough and adopted its own constitution, and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. In 2016 it became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The Trustees of the Charity meet regularly, at least 4 times each year. The Charity employs a full-time Project Manager, and a full-time Assistant Manager. They deliver the work of the Charity, supported by a team of about 70 volunteers

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Methodist Asylum Project and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993.

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Risk Management

The Risk Management arrangements of the Charity are identified in the MAP Risk Register and are divided into 4 main risk groups, namely Governance, Operational, Financial and External Risks.

The key risks considered include:

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- Financial Loss, which is addressed through appropriate financial controls and procedures.

- Uncertainty over obtaining sufficient Donations and Grants for continuation of the Charity. Bids for two significant 3 year grants were successful at the end of the 2021/22 financial year which ensured stability into the medium term.

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Sources of funds

Funds are obtained through donations and submitting applications to grant-making Trusts and Foundations.

Reserves Policy
It is the current policy of the Trustees to maintain a basic balance in the reserve of £50,000. ie approximately six months running costs.

Related Party Transactions

Charities preparing accrual (SORP) accounts must disclose:

- trustees 'remuneration and benefits
- trustees 'expenses
- transactions with those persons and entities that are closely connected to the charity or its trustees, referred to as related parties

There has been one transaction of £360 for the design/production/printing of the annual report in the 2023/24 financial year.This was undertaken by a business owned by an individual who is the son of a trustee.

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OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Charitable objects:

The Charity's objects are:-

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Our Aims:

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

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Special Events:

November BME awards
In November 2023 MAP was nominated in the Community organisation section for a BME award. We were invited to the ceremonies at the Kirkleatham walled garden. As well as being treated to a fine meal we listened to and met some really inspiring people who work in our field and make a difference in Teesside. We were delighted to be awarded a runner up certificate.
I should also mention that our chef Bob Singh won an award for Guru Nanak's kitchen, which takes food out across the area to those in need.

Christmas Party 2023
We had a roomful (150 asylum seekers) and many volunteers who joined to celebrate our Christmas party in December 2023. It was a bit of a squeeze, but we managed to have a great time, and all left well fed with presents from Santa and food to take home. We had music and a 3-course meal thanks to Bob and Belle our fantastic chefs. There were many children and parents who all left smiling. Especially thanks to our volunteers its hard work and a long day but you made it work.

Songfest at Stokesley
On 2 February 2024 MAP Joined with NEO in a choir at the opening of the Stokesley folk festival in Stokesley Methodist church. It was a lovely evening, and we were given a wonderful meal by the church. Being well fed we enjoyed the performance and were received enthusiastically by the crowd. Thanks to David and Emily for leading us and to all who lent their voices.

Health watch event
We hosted an event with South Tees health watch on 29th of February 2024 this was a gathering of many groups in our sector to celebrate each other's work and to present that work to each other. As well as networking and fact finding there was a lot of fun and fellowship and great food courtesy of Health watch and our chefs Bob and Belle.

Iftar
In April 2024 we hosted an Iftar meal at MAP for our Muslim members and supporters. We had over 50 people attend, and it was heartwarming to see people celebrate in fellowship with others. Iftar is the meal that breaks fast daily during Ramadan, and we wanted to reach out especially to those who may have been alone at this time.

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Volunteers Meal
In June 2024 volunteers gathered at the Persian Cottage for a splendid meal given by MAP to celebrate our volunteers for all their gifts to us and to say thank you. The photographic record shows just the starters and the room was so full we had to sit the edge of the celebration; a wonderful night as volunteers who don't always meet were able to spend time together.

Summer trip
In August 2024 we were able to take a full coach to Preston Park Museum and grounds for a full day in the sunshine and a visit to the museum. Lots of children and parents joined the trip and we came home tired but with a coach full of smiles. So many of our folk were really fascinated by the history on display …… it was a wonderful day.

Looking Forward
We are now into year 2024/25 which is going well to date a lot has happened since this report, but things remain on an upward curve, and it is very gratifying to see how the work of our volunteers, our members and supporters keeps growing and thriving.

My special thanks to Hamid without whose work, support and friendship, events could feel overwhelming. I cannot stress how much I appreciate his insights, input and endeavour. The office is full of positivity with a light-hearted approach keeping progress smooth, even when things are tough.

My thanks also to the MAP trustees for their continuing wisdom, guidance and support behind the scenes, remember they too are volunteers. Thank you all for making MAP possible and giving me the very best of jobs.

Billy Barnes
Project Manager

Funders and Supporters
We were delighted to confirm that a grant from the The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington (a registered charity of which the Mercers' Company is trustee) has been approved for three years and is still available for a further year.
Also, the Ariadne Partnership (of which MAP is a part) has also been successful with a second 3 year bid to The National Lottery Community Fund ending in 2025.
The Methodist Church (Darlington District) has continued its generous support of the Charity for number of years.
Grants from the Woodsmith Foundation and the Postcode Neighbourhood Lottery have also continued into 2023/24.
These five grants have provided significant financial stability for MAP for the medium term.
However we continue to express our grateful thanks on behalf of our service users to all those who support us with grants and donations and particularly to our major funders this year:

The Methodist Church (Darlington District)
The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington
Big Lottery Fund - Ariadne Project
Church Urban Fund / Meditatio Partnership
Woodsmith Foundation
Postcode Neighbourhood Lottery

Thank you to all those other individuals and organisations which have supported us financially or delivering activities and services in collaboration with MAP Middlesbrough and in particular:

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Bob & Belle Singh + Volunteers

Rose Hardman - Freelance Fundraiser

Escort Coaches

Coatham Coaches

Terry Doyle

Emily Smith & David Pisaro

The Thirsk Walking Group Heslington Church

St James Church, Hamsterley

Whorlton PCC

Bossall PCC

Peter Hinton Design

British Red Cross

Open Door NE

Justice First

Redcar Baptist Church

Methodist Churches in the Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit

Mears

North East Migration Partnership

Peoples Voice Media

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT
METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
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IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR TO 31ST AUGUST 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2024 which are set out on pages 11 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and independent examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Regulators. This examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the MAP Treasurer and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

   have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

J. Shield

Dated: 18/02/2025

J. E. Shield BA F.C.A
Leonard Bye Limited
Chartered Accountants
80 Borough Road
Middlesbrough
TS1 2JN

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

		2024 £ Restricted Funds	2024 £ Unrest'ed Funds	2024 £ Totals	2023 £ Totals
INCOMING RESOURCES	**Notes**				
Incoming resources from generating funds					
Voluntary Income	**2**	-	4,035	4,035	9,962
Activities for generating funds		-	-	-	-
Investment Income		-	-	-	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities	**3**	65,062	22,241	87,303	147,919
Other Income					
Total Incoming Resources		65,062	26,276	91,338	157,881
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities		74,976	27,431	102,407	83,843
Governance costs		5,089	-	5,089	9,845
Cost of Generating funds					
Total Resources Expended	**4**	80,065	27,431	107,496	93,688
NET INCOMING RESOURCES / **(RESOURCES EXPENDED) BEFORE TRANSFERS**	**5**	(15,003)	(1,155)	(16,158)	64,193
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS -					
Reclassification of funding		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(15,003)	(1,155)	(16,158)	64,193
FUND BALANCES B/F		39,399	107,840	147,239	83,046
FUND BALANCES C/FORWARD		24,396	106,685	131,081	147,239

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	202 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets			-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		-		-	
Cash at Bank and in hand		132,431		148,589	
		132,431		148,589	
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	7	1,350		1,350	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			131,081		147,239
NET ASSETS			131,081		147,239
Financed by:					
ACCUMULATED FUNDS					
Restricted Funds					
Church Urban Fund		-		920	
R&CBC		-		142	
Big Lottery		585		5,572	
Woodsmith		-		3,737	
Postcode Lottery		-		4,028	
Mercers		23,811		25,000	
			24,396		39,399
Unrestricted Funds			106,685		107,840
			131,081		147,239

Trustee: Brian Glover
Brian Glover (Feb 18, 2025 13:47 GMT)

Brian Glover

Date:

18/02/2025

METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
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NOTES TO THE 2024 ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 General information and basis of preparation

Methodist Asylum Project Middlesbrough was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 13th June 2016. The charity registration number is 1167625. The charity's principle address is Linthorpe Road Methodist Church & Resource Centre, 54 Borough Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2JH.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP 2019) and the Charities Act 2011. The format of the SOFA and balance sheet takes advantage of the small charity concessions set out in the SORP.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds arise when the company receives grants and other significant donations and the use of these funds may be restricted by the donor to a particular area of the company's work. A detailed record is maintained by the company of all transactions relating to income. Unexpended funds at the end of the year are shown separately on the Balance Sheet as restricted funds.

1.3 Income Recognition

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

1.4 Resources Expended

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2024 £	2023 £
Sale of Rags	928	1,450
Sundry Donations	2,047	1,511
Standing Orders	-	2,010
Misc Income	-	21
Just Giving	1,060	3,141
Gift Aid HMRC	-	1,829
	4,035	9,962

3. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES- GRANTS

	Restri-cted £	Unrest-ricted £	Total 2024 £	2023 £
Darlington District	-	20,000	20,000	20,000
Mercers	25,000	-	25,000	54,000
Big Lottery	40,062	-	40,062	53,417
Postcode Neighbourhood Lottery	-	-	-	12,600
Redcar Hydrogen Trust	-	-	-	1,000
Woodsmith Foundation	-	-	-	4,902
Peoples Voice Media	-	2,241	2,241	2,000
	65,062	22,241	87,303	147,919

4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Staffing Costs:		
Project Manager Salary & Pension	35,523	32,888
Project Manager expenses	156	525
Assistant Manager Salary & Pension	30,253	14,467
Ariadne Coordinator expenses	434	-
Mobile Phone Costs	359	209
Funding Advice Worker	-	263
Training	-	229
Volunteers expenses	729	-
Accommodation Costs:		
Avenue Room Rent	8,520	8,520
LRRC Room Rent	8,400	8,400
St Andrews Room Rent	-	50
Redcar Baptist Church Room Rent	2,171	2,100
Office Costs:		
Office Equipment & Servicing	2,307	2,850
Insurance	645	645
Telephone & Broadband	318	4,745
Miscellaneous expenses	242	530
Payroll expenses	100	100
Accountancy	1,093	976
Postage	24	-
Publicity materials	360	-
Catering & Activities:		
Refreshments & Catering	2,923	733
Come & Chat Catering	5,037	5,049
Outings & Activities	1,862	959
Football Training	1,000	3,650
Bike Maintenance	-	10
Meditation Sessions	2,740	1,960
Singing on Line	1,800	3,600
MAP Food Bank	500	-
Photography Fund- MBC	-	230
	107,496	93,688

5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

This is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent Examiners Fees (including VAT)	1,093	976

6. PAID EMPLOYEES

Staff costs paid during the year were split:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	58,464	42,655
Employer's National Insurance costs	5,558	3,420
Pension costs	1,754	1,280
Total staff costs	65,776	47,355
Average number of full time equivalent employees	2	2

No member of the management committee received any remuneration in the year for services as a trustee.

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

7. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors and accruals	1,350	1,350
Grants received in advance	-	-
	1,350	1,350

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

One related party transaction has been identified in the year totalling £360.00 for the design/production and printing of the annual report by a business owned by the Son of a Trustee. This work was done at an arms length basis.

2025.02.18 MAP Final accounts yr to 31.08.24

Final Audit Report 2025-02-18

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TRUSTEES REPORT
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Methodist Asylum Project : Middlesbrough

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name: Methodist Asylum Project: Middlesbrough

Registered Charity Number: 1167625

Charity's Principal Address:

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54 BOROUGH ROAD
MIDDLESBROUGH
TS1 2JH

Tel: 07970192841
Email: mapmbro@gmail.com
Website: https://mapmiddlesbrough.org.uk

Bankers:

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Octagon House,
Gadbrook Park,
Northwich,
Cheshire,
CW9 7RB

Accountants / Independent Examiners:

Leonard Bye,
Chartered Accountants,
80 Borough Road,
Middlebrough,
TS1 2JN

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The Methodist Asylum Project, Middlesbrough (M.A.P) was initially established as Avenue Refugee Project in 2002. In 2005 it became a project of the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit and in 2009 it became M.A.P. Middlesbrough and adopted its own constitution, and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. In 2016 it became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The Trustees of the Charity meet regularly, at least 4 times each year. The Charity employs a full-time Project Manager, and a full-time Assistant Manager. They deliver the work of the Charity, supported by a team of about 70 volunteers

The Trustees Annual Report, the detailed Annual Accounts and the Independent Examiners Report will be published on our Website and the Charity Commissions Website before the end of June 2025. An illustrated version of the Annual Report and a financial summary will also be available earlier in 2025.

The Members of the Board of Trustees at 31st August 2024 are:

Mrs Pat Martin - Chair
Mr John Hinton - Secretary
Mr Brian Glover - Treasurer
Rev David Godfrey
Mr John Hinman
Mrs Frances Plane (11Sept 2023)
Mrs Heather Dipple (11 Sept 2023)

Observers:

Mr Billy Barnes - Project Manager
Mr Hamid Yazdanfar - Assistant Project Manager

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Methodist Asylum Project and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993.

They are also responsible for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Risk Management

The Risk Management arrangements of the Charity are identified in the MAP Risk Register and are divided into 4 main risk groups, namely Governance, Operational, Financial and External Risks.

The key risks considered include:

- Risks associated with working with potentially vulnerable people. This is addressed by the Charities 'Safeguarding' Policy.

- Financial Loss, which is addressed through appropriate financial controls and procedures.

- Uncertainty over obtaining sufficient Donations and Grants for continuation of the Charity. Bids for two significant 3 year grants were successful at the end of the 2021/22 financial year which ensured stability into the medium term.

- Changes in Government policy regarding dispersal of asylum seekers and refugees to Middlesbrough. The Project Manager keeps abreast of changes in policy and their implications for the work of the Charity.

Sources of funds

Funds are obtained through donations and submitting applications to grant-making Trusts and Foundations.

Reserves Policy
It is the current policy of the Trustees to maintain a basic balance in the reserve of £50,000. ie approximately six months running costs.

Related Party Transactions

Charities preparing accrual (SORP) accounts must disclose:

- trustees 'remuneration and benefits
- trustees 'expenses
- transactions with those persons and entities that are closely connected to the charity or its trustees, referred to as related parties

There has been one transaction of £360 for the design/production/printing of the annual report in the 2023/24 financial year.This was undertaken by a business owned by an individual who is the son of a trustee.

The Methodist Asylum Project, Middlesbrough maintains close links with the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit (Registered charity no: 1133911) although it has its own board of trustees and is financially independent of the Methodist Circuit.

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Charitable objects:

The Charity's objects are:-

To promote for the benefit of those seeking asylum and those granted refugee status and their dependents by:
a) The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life;
b) The advancement of education and training including advancing them in life and assisting them to adapt within a new community;
c) The relief of sickness and the preservation and protection of their physical and mental health;
d) The relief of financial hardship

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Our Aims:

MAP Middlesbrough offers practical support and social opportunities to those seeking asylum and to refugees in the Middlesbrough and Redcar area. We have been working with asylum-seekers and refugees locally since 2002.

We aim to create welcoming spaces, where there is an instant sense of community. MAP developed out of a project of the Middlesbrough and Eston Circuit of the Methodist Church, and first registered as a charity in 2009.

We offer a varied programme of services including 2nd hand clothing and household goods distribution, a regular weekly activities programme, and one-off classes, collaborations, outings and activities, which are often delivered in partnership with others.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

Chair's Report:

Welcome to our Annual Report for 2023-2024

It has been another very busy year for all involved in MAP as we continue to offer our drop-in services in the Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland areas. New asylum seekers continue to be dispersed to our area including more families and we work hard to clothe the children and provide toys and games to help them settle in their new surroundings.

Many of our asylum seekers attend Middlesbrough College to take certificated courses. Their learning began with our dedicated volunteers at Come & Chat and it is so good to see them progress further and this confidence and knowledge will help them in their search for employment when they receive their leave to remain.

Our staff, Billy and Hamid are always available to help them find their way around the area and cope with their problems or signpost them to our appropriate partners.

Our activities, which you will hear more about later in the report, could not continue without our team of volunteers who willingly give so much of their time to help fill those empty days and continue to build a caring community.

The Board have met regularly to discuss the finance and funding opportunities and agree on any new activities. Our new Trustees, Fran and Heather have settled in well and have brought fresh ideas to the Board . They both did sterling work at the Christmas party dressing the numerous children ready for the nativity.

This is my last welcome to the Annual Report as Chair of Trustees as I am retiring after twelve years but I am delighted to say that Heather has agreed to take on this role.

I hope you enjoy reading about the work of MAP over the past year and if you feel able to volunteer or help in any other way please contact us for further information.

Thank you for your continued support of MAP.

Pat Martin

Chair of Trustees

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MAP Project Managers Report 2023-2024

Though the year has not been without its challenges and dramas it has nonetheless been another successful one for MAP, our volunteers and service users. The riots in the summer appalled us all and distressed many MAP members and friends. We were able to give them some forewarning and guidance but MAP still had to close briefly for safety reasons. However, we reopened just a week later because our support was so important during that dark time.

The other big challenge of the year was the proposed Rwanda scheme, which caused a lot of distress among our asylum seekers. Particularly when news became current that people were being detained when reporting. We were able to help, assist and reassure and thankfully none of our people were affected.

Despite all the challenges it's been a great year. Our numbers are growing which means more people are being helped to feel comfortable and welcome in Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland.

We have registered 313 new MAP service users in the past reporting year, and of course many of those signed up in recent years are still with us and keeping us happily busy.

Service users are given orientation and a welcome pack with key information when they register, and we have plans to improve this process by including walks about the area to accompany the information.

I'll go over each of our key activities in the report below to show you what we've been up to and how we've been doing throughout the year.

The Avenue Church "Drop in"

The Avenue "Drop In" is always a lively place thanks to the hard work of our amazing volunteers. We have a good attendance most weeks serving the practical needs of asylum seekers by providing clothing and household goods. While MAP's provision is welcomed and vital, the avenue also represents an opportunity for socialising and accessing important information to enable and support people on their journey.

The things we can give are really helpful and much appreciated by service users. However, we rely on the kindness of our donors, so we welcome continuing donations and encourage you to please think of us when you need to dispose of pre-loved clothing, bedding or household goods. We can no longer unfortunately accept furniture as we don't have the storage space and we are unable receive electrical goods as portable appliance testing requirements are too expensive.

The number of household goods (2,184 items) and bags of clothing (1,530 bags) distributed this year is very encouraging, highlighting the importance of our practical provision for service users and the need that exists.

We know we have a team of dedicated volunteers who operate as a well oiled machine but we're always on the lookout for more helpers. So, if you feel inspired to help, please get in touch. It's great fun and very rewarding.

We really appreciate all our volunteers. One difficulty though is that our asylum seeker helpers are affected by college attendance and then when granted "leave to remain" often leave the area. This means that we can be suddenly short of help at some of our events. This is just the way that the system works ….. but it is a problem sometimes and can increase the workload for those who remain.

On the bright side, we have a lovely atmosphere at the Avenue with families and singles mixing and helping each other. We strive to do our best as a team, and I believe we do achieve this.

Thanks, are also extended to the Mears housing managers whose presence at the Avenue provides help and guidance to asylum seekers, meaning urgent issues can be attended to quickly and appropriately.

Interactions in the past year (September to August) were considerably higher than 2022/23. We had in total 1,907 interactions against 1,281 in the previous year, with attenders from 58 different countries.

MAP has also provided fifty memberships of the Middlesbrough community shop (based at St Barnabas Church) to enable affordable shopping for our members.

Come & Chat English & Meal

Numbers are slightly up for language attendance and Friday meal sessions 1,518 interactions in 2023-24 compared to 1,480 in 2022-23.

I think this number might have been higher if Middlesbrough College classes didn't clash with our MAP sessions. But we still recommend that our members attend the college. It's a sign of the success of our English sessions because they encourage service users to seek certified study at a higher level and build their confidence. Our relationship with the college keeps growing, and we meet many of our service users there during the week. MAP is at the college for two hours during term times on Tuesdays.

A large group of the college ESOL staff joined us for a Come & Chat session at the end of summer term and had very constructive discussions with our volunteers. Some staff then joined MAP sessions for the day. It was helpful to understand how we worked toward a common goal, with distinct differences, to benefit our service users.

Come & Chat has groups for all abilities, and we continually stress the importance of English to all our members as it encourages integration and gives them more freedom and control. Regular use of English is encouraged.

Our volunteers use all manner of creative ways to help people learn and practice English and classes are filled with laughter and a sense of joy. We end the sessions with a meal together prepared by our wonderful chefs Bob and Belle. Food and fellowship work well for MAP. It is often during conversation over the meal that an important issue arises which we may be able to help with. The informal setting makes it easy to share.

Thanks to all our Come & Chat volunteers for their time and service to our learners. We're looking forward to another great year!

Redcar Baptist Church English and "drop in"

Numbers are rising (423 interactions) at Redcar, gently but steadily for our regular Wednesday sessions. Redcar Baptist Church (our venue owners) now provide their own English classes on Thursdays, so it is encouraging that people still attend MAP on Wednesday as well as the church's class. Again, great thanks go to our volunteers without whom this work would not be possible.
As for all MAP events, we're always on the lookout for more volunteers at Redcar. All offers are welcome, please don't feel you have to have a teaching qualification. Willingness to assist, understanding and empathy are the most important skills required. Like all MAP events it's fun, rewarding and helps people on their journey in so many ways.
MAP Redcar is joined each week by Mears housing managers who provide and serve our members with guidance and help with housing problems and other matters that promote integration and wellbeing. Mears are also helpful for us in advising on sundry relevant issues.

The Baptist Church has a community shop and MAP has purchased memberships for up to 50 of our service users. It also has a café with great coffee and the atmosphere about the building is very warm and welcoming. Many of our members volunteer at the church throughout the week.

Thursday Welcome Hub

Thursday's welcome hub is developing well. (842 attendances compared to 480 in the previous reporting year). We have a music café with guitars and singing in a relaxed informal environment. Members can rest and meet with each other sharing quality social time and participating with songs if they so wish. British Red Cross are present most weeks to help and assist with complex problems. In the afternoon there is a women's group for crafting and conversation this is a real benefit for health and wellbeing. We have a barber's service in the afternoon for men and boys. IELTS English also takes place in the afternoon. Thursdays are very busy but rewarding. Our service users find the welcome hub a relaxing refuge, with fellowship and warmth. Along with the specialist help of BRC, MAP assistance is always available to those who need it.

Special Events:

November BME awards
In November 2023 MAP was nominated in the Community organisation section for a BME award. We were invited to the ceremonies at the Kirkleatham walled garden. As well as being treated to a fine meal we listened to and met some really inspiring people who work in our field and make a difference in Teesside. We were delighted to be awarded a runner up certificate.
I should also mention that our chef Bob Singh won an award for Guru Nanak's kitchen, which takes food out across the area to those in need.

Christmas Party 2023
We had a roomful (150 asylum seekers) and many volunteers who joined to celebrate our Christmas party in December 2023. It was a bit of a squeeze, but we managed to have a great time, and all left well fed with presents from Santa and food to take home. We had music and a 3-course meal thanks to Bob and Belle our fantastic chefs. There were many children and parents who all left smiling. Especially thanks to our volunteers its hard work and a long day but you made it work.

Songfest at Stokesley
On 2 February 2024 MAP Joined with NEO in a choir at the opening of the Stokesley folk festival in Stokesley Methodist church. It was a lovely evening, and we were given a wonderful meal by the church. Being well fed we enjoyed the performance and were received enthusiastically by the crowd. Thanks to David and Emily for leading us and to all who lent their voices.

Health watch event
We hosted an event with South Tees health watch on 29th of February 2024 this was a gathering of many groups in our sector to celebrate each other's work and to present that work to each other. As well as networking and fact finding there was a lot of fun and fellowship and great food courtesy of Health watch and our chefs Bob and Belle.

Iftar
In April 2024 we hosted an Iftar meal at MAP for our Muslim members and supporters. We had over 50 people attend, and it was heartwarming to see people celebrate in fellowship with others. Iftar is the meal that breaks fast daily during Ramadan, and we wanted to reach out especially to those who may have been alone at this time.

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Volunteers Meal
In June 2024 volunteers gathered at the Persian Cottage for a splendid meal given by MAP to celebrate our volunteers for all their gifts to us and to say thank you. The photographic record shows just the starters and the room was so full we had to sit the edge of the celebration; a wonderful night as volunteers who don't always meet were able to spend time together.

Summer trip
In August 2024 we were able to take a full coach to Preston Park Museum and grounds for a full day in the sunshine and a visit to the museum. Lots of children and parents joined the trip and we came home tired but with a coach full of smiles. So many of our folk were really fascinated by the history on display …… it was a wonderful day.

Looking Forward
We are now into year 2024/25 which is going well to date a lot has happened since this report, but things remain on an upward curve, and it is very gratifying to see how the work of our volunteers, our members and supporters keeps growing and thriving.

My special thanks to Hamid without whose work, support and friendship, events could feel overwhelming. I cannot stress how much I appreciate his insights, input and endeavour. The office is full of positivity with a light-hearted approach keeping progress smooth, even when things are tough.

My thanks also to the MAP trustees for their continuing wisdom, guidance and support behind the scenes, remember they too are volunteers. Thank you all for making MAP possible and giving me the very best of jobs.

Billy Barnes
Project Manager

Funders and Supporters
We were delighted to confirm that a grant from the The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington (a registered charity of which the Mercers' Company is trustee) has been approved for three years and is still available for a further year.
Also, the Ariadne Partnership (of which MAP is a part) has also been successful with a second 3 year bid to The National Lottery Community Fund ending in 2025.
The Methodist Church (Darlington District) has continued its generous support of the Charity for number of years.
Grants from the Woodsmith Foundation and the Postcode Neighbourhood Lottery have also continued into 2023/24.
These five grants have provided significant financial stability for MAP for the medium term.
However we continue to express our grateful thanks on behalf of our service users to all those who support us with grants and donations and particularly to our major funders this year:

The Methodist Church (Darlington District)
The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington
Big Lottery Fund - Ariadne Project
Church Urban Fund / Meditatio Partnership
Woodsmith Foundation
Postcode Neighbourhood Lottery

Thank you to all those other individuals and organisations which have supported us financially or delivering activities and services in collaboration with MAP Middlesbrough and in particular:

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Bob & Belle Singh + Volunteers

Rose Hardman - Freelance Fundraiser

Escort Coaches

Coatham Coaches

Terry Doyle

Emily Smith & David Pisaro

The Thirsk Walking Group Heslington Church

St James Church, Hamsterley

Whorlton PCC

Bossall PCC

Peter Hinton Design

British Red Cross

Open Door NE

Justice First

Redcar Baptist Church

Methodist Churches in the Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit

Mears

North East Migration Partnership

Peoples Voice Media

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT
METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
MIDDLESBROUGH
IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR TO 31ST AUGUST 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2024 which are set out on pages 11 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and independent examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Regulators. This examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the MAP Treasurer and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

   have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

J. Shield

Dated: 18/02/2025

J. E. Shield BA F.C.A
Leonard Bye Limited
Chartered Accountants
80 Borough Road
Middlesbrough
TS1 2JN

METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

		2024 £ Restricted Funds	2024 £ Unrest'ed Funds	2024 £ Totals	2023 £ Totals
INCOMING RESOURCES	**Notes**				
Incoming resources from generating funds					
Voluntary Income	**2**	-	4,035	4,035	9,962
Activities for generating funds		-	-	-	-
Investment Income		-	-	-	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities	**3**	65,062	22,241	87,303	147,919
Other Income					
Total Incoming Resources		65,062	26,276	91,338	157,881
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities		74,976	27,431	102,407	83,843
Governance costs		5,089	-	5,089	9,845
Cost of Generating funds					
Total Resources Expended	**4**	80,065	27,431	107,496	93,688
NET INCOMING RESOURCES / **(RESOURCES EXPENDED) BEFORE TRANSFERS**	**5**	(15,003)	(1,155)	(16,158)	64,193
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS -					
Reclassification of funding		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(15,003)	(1,155)	(16,158)	64,193
FUND BALANCES B/F		39,399	107,840	147,239	83,046
FUND BALANCES C/FORWARD		24,396	106,685	131,081	147,239

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	202 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets			-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		-		-	
Cash at Bank and in hand		132,431		148,589	
		132,431		148,589	
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	7	1,350		1,350	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			131,081		147,239
NET ASSETS			131,081		147,239
Financed by:					
ACCUMULATED FUNDS					
Restricted Funds					
Church Urban Fund		-		920	
R&CBC		-		142	
Big Lottery		585		5,572	
Woodsmith		-		3,737	
Postcode Lottery		-		4,028	
Mercers		23,811		25,000	
			24,396		39,399
Unrestricted Funds			106,685		107,840
			131,081		147,239

Trustee: Brian Glover
Brian Glover (Feb 18, 2025 13:47 GMT)

Brian Glover

Date:

18/02/2025

METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
MIDDLESBROUGH
NOTES TO THE 2024 ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 General information and basis of preparation

Methodist Asylum Project Middlesbrough was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 13th June 2016. The charity registration number is 1167625. The charity's principle address is Linthorpe Road Methodist Church & Resource Centre, 54 Borough Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2JH.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP 2019) and the Charities Act 2011. The format of the SOFA and balance sheet takes advantage of the small charity concessions set out in the SORP.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds arise when the company receives grants and other significant donations and the use of these funds may be restricted by the donor to a particular area of the company's work. A detailed record is maintained by the company of all transactions relating to income. Unexpended funds at the end of the year are shown separately on the Balance Sheet as restricted funds.

1.3 Income Recognition

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

1.4 Resources Expended

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2024 £	2023 £
Sale of Rags	928	1,450
Sundry Donations	2,047	1,511
Standing Orders	-	2,010
Misc Income	-	21
Just Giving	1,060	3,141
Gift Aid HMRC	-	1,829
	4,035	9,962

3. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES- GRANTS

	Restri-cted £	Unrest-ricted £	Total 2024 £	2023 £
Darlington District	-	20,000	20,000	20,000
Mercers	25,000	-	25,000	54,000
Big Lottery	40,062	-	40,062	53,417
Postcode Neighbourhood Lottery	-	-	-	12,600
Redcar Hydrogen Trust	-	-	-	1,000
Woodsmith Foundation	-	-	-	4,902
Peoples Voice Media	-	2,241	2,241	2,000
	65,062	22,241	87,303	147,919

4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Staffing Costs:		
Project Manager Salary & Pension	35,523	32,888
Project Manager expenses	156	525
Assistant Manager Salary & Pension	30,253	14,467
Ariadne Coordinator expenses	434	-
Mobile Phone Costs	359	209
Funding Advice Worker	-	263
Training	-	229
Volunteers expenses	729	-
Accommodation Costs:		
Avenue Room Rent	8,520	8,520
LRRC Room Rent	8,400	8,400
St Andrews Room Rent	-	50
Redcar Baptist Church Room Rent	2,171	2,100
Office Costs:		
Office Equipment & Servicing	2,307	2,850
Insurance	645	645
Telephone & Broadband	318	4,745
Miscellaneous expenses	242	530
Payroll expenses	100	100
Accountancy	1,093	976
Postage	24	-
Publicity materials	360	-
Catering & Activities:		
Refreshments & Catering	2,923	733
Come & Chat Catering	5,037	5,049
Outings & Activities	1,862	959
Football Training	1,000	3,650
Bike Maintenance	-	10
Meditation Sessions	2,740	1,960
Singing on Line	1,800	3,600
MAP Food Bank	500	-
Photography Fund- MBC	-	230
	107,496	93,688

5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

This is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent Examiners Fees (including VAT)	1,093	976

6. PAID EMPLOYEES

Staff costs paid during the year were split:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	58,464	42,655
Employer's National Insurance costs	5,558	3,420
Pension costs	1,754	1,280
Total staff costs	65,776	47,355
Average number of full time equivalent employees	2	2

No member of the management committee received any remuneration in the year for services as a trustee.

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

7. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors and accruals	1,350	1,350
Grants received in advance	-	-
	1,350	1,350

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

One related party transaction has been identified in the year totalling £360.00 for the design/production and printing of the annual report by a business owned by the Son of a Trustee. This work was done at an arms length basis.

2025.02.18 MAP Final accounts yr to 31.08.24

Final Audit Report 2025-02-18

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METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT MIDDLESBROUGH

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Accounts

Methodist Asylum Project

Middlesbrough

Annual Report 2022-2023

Welcome to our Annual Report for 2022-2023

Throughout the year asylum seekers have continued to be dispersed to Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland and through MAP we continue to offer a warm welcome, support with the various issues that they have to contend with, organise activities and offer clothing and household items.

Unfortunately we do no longer have a place to store furniture so are now unable to help those setting up home after receiving leave to remain. We can however, direct our clients to other sources of reasonably priced items.

Billy , our Project Manager, is now well settled into his role and is working hard to provide a safe and secure place for our service users to flourish. Hamid, our Assistant Project Manager, is now employed fulltime and is a tremendous support to Billy. As Hamid has been through the asylum process himself he can relate to our current service users and the many issues they have.

Week by week our dedicated volunteers ensure the activities run smoothly for our service users and we could not run MAP without their help. Sadly one of our long time volunteers Trish McCartney died suddenly in the Spring and is greatly missed by us all but especially the group who meet regularly for games on a Saturday afternoon.

Due to decreasing numbers, mainly due to our service users enrolling for college, our drop-in at Teesville has closed.

Our thanks go to all the volunteers who supported our service users in this area and for St Andrews Church for the use of their premises.

Reg Bellerby, a Trustee for 6 years felt it was time to retire and due to work commitments Ali Awad Ali Muhammad had to resign. We thank them both for their dedication to MAP and wish them both well for the future. We are in the process of appointing two new Trustees to join the Board and work towards overseeing the finances and governance of MAP.

Our work could not continue without the support of our funders and the hard work of Rose Hardman, our fund finder, identifying possible sources of income. Personal donations through our Just Giving page on the website is also greatly appreciated. Thanks also to the generosity of the people of Middlesbrough and surrounding area who continue to donate much needed goods for us to distribute to our grateful service users.

As you read the rest of the report you will see the variety of services and events we are able to provide and if you feel you could volunteer or help MAP in any other way please contact us for further information.
Thank you for your continued support of MAP.

Pat Martin
Chair of Trustees

MAP Project Managers Annual Report 2022-2023

It has been a busy year for MAP.

Hamid is now full time, which is a blessing for MAP. I greatly value his wisdom and skills and appreciate sharing the office and activities with him. He helps me see the lighter side of things even in difficult situations; and he even laughs at my jokes.

It would be remiss not to mention in the same breath Raha who works quietly behind the scenes of both of us but is an invaluable asset to MAP and gives so much in all she does.

Volunteers

Without our volunteers our work would be overwhelming, indeed impossible. We are deeply grateful for their ongoing gifts of time, patience and understanding.

We especially remember Trish who sadly passed away very suddenly; her work over many years is greatly appreciated. Thanks also go to those volunteers who have faithfully kept the Saturday games session going.

We have also welcomed some new volunteers many of whom are asylum seekers.

MAP is planning a volunteer's day in November to show our appreciation for all their service.

MAP is busy and lively, the current atmosphere during activities is warm and joyous.

Raha receiving a volunteer award

Getting ready for our annual day out. Hamid and Raha.

The Avenue church Drop In

Our clothing and household goods distribution continues weekly 10.00am-12.00 noon. In the period September 2022- August 2023, we have hosted 272 people at the Avenue and distributed 866 bags of clothing alongside considerable amounts of bedding and household goods.

We have had donations via MVDA of high-quality new goods throughout the year, these are gratefully received by our service users. We also thank Judith Ventress for her very generous regular donations of mother and baby materials particularly baby baskets fully kitted out.

We give thanks to all our generous doners. We are always in need of goods as demand remains great. We welcome the regular weekly presence of Mears (Home Office housing contractor) welfare officers Karen and Sandra, at the Avenue, who are providing an invaluable service and help in resolving some of the many issues that arise for service users. The 'shed' has been returned to the new owner of the adjacent property so we are no longer able to take furniture.

Football continues with Middlesbrough Football Foundation. Players are collected from the Avenue and MAP provides transport to the Herlingshaw centre during school term time. We are now running an internet café in the Avenue to help those who wish to browse but have limited phone data.

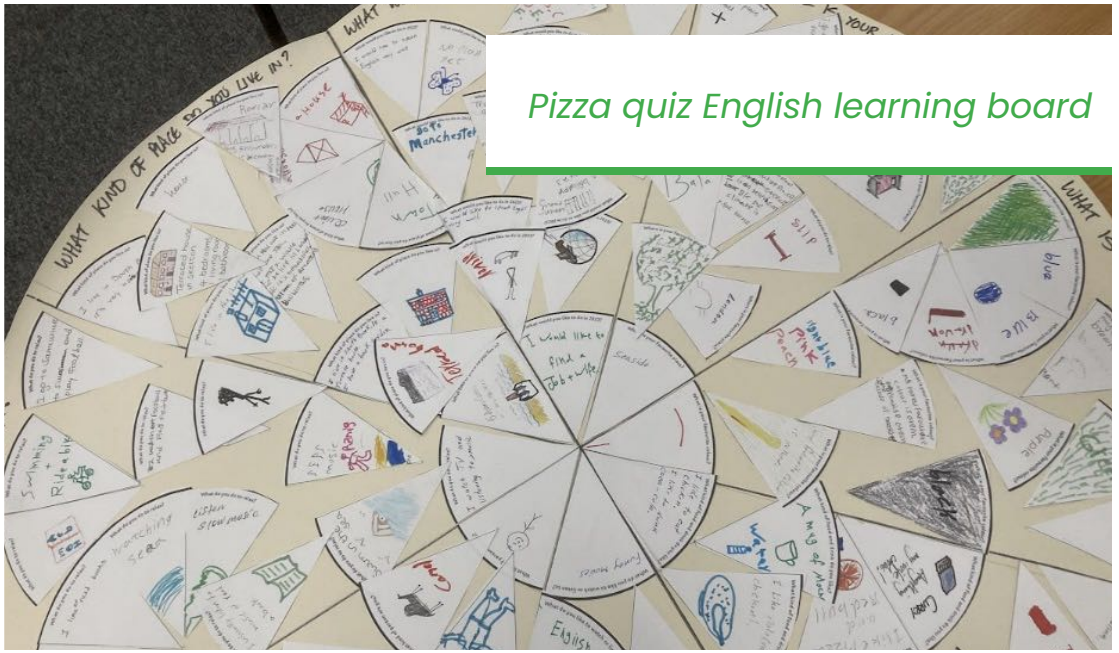
Distribution of new goods at the Avenue

Redcar Drop In & English

Redcar Drop In and English continues on Wednesday afternoons at Park Avenue Baptist Church Redcar. In the past year we have worked with 85 service users, numbers are a little lower at present due to members attending Middlesbrough college for more advanced English, which we see as a sign of success, representing empowerment and confidence gained in part by our efforts.

An internet café facility is now available, and members are also invited to help on the church allotment which they find helpful and relaxing.

Our partners Justice First now have a monthly presence. And we are regularly joined by Jess from Mears the area welfare manager.



Pizza quiz English learning board

Pizza English lesson with pizza.

Thursday Music Café Drop in & Welcome Hub

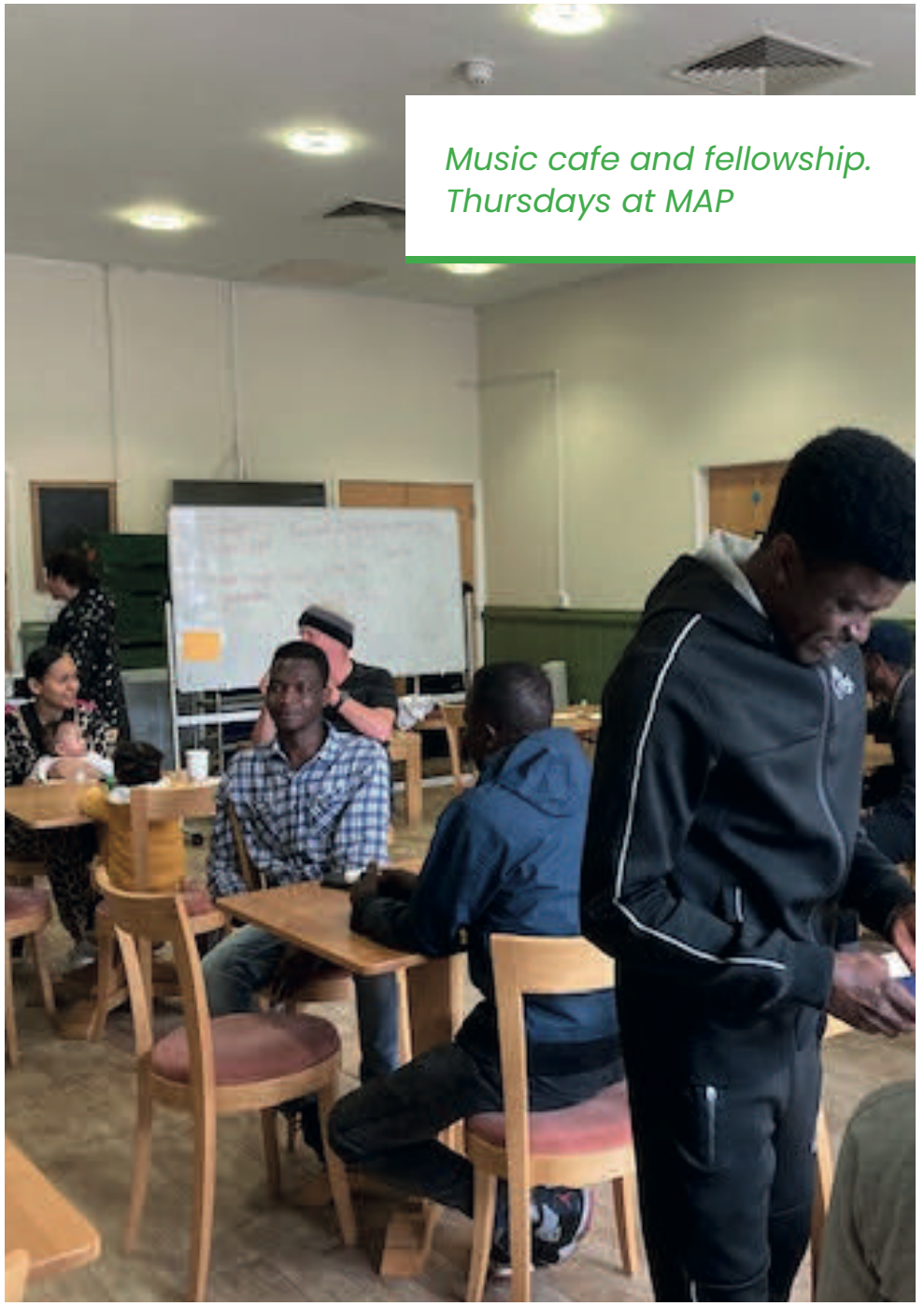
Has seen an increase in numbers over the summer and has a very lively atmosphere with each of its activities growing. We have worked with 190 people in the past year.

We now have a weekly Red Cross presence who help service users with complex needs. The internet café is operational here as well.

Terry Doyle continues meditation sessions and will be expanding his work from 15 September (Redcar) and 21 September (Middlesbrough) to include Tai Chi bodywork health and wellbeing activities including minibus trips out of town and walking.

Hamid is offering the barber service which is well used. IELTS lessons continue to be well attended and thanks go to Janice for all her hard work.

In our 2023-2024 period we hope to start a women's crafting group on Thursdays led by Elis one of our volunteers.



Music cafe and fellowship. Thursdays at MAP

Friday Come & Chat English

Friday Come and Chat English, there remains a lovely atmosphere, people are enjoying their fellowship and classes. Bob and Belle continue to provide a wholesome meal after the sessions. David and Emily lead a singing session from Noon which lifts the spirits for participants.

We had 231 people attend in the past year with a footfall of 1467.

We average 15 singers per session. We also have some new volunteers who are very committed. All friends and supporters are welcome to join us anytime.

Advanced class at Come and Chat.

Beginners English Come and Chat

Saturday Games at the Avenue

Saturday Games at the Avenue continue with a faithful group of volunteers and service users. Our thanks to both groups for their ongoing support and attendance.

Feelgood singing on Fridays.

Christmas Party 2022

On 10th December 2022 we had our Christmas party at Linthorpe Road. The turnout was incredible with a total of 207 people attending including children.

We had singing, a three-course meal cooked by Bob and Belle and Santa visited with gifts for the children. It was a wonderful celebration of all that we do during the year and people left in high spirits.

Dancing at Christmas party.

An immense debt is owed to all our volunteers who worked so hard to prepare the hall, wrap the presents, welcome the people, and to clean and clear up afterwards. I know many of you were exhausted, but I know our guests had a great time. So, thank you.

Other Events

A number of volunteers and service users took part in an audio/visual course of storytelling with Peoples Voice Media. Each produced a short film and there was a plenary session in Liverpool where we were represented by Hamid and Raha. The purpose of the course was to help people tell their stories of the asylum experience in the UK (with due confidentiality) to bear witness to the real story as a counter to some of the myths that people believe. It was challenging but rewarding for the participants.

Danby walk near Catherine Parrs family home.

Ramble at Danby.

Moors Centre Museum

Prepping for picnic at Danby

In August we took a trip to the Moors Centre at Danby; the coach was provided by the moors centre and was almost full. We were given a tour of the museum and galleries by the staff. everyone had a day relaxing in the beauty of the moors with picnics, ice cream, and a walk for the willing. The children enjoyed the play facilities the sun shone and the mood going home was full of cheer.

Billy Barnes, Project Manager.

Programme

Free Activities for MAP service users in Middlesbrough & Redcar

Tuesday	• **Middlesbrough College drop-In** Chat guidance and advice. During Termtime.	• 11.30-1.30 Middlesbrough College 5th Floor enrolment room. TS2 1AA
Wednesday	• **Avenue Drop-In** Distribution of donated clothing and household goods. Coffee and friendship. Internet Café	• 10am to 12 noon Avenue Church, TS5 6PE
	• **Football training** Session, led by MFC Foundation (transport provided)	• Meet at 11.30am, Avenue Church, TS5 6PE
	• **Redcar Drop in and English Class.**	• 1.30pm-4:30pm Park Avenue Baptist Church. Redcar, TS10 3LJ
	• **Redcar Internet Café**	• 3.00pm-4.30 Park Avenue Baptist Church. Redcar, TS10 3LJ
Thursday	• **Welcome Drop-In** Visit us for information during your first weeks in Middlesbrough, or just call in to meet and make friends. Internet Café and Barber service available.	• 09.30am to 12.30pm MAP (downstairs), 54 Borough Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2JH
	• **Health and Wellbeing** - Learn the ancient wisdom practice of meditation, stillness and silence, to help you feel calm. - Join in with Tai-Chi and breathing exercises. - Bodywork - Emotional Freedom technique (EFT)	• 10.00am to 2.00pm at MAP (upstairs), 54 Borough Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2JH

Programme

Free Activities for MAP service users in Middlesbrough & Redcar

Thursday (continued)	• **Red Cross Available**	• 12.30-2.30pm MAP, 54 Borough Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2JH
	• **Music & Songs** A fun music and singing session. Hear songs from all over the world. Build your confidence, make friends, enjoy music. Internet Café Warm space to relax when it's cold. Advice and guidance.	• 11.00am to 12:30pm at MAP (Downstairs), 54 Borough Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2JH
	• **Crafts for women (starting September 2023)** Downstairs	• 12.30-2.30pm MAP (Downstairs), 54 Borough Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2JH
	• **IELTS ENGLISH** Upstairs	• 12.30-2.30pm MAP, 54 Borough Road, Middlesbrough TS1 2JH
Friday	• **Come & Chat** A one-hour session to practice speaking English with volunteers, with a free community lunch at the end followed by singing.	• 10.00am to 12 noon MAP, 54 Borough Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2JH
	• **Health and wellbeing (starting September 2023)** - Meditation - Tai Chi - Breath work and body work - EFT	• 2.15pm-4.15 pam St Hildas Church, Redcar. Roseberry Road, TS10 4AW
Saturday	• **Saturday Games** Pool, table tennis, and refreshments	• 2pm to 4pm Avenue Church, TS5 6PE

MAP Finance Report

Initial Cash in Bank
£84,646

at 31/08/22

Final Cash in Bank
£148,589

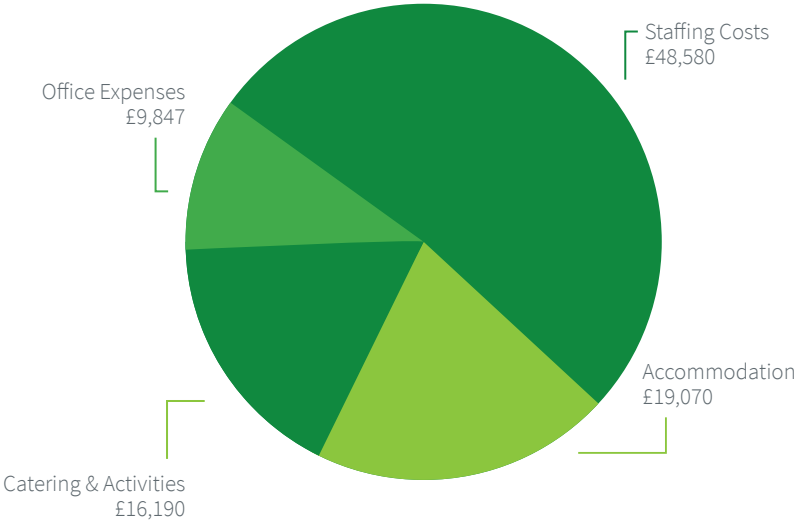
at 31/08/23

The charts below give an indicative breakdown of these figures, whilst the Trustees Annual Report and detailed Annual Accounts will be published on our Website and the Charity Commission Website before the end of June 2024..

Bankers: *Barclays Bank Plc*
Accountants / Auditors: *Leonard Bye, Chartered Accountants*

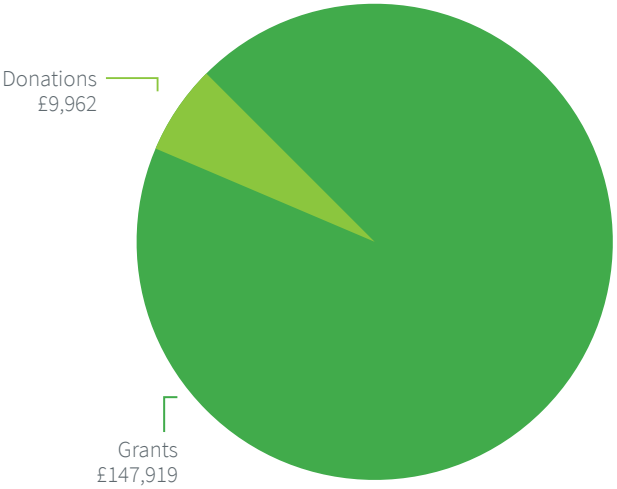
Total Expenditure
£93,688

including Staffing costs, Accommodation, Office Expenses, and Catering & activities



Total Income
£157,881

including Grants, Donations, and Big Lottery Funding for the Ariadne Project



Our Team

Trustees

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Mr Brian Glover - Treasurer
Mr Ali Awad Ali Muhammad (Retired)
Mr Reg Bellerby(Retired)
Rev David Godfrey
Mr John Hinman
Mrs Frances Plane (September 2023)
Mrs Heather Dipple (September 2023)

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Mr Billy Barnes

Assistant Project Manager:

Mr Hamid Yazdanfar

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Trustee to The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington

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- *Peter Hinton Design*
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- *Open Door NE*
- *Justice First*
- *Redcar Baptist Church*
- *Methodist Churches in the Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit*
- *North East Migration Partnership (NEMP)*
- *Mears Group PLC*
- *Peoples Voice Media*

Get In Touch

If you would like to know more about MAP or its work please just get in touch.

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About MAP

MAP became a registered charity in 2009, and converted to CIO status in 2016.

We have 2 full time members of staff and around 70 volunteers from a wide variety of backgrounds.

METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
MIDDLESBROUGH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

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METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
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TRUSTEES REPORT
AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2023

Methodist Asylum Project : Middlesbrough

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name: Methodist Asylum Project: Middlesbrough

Registered Charity Number: 1167625

Charity's Principal Address:

LINTHORPE ROAD METHODIST CHURCH & RESOURCE CENTRE,
54 BOROUGH ROAD
MIDDLESBROUGH
TS1 2JH

Tel: 07970192841
Email: mapmbro@gmail.com
Website: https://mapmiddlesbrough.org.uk

Bankers:

Barclays Bank
Octagon House,
Gadbrook Park,
Northwich,
Cheshire,
CW9 7RB

Accountants / Independent Examiners:

Leonard Bye,
Chartered Accountants,
80 Borough Road,
Middlebrough,
TS1 2JN

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TRUSTEES REPORT
AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The Methodist Asylum Project, Middlesbrough (M.A.P) was initially established as Avenue Refugee Project in 2002. In 2005 it became a project of the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit and in 2009 it became M.A.P. Middlesbrough and adopted its own constitution, and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. In 2016 it became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The Trustees of the Charity meet regularly, at least 4 times each year. The Charity employs a full-time Project Manager, and a full-time Assistant Manager. They deliver the work of the Charity, supported by a team of about 70 volunteers

The Trustees Annual Report, the detailed Annual Accounts and the Independent Examiners Report will be published on our Website and the Charity Commissions Website before the end of June 2024. An illustrated version of the Annual Report and a financial summary will also be available earlier in 2024.

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Mr John Hinton - Secretary
Mr Brian Glover - Treasurer
Rev David Godfrey
Mr John Hinman
Mrs Frances Plane (11Sept 2023)
Mrs Heather Dipple (11 Sept 2023)

Observers:

Mr Billy Barnes - Project Manager
Mr Hamid Razdanfar - Assistant Project Manager

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Methodist Asylum Project and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993.

They are also responsible for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Risk Management

The Risk Management arrangements of the Charity are identified in the MAP Risk Register and are divided into 4 main risk groups, namely Governance, Operational, Financial and External Risks.

The key risks considered include:

- Risks associated with working with children and vulnerable adults. This is addressed by the Charities 'Safeguarding' Policy.
- Financial Loss, which is addressed through appropriate financial controls and procedures.

- Uncertainty over obtaining sufficient Donations and Grants for continuation of the Charity. Bids for two significant 3 year grants have been successful at the end of the 2022/23 financial year which will ensure stability into the medium term.

- Changes in Government policy regarding dispersal of asylum seekers and refugees to Middlesbrough. The Project Manager keeps abreast of changes in policy and their implications for the work of the Charity.

Sources of funds

Funds are obtained through donations and submitting applications to grant-making Trusts and Foundations.

Reserves Policy
It is the current policy of the Trustees to maintain a basic balance in the reserve of £50,000. ie approximately six months running costs.

Related Party Transactions

Charities preparing accrual (SORP) accounts must disclose:

- trustees 'remuneration and benefits
- trustees 'expenses
- transactions with those persons and entities that are closely connected to the charity or its trustees, referred to as related parties

There has been one transactions of £250 for the production of the annual report in the relevant financial year.

The Methodist Asylum Project, Middlesbrough maintains close links with the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit (Registered charity no: 1133911) although it has its own board of trustees and is financially independent of the Methodist Circuit.

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Charitable objects:

The Charity's objects are:-

To promote for the benefit of those seeking asylum and those granted refugee status and their dependents by:
a) The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life;
b) The advancement of education and training including advancing them in life and assisting them to adapt within a new community;
c) The relief of sickness and the preservation and protection of their physical and mental health;
d) The relief of financial hardship

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METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
MIDDLESBROUGH

TRUSTEES REPORT
AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2023

Our Aims:

MAP Middlesbrough offers practical support and social opportunities to those seeking asylum and to refugees in the Middlesbrough and Redcar area. We have been working with asylum-seekers and refugees locally since 2002.

We aim to create welcoming spaces, where there is an instant sense of community. MAP developed out of a project of the Middlesbrough and Eston Circuit of the Methodist Church, and first registered as a charity in 2009.

We offer a varied programme of services including 2nd hand clothing and household goods distribution, a regular weekly activities programme, and one-off classes, collaborations, outings and activities, which are often delivered in partnership with others.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

Chair's Report:

A warm welcome to our Annual Report for 2022-2023

Throughout the year asylum seekers have continued to be dispersed to Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland and through MAP we continue to offer a warm welcome, support with the various issues that they have to contend with, organise activities and offer clothing and household items.

Unfortunately we do no longer have a place to store furniture so are now unable to help those setting up home after receiving leave to remain. We can however, direct our clients to other sources of reasonably priced items.

Billy , our Project Manager, is now well settled into his role and is working hard to provide a safe and secure place for our service users to flourish. Hamid, our Assistant Project Manager, is now employed full-time and is a tremendous support to Billy. As Hamid has been through the asylum process himself he can relate to our current service users and the many issues they have.

Week by week our dedicated volunteers ensure the activities run smoothly for our service users and we could not run MAP without their help. Sadly one of our long time volunteers Trish McCartney died suddenly in the Spring and is greatly missed by us all but especially the group who meet regularly for games on a Saturday afternoon.

Due to decreasing numbers, mainly due to our service users enrolling for college, our drop-in at Teesville has closed. Our thanks go to all the volunteers who supported our service users in this area and for St Andrews Church for the use of their premises.

Reg Bellerby, a Trustee for 6 years felt it was time to retire and due to work commitments Ali Awad Ali Muhammad had to resign. We thank them both for their dedication to MAP and wish them both well for the future. We are in the process of appointing two new Trustees to join the Board and work towards overseeing the finances and governance of MAP.

Our work could not continue without the support of our funders and the hard work of Rose Hardman, our fund finder, identifying possible sources of income. Personal donations through our "Just Giving" page on the website is also greatly appreciated. Thanks also to the generosity of the people of Middlesbrough and

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surrounding area who continue to donate much needed goods for us to distribute to our grateful service users.

As you read the rest of the report you will see the variety of services and events we are able to provide and if you feel you could volunteer or help MAP in any other way please contact us for further information.

Thank you for your continued support of MAP.

Pat Martin

Chair of Trustees

Project Manager's Report:

It has been a busy year for MAP.

Hamid is now full time, which is a blessing for MAP. I greatly value his wisdom and skills and appreciate sharing the office and activities with him. He helps me see the lighter side of things even in difficult situations; and he even laughs at my jokes. It would be remiss not to mention in the same breath Raha who works quietly behind the scenes of both of us but is an invaluable asset to MAP and gives so much in all she does.

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Volunteers without our volunteers our work would be overwhelming, indeed impossible. We are deeply grateful for their ongoing gifts of time, patience and understanding.

We especially remember Trish who sadly passed away very suddenly; her work over many years is greatly appreciated. Thanks also go to those volunteers who have faithfully kept the Saturday games session going.

We have also welcomed some new volunteers many of whom are asylum seekers.

MAP is planning a volunteer's day in November to show our appreciation for all their service.

Map is busy and lively, the current atmosphere during activities is warm and joyous.

The Avenue Church Drop In and clothing distribution.

Our clothing and household goods distribution continues weekly 10.00am-12.00 noon. In the period September 2022- August 2023, we have hosted 272 people at the Avenue and distributed 866 bags of clothing alongside considerable amounts of bedding and household goods.

We have had donations via MVDA of high-quality new goods throughout the year, these are gratefully received by our service users. We also thank Judith Ventress for her very generous regular supplies of mother and baby materials particularly baby baskets fully kitted out.

We give thanks to all our generous donors. We are always in need of goods as demand remains high.

We welcome the regular weekly presence of Mears (Home Office housing contractor) welfare officers Karen and Sandra, at the Avenue, who are providing an invaluable service and help in resolving some of the many issues that arise for service users.

The 'shed' has been returned to the new owner of the adjacent property so we are no longer able to take furniture.

Football has continued through 2022/23 with Middlesbrough Football Foundation. Players are collected from the Avenue and MAP provides transport to the Herlingshaw centre during school term time.

We are now running an internet café in the Avenue to help those who wish to browse but have limited phone data.

Redcar Drop In and English continues on Wednesday afternoons at Park Avenue Baptist church Redcar. In the past year we have worked with 85 service users, numbers are a little lower at present due to members attending Middlesbrough College for more advanced English, which we see as a sign of success, representing empowerment and confidence gained in part by our efforts.

An internet café facility is now available, and members are also invited to help on the churches allotment which they find helpful and relaxing.

Our partners Justice First now have a monthly presence. And we are regularly joined by Jess from Mears the area welfare manager.

Thursday Music Café Drop in and Welcome Hub

Has seen an increase in numbers over the summer and has a very lively atmosphere with each of its activities growing. We have worked with 190 people in the past year.

We now have a weekly Red Cross presence who help service users with complex needs.

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Music cafe and fellowship. Thursdays at MAP

Terry Doyle continues meditation sessions and will be expanding his work from 15 September (Redcar) and 21 September (Middlesbrough) to include Tai Chi bodywork health and wellbeing activities including minibus trips out of town and walking.

Hamid is offering the barber service which is well used.

IELTS lessons continue to be well attended and thanks go to Janice for all her hard work.

In our 2023-2024 period we hope to start a women's crafting group on Thursdays led by Elis one of our volunteers.

Friday Come and Chat English, there remains a lovely atmosphere, people are enjoying their fellowship and classes. Bob and Belle continue to provide a wholesome meal after the sessions. David and Emily lead a singing session from Noon which lifts the spirits for participants.

We had 231 people attend in the past year with a footfall of 1467.

We average 15 singers per session. We also have some new volunteers who are very committed. All friends and supporters are welcome to join us anytime.

Saturday Games at the Avenue continue with a faithful group of volunteers and members thanks to both groups for their ongoing support and attendance.

Other Events

Christmas party 2022

On 10th December 2022 we had our Christmas party at Linthorpe Road the turnout was incredible with a total of 207 people attending including children. We had singing, a three-course meal cooked by Bob and Belle and Santa visited with gifts for the children. It was a wonderful celebration of all that we do during the year and people left in high spirits. An immense debt is owed to all our volunteers who worked so hard to prepare the hall, wrap the presents, welcome the people, and to clean and clear up afterwards. I know many of you were exhausted, but I know our guests had a great time. So, thank you.

A number of volunteers and members took part in an audio/visual course of storytelling with **'peoples voice media'** each produced a short film and there was a plenary session in Liverpool where we were represented by Hamid and Raha. The purpose of the course was to help people tell their stories of the asylum experience in the UK (with due confidentiality) to bear witness to the real story as a counter to some of the myths that people believe. It was challenging but rewarding for the participants.

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In August we took a trip to the Moors Centre at Danby; the coach was provided by the Moors Centre and was almost full. We were given a tour of the museum and galleries by the staff. Everyone had a day relaxing in the beauty of the moors with picnics, ice cream, and a walk for the willing. The children enjoyed the play facilities the sun shone and the mood going home was full of cheer.

We continue to liaise with partners and associates in local government and within our own sector. And remain appraised of all significant issues affecting our service issues.

Billy Barnes Project Manager

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ACCOUNTANTS REPORT
METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
MIDDLESBROUGH
IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR TO 31ST AUGUST 2023

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2023 which are set out on pages 11 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and independent examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Regulators. This examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the MAP Treasurer and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

   have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

J.Shield

Dated: 18th March 2024

J. E. Shield BA F.C.A
Leonard Bye Limited
Chartered Accountants
80 Borough Road
Middlesbrough
TS1 2JN

METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
MIDDLESBROUGH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023 £ Restricted Funds	2023 £ Unrest'ed Funds	2023 £ Totals	2022 £ Totals
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generating funds					
Voluntary Income	2	-	9,962	9,962	12,039
Activities for generating funds					
Investment Income					
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	124,919	23,000	147,919	44,610
Other Income					
Total Incoming Resources		124,919	32,962	157,881	56,649
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities		83,350	493	83,843	86,608
Governance costs		9,845	-	9,845	14,969
Cost of Generating funds					
Total Resources Expended	4	93,195	493	93,688	101,577
NET INCOMING RESOURCES / **(RESOURCES EXPENDED) BEFORE TRANSFERS**	5	31,724	32,469	64,193	(44,928)
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS- Reclassification of funding		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		31,724	32,469	64,193	(44,928)
FUND BALANCES B/F		7,675	75,371	83,046	127,974
FUND BALANCES C/FORWARD		39,399	107,840	147,239	83,046

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METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
MIDDLESBROUGH

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2023

	Notes	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets			-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		-		-	
Cash at Bank and in hand		148,589		84,396	
		148,589		84,396	
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	7	1,350		1,350	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			147,239		83,046
NET ASSETS			147,239		83,046
Financed by:					
ACCUMULATED FUNDS					
Restricted Funds					
Church Urban Fund		920		2,240	
R&CBC		142		5,085	
ARM Trust		-		350	
Big Lottery		5,572		-	
Woodsmith		3,737		-	
Postcode Lottery		4,028		-	
Mercers		25,000		-	
			39,399		7,675
Unrestricted Funds			107,840		75,371
			147,239		83,046

Trustee:

Date: 15th March 2024

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METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
MIDDLESBROUGH
NOTES TO THE 2023 ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 General information and basis of preparation

Methodist Asylum Project Middlesbrough was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 13th June 2016. The charity registration number is 1167625. The charity's principle address is Linthorpe Road Methodist Church & Resource Centre, 54 Borough Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2JH.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP 2019) and the Charities Act 2011. The format of the SOFA and balance sheet takes advantage of the small charity concessions set out in the SORP.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

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1.2 Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds arise when the company receives grants and other significant donations and the use of these funds may be restricted by the donor to a particular area of the company's work. A detailed record is maintained by the company of all transactions relating to income. Unexpended funds at the end of the year are shown separately on the Balance Sheet as restricted funds.

1.3 Income Recognition

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

1.4 Resources Expended

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2023 £	2022 £
Sale of Rags	1,450	1,944
Sundry Donations	1,511	4,171
Standing Orders	2,010	2,160
Misc Income	21	3
Just Giving	3,141	3,761
Gift Aid HMRC	1,829	-
	9,962	12,039

3. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES- GRANTS

	Restri-cted £	Unrest-ricted £	Total 2023 £	2022 £
Darlington District		20,000	20,000	20,000
R&CBC				9,150
Thirsk & Northallerton Methodist Circuit				2,993
Sirius Minerals				3,507
Evan Cornish Foundation				3,000
Middlesbrough Council				4,960
Arnold Clark				1,000
Mercers	54,000		54,000	-
Big Lottery	53,417		53,417	-
Postcode Neighbourhood Lottery	12,600		12,600	-
Redcar Hydrogen Trust		1,000	1,000	-
Woodsmith Foundation	4,902		4,902	-
Peoples Voice Media		2,000	2,000	-
	124,919	23,000	147,919	44,610

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4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£
Staffing Costs:		
Project Manager Salary & Pension	32,888	35,145
Project Manager expenses	525	422
Ariadne Coordinator Salary & Pension	14,467	10,585
Ariadne Coordinator expenses	-	68
Mobile Phone Costs	209	184
Funding Advice Worker	263	1,838
Training	229	-
Accommodation Costs:		
Avenue Room Rent	8,520	8,520
LRRC Room Rent	8,400	7,000
St Andrews Room Rent	50	970
Redcar Baptist Church Room Rent	2,100	2,216
Office Costs:		
Office Equipment & Servicing	2,850	1,317
Insurance	645	647
Telephone & Broadband	4,745	11,175
Miscellaneous expenses	530	378
Payroll expenses	100	252
Accountancy	976	1,200
Catering & Activities:		
Refreshments & Catering	733	896
Come & Chat Catering	5,049	4,312
Outings & Activities	959	820
Football Training	3,650	9,176
Bike Maintenance	10	-
Meditation Sessions	1,960	1,680
Singing on Line	3,600	2,160
MAP Food Bank	-	500
Photography Fund- MBC	230	116
	93,688	101,577

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5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

This is stated after charging:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent Examiners Fees (including VAT)	976	1,200

6. PAID EMPLOYEES

Staff costs paid during the year were split:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	42,655	41,299
Employer's National Insurance costs	3,420	3,243
Pension costs	1,280	1,237
Total staff costs	47,355	45,779
Average number of full time equivalent employees	2	2

No member of the management committee received any remuneration in the year for services as a trustee.

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

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7. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors and accruals	1,350	1,350
Grants received in advance	-	-
	1,350	1,350

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

One related party transaction has been identified in the year totalling £250.00 for the production of the annual report by a business owned by the Son of a Trustee. This work was done at an arms length basis.

METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT MIDDLESBROUGH

England & Wales - Charity number 1167625

Accounts

Methodist Asylum Project

Middlesbrough

Annual Report 2021-2022

Welcome to our Annual Report for 2021-2022

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My thanks go to Ailsa, Billy, Hamid, the volunteers, funders and supporters who continue to believe in MAP. We could not do this without you.

I hope you enjoy reading this report.

Pat Martin
Chair of Trustees

Welcome

In the past year we have welcomed and registered 326 new arrivals (205 men and 121 women, 152 of whom have also been helped with a 1-2-1 orientation to help settle them into Middlesbrough.

We continue to respond to individual needs as they arise and to extend our welcome at all our activities and events.

One very important development in recent times has been an increase in the number of people now taking up the possibility of studying ESOL and other subjects at Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland colleges. This is of great benefit in helping with settling into life in the UK and in accessing services. Attendance comes with a bus pass that enables a little more freedom

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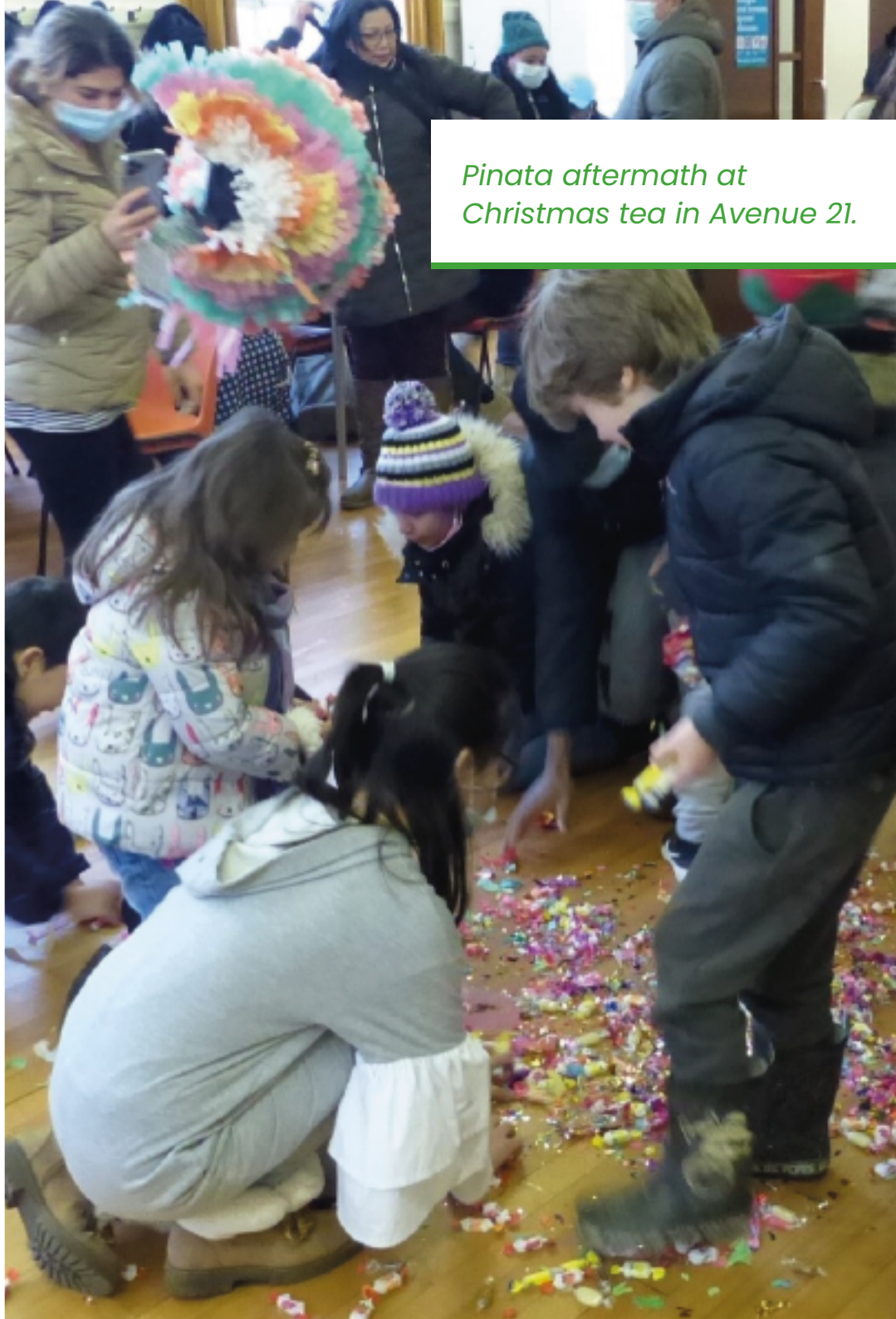

Pinata aftermath at Christmas tea in Avenue 21.

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Due as ever to the astounding skills of leaders Emily Smith and David Pisaro, and to the enthusiasm and the gifted singing of the group and the soloists, we smashed it! Or at least that is what it felt like. We performed for an hour and during this time we gave it everything. We sang a meditative chant, in rounds, as we walked around the room, weaving in and out of the audience and desperately counting beats. Nike led a Nigerian call and response, her beautiful high clear voice floating out above us all. And Abdul sang a resounding Kurdish love song, to the astonishment of everyone including our group who had been rehearsing with him a totally different song. Chaos, music, and a profound pleasure. Thank you to Julia Haigh for including us in this wonderful event.

Thanks to the Darlington & Stockton Times for catching MAP at Songfest

Spreading the load

Increasing dispersal across Redcar & Cleveland

One area of real growth this year has been our work in Redcar & Cleveland, due to increased dispersal into Redcar & Cleveland. As pressure on asylum accommodation has increased, people have been placed across a wider area than previously, and the overall numbers have gone up. Nowhere has this been more noticeable than in Redcar.

We have been holding a weekly drop-in session in Redcar since 2016. A dedicated group of volunteers offered conversation class and social support, to a relatively stable group of local asylum-seekers. This has changed this year. We have had periods where new shared houses were opening in the area most weeks, and many new faces arriving in the drop-in every week as a result.

We were really pleased to move the location of the Redcar drop-in over to the Baptist Church on Park Avenue in autumn 2021. We can meet in a beautiful, welcoming space, and enjoy the buzz of all the other activities which go on in this building. There is a superb Community Grocery project which has welcomed our service-users both as customers and as volunteers.

We have felt very welcomed by this Church and all the other projects based here.

We have also really appreciated the support of Redcar & Cleveland Council. Building on the digital connectivity work which we did across the area during the pandemic, we were grateful to receive continued funding to allow us to provide Wi-Fi hubs in the asylum-seeker properties in Redcar & Cleveland.

Access to Wi-Fi provides a vital link for people who are living in places some distance from the main support services, as well as protecting their wellbeing through continued links with friends, and allowing for online learning.

Since early summer ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) learners in Redcar have been able to follow their class with a time on the nearby church allotment. There has been a good take-up for this and some service users have grown their own seeds and planted them. This is a great opportunity for improved mental health and wellbeing as well as a rewarding effort as some food can be used by those growing it. Incidentally English continues informally on the plot as people are fascinated by the names of plants and their qualities (especially the weeds). Lots of questions are asked (including about cooking).

Tending the crops Redcar Baptist church allotment.

Cultural Crafting

We often hold sessions aimed at sharing awareness of aspects of British culture. These can be very useful for people recently arrived in the UK, whether it is explaining Bonfire Night (and framing expectations about the likelihood of loud noises!) or letting Santa visit a Christmas celebration....as he did at our Redcar drop-in in December 2021.

At Teesville drop-in the volunteers often go a step further. We have had pumpkin carving, all sorts of celebrations for Christmas, Hallowe'en, and Eid, and many birthday cakes. This Easter was a good example, with the weekly language class based around Easter-themed craft activities. A varied group, including people from Iraq, Pakistan, Turkey, England, Eritrea and Russia, absorbed in crafting Easter cards, and decorating hard-boiled eggs. We probably all remember feeling a bit puzzled when egg-rolling was first introduced to us as children, so imagine trying to explain it in a 2nd language, to an adult hearing of it for the first time! There were a lot of questions, including "Why?" and "How do you know who wins?"

Volunteers and service-users celebrating Easter at Teesville drop-in

Outdoor Wellbeing

Over the years we have enjoyed a lot of healing times outdoors with our service-users. We have had our regular trips to the seaside, and our walking groups. Even the time we spent teaching English outdoors during the last 2 years had its therapeutic, relaxing side.

This year we were happy to be invited by Ampleforth Abbey to spend a couple of days with them, in the beauty of their surroundings, but with the added dimension that our group were able to take part in productive tasks around the Forest School and Abbey grounds. This was really a pilot for a project that we would love to get off the ground more regularly, but even as standalone it was a superb experience for our service-users.

We took a group of about a dozen people who are seeking asylum in the Redcar area. We went up to Ampleforth for 2 separate full day trips, and everyone loved the experience of being outdoors, sharing food together, working and talking about dreams and plans for the project and the future.

The first day was based at the Forest School area, where the participants made birdboxes to be placed around the area and helped to prepare for school groups coming in later during the week.

The following week saw the group explore some of the more agricultural areas. There was a special moment when Ampleforth's beekeepers were able to share their experiences (and a visit to their bees!) with a young man who has kept bees high in the mountains in Northern Albania.

"What can I tell you? I was happy there. Just happy" smiled *Y*, as we travelled home. **"More than anything I like to build things. And, today, well it's just....I built something, and I was happy"**

Enjoying the woods

The New Arrivals Pathway

MAP's ability to reach out and work with new arrivals in the area relies heavily on a network of contacts who connect us with new people as they get here. For the last few years some superb work has been done by the North- East Migration Partnership and by the housing contractor Mears, to develop a pathway for connecting new arrivals with support charities right across the region. From May 2022 MAP has been delighted to be working with NEMP and Mears as the local "first point of contact" for new arrivals to Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland.

We have found this to be an effective addition to our other referral routes, and we are undoubtedly able to reach a wider pool of people, and much more quickly.

It has also been good to be part of a partnership team comprising great voluntary sector partners like Action Foundation in Newcastle and FODI in Sunderland. The regular partnership meetings let us learn from the experiences of these partners, who have been working on the pathway for longer, and to share experiences.

Team Spirit in Redcar & Cleveland

Our football programme in Middlesbrough, expertly delivered for us by Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation, has been thriving for years. This year, our focus was on trying to get a similar programme off the ground in Redcar. Steady determination has been the key to this. We were delighted to be offered a great venue at Redcar Athletic, and have really appreciated the welcome given by the club and the staff there. We have had 3 attempts at getting the sessions running, each time finding attendance dropping off as first one then another participant found a college class clashing with the training sessions, or simply lost enthusiasm. By Spring of 2022 however it began to feel as if we have a critical mass of potential players amongst the asylum-seekers living here, and enough commitment for the sessions to gel.

A definite highlight for the squad was having 2 teams playing at the annual Justice First Football Tournament in June 2022. The Middlesbrough team reached the quarter-finals, whilst Redcar only just missed reaching the same stage. Probably the most satisfying sight, however, was walking around the pitches, greeting old friends, and seeing just how many of the other teams from other organisations had current or past "MAP players" playing for them. It was just great to see so many people from past years, and to see how far they have travelled.

Redcar Football 2022

Trip to Saltburn

After all the difficulties presented by Covid we could finally go to the seaside together. We had a wonderful day at Saltburn enjoying good weather and fellowship. We booked a beach hut to act as our base and the day went swimmingly (literally in the case of a few hardy souls).

We took two coaches of asylum seekers and many of our wonderful volunteers went ahead to prepare or met us at the coach stop to aid navigation through the Valley Gardens to the beach.

All our service users had a wonderful time with beach football, paddling (and a bit of limited swimming), chips and ice cream, a wonderful Kurdish family meal on the beach which was delicious and very filling and lots of fun. It was a time to relax and forget for a while some of the daily stresses people are under.

Some of us dared the steps on the way back, exhausting but fun. Several people took the cliff lift and were delighted at such a rare experience. While climbing the steps a young Kurdish man said to me **"This is my best day in England"**

During the day there was the chance to catch up with volunteers and service users and it was wonderful to talk in such a relaxing and positive environment and to see people so happy and free in spirit.

Beach football at Saltburn

We had a few families with us, and the children delighted in playing football and frisbee. The sense of togetherness was palpable as, in some cases three generations shared a common experience.

We were blessed as the great and unpredictable British weather was on our side for most of our stay, the sun shone, and it was balmy.

The beach hut was a wonderful resource for refreshments, a touch base for information, and a drying off room for those who got a bit wet.

On the coach going home there was a relaxed and contented mood, everybody was pleasantly tired and at ease.

Feedback was all positive and a desire for more chances to get out of town was expressed by many.

We hope to return next year and to build upon the excitement and enjoyment felt by our service users in the year ahead.

“It’s Good to breath the fresh air” (quote: African man).

Setting up for the day.

Billy Barnes

New MAP Project Manager

I will keep this brief. I started my role in June 2022 and was delighted for the opportunity and privilege afforded by this position.

I am an Anglican priest, former general nurse, teacher, independent living adviser and community worker. I have served in community service in many different forms for most of my life and maintain a profound belief in the importance of social justice, tolerance, and inclusion especially for those so misrepresented and often wilfully ignored; values daily reflected in MAP's work and ethos.

I have a debt of gratitude to Ailsa for helping me settle in and learn. Ailsa also wrote much of the first part of this report for which I am also grateful, she retired in June, and we wish her a wonderful and fulfilled retirement and success in all her plans.

Programme

Free Activities for MAP service users in Middlesbrough

Tuesday	• **Middlesbrough College drop-In** Chat guidance and advice.	• Middlesbrough College 5th Floor enrolment room. 11.30-1.30
Wednesday	• **Avenue Drop-In** distribution of donated clothing and household goods • **Football training** Session, led by MFC Foundation (transport provided) • **Redcar Drop in and English Class**	• 10am to 12 noon at Avenue Church, TS5 6PE • Meet at 11.30am, at Avenue Church, TS5 6PE • 1.30pm-3.00pm Park Avenue Baptist Church. Redcar TS10 3LJ
Thursday	• **Welcome Drop-In** Visit us for information during your first weeks in Middlesbrough, or just call in to meet and make friends • **Meditation Group** Learn the ancient wisdom and practice of meditation. Stillness and silence, to help you feel calm. • **Music & Songs** A fun music and singing session. Hear songs from all over the world. Build your confidence, make friends, enjoy music. Internet Café and warm space from 15.12.2022	• 09.30am to 12.30pm at MAP* (downstairs) • 10.00am to 11.00am at MAP* (upstairs) • 11.00am to 12 noon at MAP* **MAP: Linthorpe Road Methodist Church*
Friday	• **Come & Chat** A one-hour session to practice speaking English with volunteers, with a free community lunch at the end followed by singing.	• 10.00am to 12 noon at MAP*
Saturday	• **Saturday Games** Pool and table tennis for adults	• 2pm to 4pm at Avenue Church , TS5 6PE

MAP Finance Report

Initial Cash in Bank
£129,324

at 31/08/21

Final Cash in Bank
£84,396

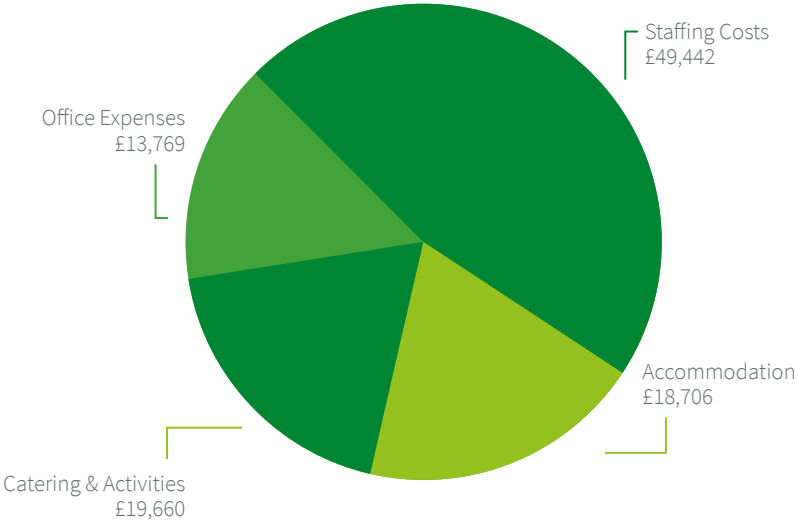
at 31/08/22

The charts below give an indicative breakdown of these figures, whilst the Trustees Annual Report and detailed Annual Accounts will be published on our Website and the Charity Commission Website before the end of June 2023.

Bankers: *Barclays Bank Plc*
Accountants / Auditors: *Leonard Bye, Chartered Accountants*

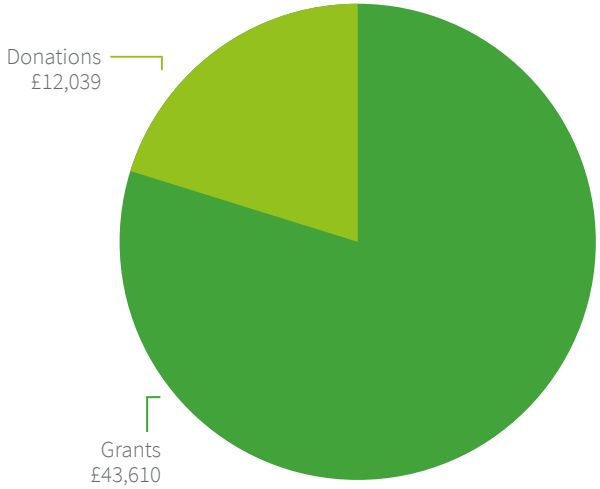
Total Expenditure
£101,577

including Staffing costs, Accommodation, Office Expenses, and Catering & activities



Total Income
£56,649

including Grants and Donations.



Our Team

Trustees

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Project Manager:

Mr Billy Barnes

Assistant Project Manager:

Mr Hamid Yazdanfar

Funders & Supporters

Looking to the future, we are delighted to confirm that a grant from the The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington (a registered charity of which the Mercers' Company is trustee) has been approved and is available for the next 3 years.

Also, the Ariadne Partnership (of which MAP is a part) has been successful with a second 3 year bid to the National Lottery Community Fund.

New bids to the Postcode Lottery & the Woodsmith Foundation for 2022/23 have also been successful.

These four grants will provide significant financial stability for MAP for the medium term.

THE MERCERS' COMPANY
Trustee to The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington

Funders & Supporters (continued)

However we continue to express our grateful thanks on behalf of our service users to all those who support us with grants and donations and particularly to our major funders this year:

- *The Methodist Church (Darlington District)*
- *Big Lottery Fund - Ariadne Project*
- *Arm Trust*
- *Church Urban Fund / Meditatio Partnership*
- *People's Postcode Trust - funded by players of People's Postcode Lottery*
- *Tees Valley Community Trust*
- *County Durham Community Foundation - with funding from the #NETCoronaVirusAppeal*
- *The Jack Brunton Charitable Trust*
- *The Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust*
- *Redcar & Cleveland Council*
- *Sirius Minerals Foundation*
- *Evan Cornish Foundation*
- *Middlesbrough Council*
- *Arnold Clark Foundation*
- *Thirsk & Northallerton Methodist Circuit*

Thank you to all those other individuals and organisations which have supported us financially or delivering activities and services in collaboration with MAP Middlesbrough and in particular:

- *Bob & Belle Singh + Volunteers*
- *Rose Hardman - Freelance Fundraiser*
- *Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation*
- *Escort Coaches*
- *Coatham Coaches*
- *Terry Doyle*
- *Emily Smith & David Pisaro*
- *Jonathan Tulloch*
- *The Thirsk Walking Group*
- *Heslington Church*
- *St James Church, Hamsterley*
- *Whorlton PCC*
- *Bossall PCC*
- *Peter Hinton Design*
- *British Red Cross*
- *Open Door NE*
- *Justice First*
- *St Andrews Parish - Teesville*
- *Redcar Baptist Church*
- *Methodist Churches in the Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit*
- *North East Migration Partnership (NEMP)*
- *Mears Group PLC*

Get In Touch

If you would like to know more about MAP or its work please just get in touch.

Billy Barnes, Project Manager

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About MAP

MAP became a registered charity in 2009, and converted to CIO status in 2016.

We have 1 full and 1 part time member of staff and around 90 volunteers, from a wide variety of backgrounds.

METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
MIDDLESBROUGH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022

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METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
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TRUSTEES REPORT
AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2022

Methodist Asylum Project : Middlesbrough

Trustees Annual Report
For the Period 1st September 2021 — 31st August 2022

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name: Methodist Asylum Project: Middlesbrough

Registered Charity Number: 1167625

Charity's Principal Address:

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Email: mapmbro@gmail.com
Website: https://mapmiddlesbrough.org.uk

Bankers:

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Octagon House,
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Northwich,
Cheshire,
CW9 7RB

Accountants / Auditors:

Leonard Bye Limited
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The Methodist Asylum Project, Middlesbrough (M.A.P) was initially established as Avenue Refugee Project in 2002. In 2005 it became a project of the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit and in 2009 it became M.A.P. Middlesbrough and adopted its own constitution, and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. In 2016 it became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The Trustees of the Charity meet regularly, at least 4 times each year. The Charity employs a full-time Project Manager, and a part time Assistant. They deliver the work of the Charity, supported by a team of about 70 volunteers

The Trustees Annual Report, the detailed Annual Accounts and the Auditors Report will be published on our Website and the Charity Commissions Website before the end of June 2023. An illustrated version of the Annual Report and a financial summary will also be available earlier in 2023.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Methodist Asylum Project and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993.

They are also responsible for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Risk Management

The Risk Management arrangements of the Charity are identified in the MAP Risk Register and are divided into 4 main risk groups, namely Governance, Operational, Financial and External Risks.

The key risks considered include:

- Risks associated with working with children and vulnerable adults. This is addressed by the Charities 'Safeguarding' Policy.

- Financial Loss, which is addressed through appropriate financial controls and procedures.

- Uncertainty over obtaining sufficient Donations and Grants for continuation of the Charity. Bids for two significant 3 year grants have been successful at the end of the report year which will ensure stability into the medium term.

- Changes in Government policy regarding dispersal of asylum seekers and refugees to Middlesbrough. The Project Manager keeps abreast of changes in policy and their implications for the work of the Charity.

Sources of funds

Funds are obtained through donations and submitting applications to grant-making Trusts and Foundations.

Reserves Policy
It is the current policy of the Trustees to maintain a basic balance in the reserve of £40,000. ie approximately six months running costs.

Related Party Transactions

Charities preparing accruals (SORP) accounts must disclose:

- trustees 'remuneration and benefits
- trustees 'expenses
- transactions with those persons and entities that are closely connected to the charity or its trustees, referred to as related parties

There has been one transactions of £140 for the production of the annual report in the relevant financial year.

The Methodist Asylum Project, Middlesbrough maintains close links with the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit (Registered charity no: 1133911) although it has its own board of trustees and is financially independent of the Methodist Circuit. However, the previous Project Manager of M.A.P. had her employment contract through the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit although this arrangement ceased in July 2022.

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Charitable objects:

The Charity's objects are:-

To promote for the benefit of those seeking asylum and those granted refugee status and their dependents by:
a) The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life;
b) The advancement of education and training including advancing them in life and assisting them to adapt within a new community;
c) The relief of sickness and the preservation and protection of their physical and mental health;
d) The relief of financial hardship

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MIDDLESBROUGH

TRUSTEES REPORT
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Our Aims:

MAP Middlesbrough offers practical support and social opportunities to those seeking asylum and to refugees in the Middlesbrough and Redcar area. We have been working with asylum-seekers and refugees locally since 2002.
We aim to create welcoming spaces, where there is an instant sense of community. MAP developed out of a project of the Middlesbrough and Eston Circuit of the Methodist Church, and first registered as a charity in 2009.

We offer a varied programme of services including 2nd hand clothing and household goods distribution, a regular weekly activities programme, and one-off classes, collaborations, outings and activities, which are often delivered in partnership with others.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

Chair's Report:

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Headlining at Songfest!

After what seemed like years singing into screens, imagine our excitement to be given a headline slot at Stokesley Songfest! This was our first performance back after covid, and we had only been singing face to face for 4 weeks when the date came round . There is no denying that this added to the sense of jeopardy on the day. We felt under-rehearsed and were not entirely certain which of the group would actually arrive.

Due as ever to the astounding skills of leaders Emily Smith and David Pisaro, and to the enthusiasm and the gifted singing of the group and the soloists, we smashed it! Or at least that is what it felt like. We performed for an hour and during this time we gave it everything. We sang a meditative chant, in rounds, as we walked around the room, weaving in and out of the audience and desperately counting beats. Nike led a Nigerian call and response, her beautiful high clear voice floating out above us all. And Abdul sang a resounding Kurdish love song, to the astonishment of everyone including our group who had been rehearsing with him a totally different song. Chaos, music, and a profound pleasure. Thank you to Julia Haigh for including us in this wonderful event.

Spreading the load :

Increasing dispersal across Redcar & Cleveland

One area of real growth this year has been our work in Redcar & Cleveland, due to increased dispersal into Redcar & Cleveland. As pressure on asylum accommodation has increased, people have been placed across a wider area than previously, and the overall numbers have gone up. Nowhere has this been more noticeable than in Redcar.

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We have been holding a weekly drop-in session in Redcar since 2016. A dedicated group of volunteers offered conversation class and social support, to a relatively stable group of local asylum-seekers. This has changed this year. We have had periods where new shared houses were opening in the area most weeks, and many new faces arriving in the drop-in every week as a result.

We were really pleased to move the location of the Redcar drop-in over to the Baptist Church on Park Avenue in autumn 2021. We can meet in a beautiful, welcoming space, and enjoy the buzz of all the other activities which go on in this building. There is a superb Community Grocery project which has welcomed our service-users both as customers and as volunteers. We have felt very welcomed by this Church and all the other projects based here.

We have also really appreciated the support of Redcar & Cleveland Council. Building on the digital connectivity work which we did across the area during the pandemic, we were grateful to receive continued funding to allow us to provide Wi-Fi hubs in the asylum-seeker properties in Redcar & Cleveland. Access to Wi-Fi provides a vital link for people who are living in places some distance from the main support services, as well as protecting their wellbeing through continued links with friends, and allowing for online learning.

Since early summer ESOL learners in Redcar have been able to follow their class with a time on the nearby church allotment. There has been a good take-up for this some service users have grown their own seeds and planted them. This is a great opportunity for improved mental health and wellbeing as well as a rewarding effort as some food can be used by those growing it. Incidentally English continues informally on the plot as people are fascinated by the names of plants and their qualities (especially the weeds). Lots of questions are asked (including about cooking).

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Cultural Crafting

We often hold sessions aimed at sharing awareness of aspects of British culture. These can be very useful for people recently arrived in the UK, whether it is explaining Bonfire Night (and framing expectations about the likelihood of loud noises!) or letting Santa visit a Christmas celebration….as he did at our Redcar drop-in in December 2021.

At Teesville drop-in the volunteers often go a step further. We have had pumpkin carving, all sorts of celebrations for Christmas, Hallowe'en, and Eid, and many birthday cakes. This Easter was a good example, with the weekly language class based around Easter-themed craft activities. A varied group, including people from Iraq, Pakistan, Turkey, England, Eritrea and Russia, absorbed in crafting Easter cards, and decorating hard-boiled eggs. We probably all remember feeling a bit puzzled when egg-rolling was first introduced to us as children, so imagine trying to explain it in a 2nd language, to an adult hearing of it for the first time! There were a lot of questions, including "Why?" and "How do you know who wins?"

Outdoor Wellbeing

Over the years we have enjoyed a lot of healing times outdoors with our service-users. We have had our regular trips to the seaside, and our walking groups. Even the time we spent teaching English outdoors during the last 2 years had its therapeutic, relaxing side.

This year we were happy to be invited by Ampleforth Abbey to spend a couple of days with them, in the beauty of their surroundings, but with the added dimension that our group were able to take part in productive tasks around the Forest School and abbey grounds. This was really a pilot for a project that we would love to get off the ground more regularly, but even as standalone it was a superb experience for our service-users.

We took a group of about a dozen people who are seeking asylum in the Redcar area. We went up to Ampleforth for 2 separate full day trips, and everyone loved the experience of being outdoors, sharing food together, working and talking about dreams and plans for the project and the future.

The first day was based at the Forest School and Abbey, where the participants made bird boxes to be placed around the area and helped to prepare for school groups coming in later during the week. The following week saw the group explore some of the more agricultural areas. There was a special moment when Ampleforth's beekeepers were able to share their experiences (and a visit to their bees!) with a young man who has kept bees high in the mountains in Northern Albania.

"What can I tell you? I was happy there. Just happy" smiled Y, as we travelled home . "More than anything I like to build things. And, today, well it's just….I built something, and I was happy"

The New Arrivals Pathway

MAP's ability to reach out and work with new arrivals in the area relies heavily on a network of contacts who connect us with new people as they get here. For the last few years some superb work has been done by the North- East Migration Partnership and by the housing contractor Mears, to develop a pathway for connecting new arrivals with support charities right across the region. From May 2022 MAP has been delighted to be working with NEMP and Mears as the local "first point of contact" for new arrivals to Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland.

We have found this to be an effective addition to our other referral routes, and we are undoubtedly able to reach a wider pool of people, and much more quickly.

It has also been good to be part of a partnership team comprising great voluntary sector partners like Action Foundation in Newcastle and FODI in Sunderland. The regular partnership meetings let us learn from the experiences of these partners, who have been working on the pathway for longer, and to share experiences.

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Team Spirit in Redcar & Cleveland

Our football programme in Middlesbrough, expertly delivered for us by Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation, has been thriving for years. This year, our focus was on trying to get a similar programme off the ground in Redcar. Steady determination has been the key to this. We were delighted to be offered a great venue at Redcar Athletic, and have really appreciated the welcome given by the club and the staff there. We have had 3 attempts at getting the sessions running, each time finding attendance dropping off as first one then another participant found a college class clashing with the training sessions, or simply lost enthusiasm. By Spring of 2022 however it began to feel as if we have a critical mass of potential players amongst the asylum-seekers living here, and enough commitment for the sessions to gel.

A definite highlight for the squad was having 2 teams playing at the annual Justice First Football Tournament in June 2022. The Middlesbrough team reached the quarter-finals, whilst Redcar only just missed reaching the same stage. Probably the most satisfying sight, however, was walking around the pitches, greeting old friends, and seeing just how many of the other teams from other organisations had current or past "MAP players" playing for them. It was just great to see so many people from past years, and to see how far they have travelled.

Trip to Saltburn

After all the difficulties presented by covid we could finally go to the seaside together. We had a wonderful day at Saltburn enjoying good weather and fellowship. We booked a beach hut to act as our base and the day went swimmingly (literally in the case of a few hardy souls).

We took two coaches of asylum seekers and many of our wonderful volunteers went ahead to prepare or met us at the coach stop to aid navigation through the valley gardens to the beach.

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All our service users had a wonderful time with beach football, paddling (and a bit of limited swimming), chips and ice cream, a wonderful Kurdish family meal on the beach which was delicious and very filling and lots of fun. It was a time to relax and forget for a while some of the daily stresses people are under.

Some of us dared the steps on the way back, exhausting but fun. Several people took the lift and were delighted at such a rare experience. While climbing the steps a young Kurdish man said to me

'This is my best day in England '(Quote: Young Kurdish man)

During the day there was a chance to catch up with volunteers and service users it was wonderful to talk in such a relaxing and positive environment and to see people so happy and free in spirit.

We had a few families with us, and the children delighted in playing football and frisbee. The sense of togetherness was palpable as, in some cases three generations shared a common experience.

We were blessed as the great and unpredictable weather was on our side for most of our stay, the sun shone, and it was balmy.

The beach hut was a wonderful resource for refreshments, a touch base for information, and a drying off room for those who got a bit wet.

On the coach going home there was a relaxed and contented mood, everybody was pleasantly tired and at ease.

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Feedback was all positive and a desire for more chances to get out of town was expressed by many.

'It's Good to breath the fresh air' (quote: African man).

We hope to return next year and to build upon the excitement and enjoyment felt by our service users in the year ahead.

New MAP project Manager : Billy Barnes

I will keep this brief. I started my role in June 2022 and was delighted for the opportunity and privilege afforded by this position. I am an Anglican priest, former general nurse, teacher, independent living adviser and community worker. I have served in community service in many different forms for most of my life and maintain a profound belief in the importance of social justice, tolerance, and inclusion especially for those so misrepresented and often wilfully ignored; values daily reflected in MAP's work and ethos. I have a debt of gratitude to Ailsa for helping me settle in and learn. Ailsa also wrote much of the first part of this report for which I am also grateful, she retired in June, and we wish her a wonderful and fulfilled retirement and success in all her plans.

Avenue drop in

The Avenue continues to be one of our principal activities. In the past year we have distributed 1505 (1011 to men and 494 to women) bags of clothing and helped 965 individuals with clothing and household goods in the period. We have also distributed 1214 bundles of children's clothes, 11391 items of household goods, 89 duvets, 68 blankets, 51 pillow's and 287 bed sets.

Recently we have started to get gifts from businesses, Tesco being prominent, via MVDA these are high quality household goods and will greatly benefit our service users.

A good number of football players meet at the Avenue drop in where they can shop then get transported to the Earlingshaw pitch to be coached by Middlesbrough Football Foundation

Thursday drop-in and welcome hub.

Numbers are not huge but spread throughout the morning. This is a chance to set appointments with people, spend some quality time together and assist with problems. The music café continues and there is always a good vibe and feeling among the singers. IELTS continues at lunchtime, and we now have a barber from midday for a couple of hours.

Come and Chat Friday English

Remains strong with 479 attenders over the past year(336 men and 143 women) in total we have a footfall of 879. Classes are enthusiastic ad well attended at all levels, our volunteer teachers are brilliant, and we still finish with a meal. Singing has now moved to 12.00 on Friday to follow he meal.

Saturday Games continue in the Avenue with a small but faithful group of attenders and with gratitude to the volunteers who run the events.

Welcome

In the past year we have welcomed and registered 326 new arrivals (205 men and 121 women, 152 of whom have also been helped with a 1-2-1 orientation to help settle them.

We continue to respond to individual needs as they arise and to extend our welcome at all our activities and events.

One very important development in recent times has been an increase in the number of people now taking up the possibility of studying ESOL and other subjects at Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland colleges. This is of great benefit in helping with settling into life in the UK and in accessing service. Attendance comes with a bus pass that enables a little more freedom

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Billy Barnes

Project Manager

Funders and Supporters

Looking to the future, we are delighted to confirm that a grant from the The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington (a registered charity of which the Mercers 'Company is trustee) has been approved and is available for the next 3 years.

Also, the Ariadne Partnership (of which MAP is a part) has also been successful with a second 3 year bid to The National Lottery Community Fund.

New bids to the Postcode Lottery and the Woodsmith Foundation for 2022/23 have also been successful.

These four grants will provide significant financial stability for MAP for the medium term.

However we continue to express our grateful thanks on behalf of our service users to all those who support us with grants and donations and particularly to our major funders this year:

- The Methodist Church (Darlington District)
- Big Lottery Fund - Ariadne Project
- Arm Trust
- Church Urban Fund / Meditatio Partnership
- People's Postcode Trust - funded by players of People's Postcode Lottery
- Tees Valley Community Trust
- County Durham Community Foundation - with funding from the #NETCoronaVirusAppeal
- The Jack Brunton Charitable Trust
- The Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust
- Redcar & Cleveland Council
- Sirius Minerals Foundation
- Evan Cornish Foundation
- Middlesbrough Council
- Arnold Clark Foundation
- Thirsk & Northallerton Methodist Circuit

Thank you to all those other individuals and organisations which have supported us financially or delivering activities and services in collaboration with MAP Middlesbrough and in particular:

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- Bob & Belle Singh + Volunteers
- Rose Hardman - Freelance Fundraiser
- Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation
- Escort Coaches
- Coatham Coaches
- Terry Doyle
- Emily Smith & David Pisaro
- Jonathan Tulloch
- The Thirsk Walking Group
- Heslington Church
- St James Church, Hamsterley
- Whorlton PCC
- Bossall PCC
- Peter Hinton Design
- British Red Cross
- Open Door NE
- Justice First
- St Andrews Parish – Teesville
- Redcar Baptist Church
- Methodist Churches in the Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit
- Mears
- North East Migration Partnership

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT
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IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR TO 31ST AUGUST 2022

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2022 which are set out on pages 13 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of the Circuit Meeting and independent examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Regulators. This examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the MAP Treasurer and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

   have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

J.Shield

Dated: 15th febnary 2023

J. E. Shield BA F.C.A
Leonard Bye Limited
Chartered Accountants
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £ Restricted Funds	2022 £ Unrest'ed Funds	2022 £ Totals	2021 £ Totals
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generating funds					
Voluntary Income	2	-	12,039	12,039	8,887
Activities for generating funds					
Investment Income					
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	16,657	27,953	44,610	119,271
Other Income					
Total Incoming Resources		16,657	39,992	56,649	128,158
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities		16,341	70,267	86,608	70,241
Governance costs		9,741	5,228	14,969	35,990
Cost of Generating funds					
Total Resources Expended	4	26,082	75,495	101,577	106,231
NET INCOMING RESOURCES / **(RESOURCES EXPENDED) BEFORE TRANSFERS**	5	(9,425)	(35,503)	(44,928)	21,927
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS - Reclassification of funding		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(9,425)	(35,503)	(44,928)	21,927
FUND BALANCES B/F		17,100	110,874	127,974	106,047
FUND BALANCES C/FORWARD		**7,675**	75,371	83,046	127,974

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BALANCE SHEET
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	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets			-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		-		-	
Cash at Bank and in hand		84,396		129,324	
				129,324	
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	7	1,350		1,350	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			83,046		127,974
NET ASSETS			83,046		127,974
Financed by:					
ACCUMULATED FUNDS					
Restricted Funds					
Church Urban Fund		2,240		3,760	
R&CBC		5,085		5,340	
ARM Trust		350		10,000	
			7,675		17,100
Unrestricted Funds			75,371		110,874
			83,046		127,974

Trustee:

Date: 11/2/23.

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METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
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NOTES TO THE 2022 ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 General information and basis of preparation

Methodist Asylum Project Middlesbrough was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 13th June 2016. The charity registration number is 1167625. The charity's principle address is Linthorpe Road Methodist Church & Resource Centre, 54 Borough Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2JH.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP 2019) and the Charities Act 2011. The format of the SOFA and balance sheet takes advantage of the small charity concessions set out in the SORP.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

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1.2 Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds arise when the company receives grants and other significant donations and the use of these funds may be restricted by the donor to a particular area of the company's work. A detailed record is maintained by the company of all transactions relating to income. Unexpended funds at the end of the year are shown separately on the Balance Sheet as restricted funds.

1.3 Income Recognition

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

1.4 Resources Expended

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2022 £	2021 £
Sale of Rags	1,944	1,266
Sundry Donations	4,171	1,197
Standing Orders	2,160	2,800
Misc Income	3	967
Just Giving	3,761	1,657
Photography Fund MBC	-	1,000
	12,039	8,887

3. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES- GRANTS

	Restri-cted £	Unrest-ricted £	Total 2022 £	2021 £
Darlington District	-	20,000	20,000	20,000
Jill Franklin Trust	-	-	-	13,600
ARM Trust	-	-	-	10,000
Ariadne 2	-	-	-	20,000
Church Urban Fund	-	-	-	1,850
Coop	-	-	-	2,737
Barrow Cadbury	-	-	-	21,000
Comic Relief	-	-	-	4,000
Awards for All	-	-	-	8,984
J Brunton Trust	-	-	-	4,000
Catherine Cookson Trust	-	-	-	500
R&CBC	9,150	-	9,150	11,600
MFC Foundation	-	-	-	1,000
Thirsk & Northallerton Methodist Circuit	-	2,993	2,993	-
Sirius Minerals	3,507	-	3,507	-
Evan Cornish Foundation	3,000	-	3,000	-
Middlesbrough Council	-	4,960	4,960	-
Arnold Clark	1,000	-	1,000	-
	16,657	27,953	44,610	119,271

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4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£
Staffing Costs:		
Project Manager Salary & Pension	35,145	32,227
Project Manager expenses	422	-
Ariadne Coordinator Salary & Pension	10,585	10,462
Ariadne Coordinator expenses	68	-
Mobile Phone Costs	184	183
Funding Advice Worker	1,838	1,052
Volunteers Expenses	-	-
Accommodation Costs:		
Avenue Room Rent	8,520	7.604
LRRC Room Rent	7,000	-
Café/Kitchen LRRC Rent	-	-
St Andrews Room Rent	970	-
Redcar Baptist Church Room Rent	2,216	-
Office Costs:		
Office Equipment & Servicing	1,317	3,159
Office Services LRRC	-	-
Insurance	647	635
Telephone & Broadband	11,175	29,409
Miscellaneous expenses	378	2,551
Payroll expenses	252	235
Translation Services	-	-
Accountancy	1,200	1,350
Catering & Activities:		
Refreshments & Catering	896	-
Come & Chat Catering	4,312	53
Outings & Activities	820	-
Football Training	9,176	3,040
Bike Maintenance	-	50
Meditation Sessions	1,680	3,280
Wellbeing Sessions	-	1,400
Singing on Line	2,160	4,320
Sparkles- Mother & Toddler Group	-	1,600
MAP Food Bank	500	2,967
Photography Fund- MBC	116	654
	101.577	106,231

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5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

This is stated after charging:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Independent Examiners Fees (including VAT)	1,200	1,350

6. PAID EMPLOYEES

Staff costs paid during the year were split:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	41,299	38,628
Employer's National Insurance costs	3,243	2,902
Pension costs	1,237	1,159
Total staff costs	45,779	42,689
Average number of full time equivalent employees	2	2

No member of the management committee received any remuneration in the year for services as a trustee.

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

7. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors and accruals	1,350	1,350
Grants received in advance	-	-
	1,350	1,350

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

One related party transaction has been identified in the year totalling £140 for the production of the annual report by a business owned by the Son of a Trustee. This work was done at an arms length basis.

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TRUSTEES REPORT
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Methodist Asylum Project : Middlesbrough

Trustees Annual Report
For the Period 1st September 2021 — 31st August 2022

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name: Methodist Asylum Project: Middlesbrough

Registered Charity Number: 1167625

Charity's Principal Address:

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The Methodist Asylum Project, Middlesbrough (M.A.P) was initially established as Avenue Refugee Project in 2002. In 2005 it became a project of the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit and in 2009 it became M.A.P. Middlesbrough and adopted its own constitution, and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. In 2016 it became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The Trustees of the Charity meet regularly, at least 4 times each year. The Charity employs a full-time Project Manager, and a part time Assistant. They deliver the work of the Charity, supported by a team of about 70 volunteers

The Trustees Annual Report, the detailed Annual Accounts and the Auditors Report will be published on our Website and the Charity Commissions Website before the end of June 2023. An illustrated version of the Annual Report and a financial summary will also be available earlier in 2023.

The Members of the Board of Trustees at 31st August 2022 are:

Mrs Pat Martin - Chair
Mr John Hinton - Secretary
Mr Brian Glover - Treasurer
Mr Ali Awad Ali Muhammad
Mr Reg Bellerby
Mr Brian Dummigan (retired June 2022)
Rev David Godfrey
Mr John Hinman

Observer:

Mr Billy Barnes - Project Manager

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Methodist Asylum Project and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993.

They are also responsible for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Risk Management

The Risk Management arrangements of the Charity are identified in the MAP Risk Register and are divided into 4 main risk groups, namely Governance, Operational, Financial and External Risks.

The key risks considered include:

- Risks associated with working with children and vulnerable adults. This is addressed by the Charities 'Safeguarding' Policy.

- Financial Loss, which is addressed through appropriate financial controls and procedures.

- Uncertainty over obtaining sufficient Donations and Grants for continuation of the Charity. Bids for two significant 3 year grants have been successful at the end of the report year which will ensure stability into the medium term.

- Changes in Government policy regarding dispersal of asylum seekers and refugees to Middlesbrough. The Project Manager keeps abreast of changes in policy and their implications for the work of the Charity.

Sources of funds

Funds are obtained through donations and submitting applications to grant-making Trusts and Foundations.

Reserves Policy
It is the current policy of the Trustees to maintain a basic balance in the reserve of £40,000. ie approximately six months running costs.

Related Party Transactions

Charities preparing accruals (SORP) accounts must disclose:

- trustees 'remuneration and benefits
- trustees 'expenses
- transactions with those persons and entities that are closely connected to the charity or its trustees, referred to as related parties

There has been one transactions of £140 for the production of the annual report in the relevant financial year.

The Methodist Asylum Project, Middlesbrough maintains close links with the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit (Registered charity no: 1133911) although it has its own board of trustees and is financially independent of the Methodist Circuit. However, the previous Project Manager of M.A.P. had her employment contract through the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit although this arrangement ceased in July 2022.

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Charitable objects:

The Charity's objects are:-

To promote for the benefit of those seeking asylum and those granted refugee status and their dependents by:
a) The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life;
b) The advancement of education and training including advancing them in life and assisting them to adapt within a new community;
c) The relief of sickness and the preservation and protection of their physical and mental health;
d) The relief of financial hardship

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Our Aims:

MAP Middlesbrough offers practical support and social opportunities to those seeking asylum and to refugees in the Middlesbrough and Redcar area. We have been working with asylum-seekers and refugees locally since 2002.
We aim to create welcoming spaces, where there is an instant sense of community. MAP developed out of a project of the Middlesbrough and Eston Circuit of the Methodist Church, and first registered as a charity in 2009.

We offer a varied programme of services including 2nd hand clothing and household goods distribution, a regular weekly activities programme, and one-off classes, collaborations, outings and activities, which are often delivered in partnership with others.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

Chair's Report:

This year has been a little easier than the previous two years and with the gradual lifting of Covid restrictions MAP has been able to start most of our face to face activities while still being mindful of the virus which is still with us.

Up until Christmas we continued to offer food, clothing, household essentials and created more of a social atmosphere at the Wednesday drop-in. Leading up to Christmas we were able to give out gifts for adults and children and also held a small party which was enjoyed by all.
Come and Chat, Teesville and the Redcar drop-in were all in operation but the numbers were small to begin with but slowly picked up. We continued to welcome new arrivals in Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland areas and help them settle in their new communities.
In the new year we were fully open but still offering masks to volunteers and clients and it was so good to welcome back people who had not been able to attend before. The singing group started and performed at Stokesley Songfest to a packed audience who all enjoyed their enthusiastic performance.

The Trustees continued to meet through zoom until June when we could finally return to face to face Board meetings. Sadly our trustee Brian Dummigan retired after many years with MAP as a volunteer and treasurer. We thank Brian for his dedication over these years and wish him well for the future.

At the end of 2021 Ailsa advised that she wished to retire in June 2022 after ten years as our project manager. The Board then started the recruitment process and were delighted to appoint Billy Barnes who was able to have a handover period with Ailsa before finally taking up the reins of this very challenging job.

We had a packed social morning at Avenue for everyone to say their farewells and thank Ailsa for the tremendous work she has done for the project bringing new activities and supporting our clients especially during the past two years. We shall miss her greatly but wish her well in whatever the future holds for her.

In March we welcomed back Rose Hardman as our fund raiser who has been working very hard securing funding for our future projects.

It was a highlight of the year to once again spend a day on the beach at Saltburn enjoying games , lovely food and all in glorious sunshine.

My thanks go to Ailsa, Billy, Hamid, the volunteers, funders and supporters who continue to believe in MAP. We could not do this without you.

I hope you enjoy reading this report.
Pat Martin
Chair of Trustees

Leonard Bye

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TRUSTEES REPORT
AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2022

Proiect Manager's Report:

Getting back to normal

After 18 months of lockdowns and restrictions, and a summer spent holding all our activities in the park, it was a real joy to re-start all our normal face to face sessions from September 2021 We took sensible precautions for the first 3 to 6 months. At first there were temperature checks on arrival, and compulsory masks. As time went on however, we were able to reach a point in Spring 2022 where most restrictions became personal choice.

It was a slow start. The 2-year break meant that there had been quite a lot of churn within the population. Many of those who had been coming regularly for sessions pre-pandemic had moved on. It has been a gradual process of spreading the word, meeting new people, and just making sure that we are always there, doing what we say we will do.

By spring of 2022 however, we had all our main regular services up and thriving again. The numbers attending each session are gradually rising, and we expect this to continue steadily. It has felt very, very good to be back!

Early Celebrations

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It was a year of "firsts", and Christmas 2021 at Avenue saw us try out a "mass gathering" for the first time post-covid. We were appropriately cautious, so held the event at Avenue with the doors standing open (and coats on inside!). Despite this, we enjoyed the party together. Raquel, an El Salvadorean volunteer, had carefully crafted a pinata for us, building up papier Mache layers, decorating it with brightly coloured crepe paper, and filling it with sweets. Other volunteers brought in delicacies from all over the world, and we enjoyed sharing food and fun, with music and singing in the background. A great first step back to normality.

Headlining at Songfest!

After what seemed like years singing into screens, imagine our excitement to be given a headline slot at Stokesley Songfest! This was our first performance back after covid, and we had only been singing face to face for 4 weeks when the date came round . There is no denying that this added to the sense of jeopardy on the day. We felt under-rehearsed and were not entirely certain which of the group would actually arrive.

Due as ever to the astounding skills of leaders Emily Smith and David Pisaro, and to the enthusiasm and the gifted singing of the group and the soloists, we smashed it! Or at least that is what it felt like. We performed for an hour and during this time we gave it everything. We sang a meditative chant, in rounds, as we walked around the room, weaving in and out of the audience and desperately counting beats. Nike led a Nigerian call and response, her beautiful high clear voice floating out above us all. And Abdul sang a resounding Kurdish love song, to the astonishment of everyone including our group who had been rehearsing with him a totally different song. Chaos, music, and a profound pleasure. Thank you to Julia Haigh for including us in this wonderful event.

Spreading the load :

Increasing dispersal across Redcar & Cleveland

One area of real growth this year has been our work in Redcar & Cleveland, due to increased dispersal into Redcar & Cleveland. As pressure on asylum accommodation has increased, people have been placed across a wider area than previously, and the overall numbers have gone up. Nowhere has this been more noticeable than in Redcar.

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We have been holding a weekly drop-in session in Redcar since 2016. A dedicated group of volunteers offered conversation class and social support, to a relatively stable group of local asylum-seekers. This has changed this year. We have had periods where new shared houses were opening in the area most weeks, and many new faces arriving in the drop-in every week as a result.

We were really pleased to move the location of the Redcar drop-in over to the Baptist Church on Park Avenue in autumn 2021. We can meet in a beautiful, welcoming space, and enjoy the buzz of all the other activities which go on in this building. There is a superb Community Grocery project which has welcomed our service-users both as customers and as volunteers. We have felt very welcomed by this Church and all the other projects based here.

We have also really appreciated the support of Redcar & Cleveland Council. Building on the digital connectivity work which we did across the area during the pandemic, we were grateful to receive continued funding to allow us to provide Wi-Fi hubs in the asylum-seeker properties in Redcar & Cleveland. Access to Wi-Fi provides a vital link for people who are living in places some distance from the main support services, as well as protecting their wellbeing through continued links with friends, and allowing for online learning.

Since early summer ESOL learners in Redcar have been able to follow their class with a time on the nearby church allotment. There has been a good take-up for this some service users have grown their own seeds and planted them. This is a great opportunity for improved mental health and wellbeing as well as a rewarding effort as some food can be used by those growing it. Incidentally English continues informally on the plot as people are fascinated by the names of plants and their qualities (especially the weeds). Lots of questions are asked (including about cooking).

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Cultural Crafting

We often hold sessions aimed at sharing awareness of aspects of British culture. These can be very useful for people recently arrived in the UK, whether it is explaining Bonfire Night (and framing expectations about the likelihood of loud noises!) or letting Santa visit a Christmas celebration….as he did at our Redcar drop-in in December 2021.

At Teesville drop-in the volunteers often go a step further. We have had pumpkin carving, all sorts of celebrations for Christmas, Hallowe'en, and Eid, and many birthday cakes. This Easter was a good example, with the weekly language class based around Easter-themed craft activities. A varied group, including people from Iraq, Pakistan, Turkey, England, Eritrea and Russia, absorbed in crafting Easter cards, and decorating hard-boiled eggs. We probably all remember feeling a bit puzzled when egg-rolling was first introduced to us as children, so imagine trying to explain it in a 2nd language, to an adult hearing of it for the first time! There were a lot of questions, including "Why?" and "How do you know who wins?"

Outdoor Wellbeing

Over the years we have enjoyed a lot of healing times outdoors with our service-users. We have had our regular trips to the seaside, and our walking groups. Even the time we spent teaching English outdoors during the last 2 years had its therapeutic, relaxing side.

This year we were happy to be invited by Ampleforth Abbey to spend a couple of days with them, in the beauty of their surroundings, but with the added dimension that our group were able to take part in productive tasks around the Forest School and abbey grounds. This was really a pilot for a project that we would love to get off the ground more regularly, but even as standalone it was a superb experience for our service-users.

We took a group of about a dozen people who are seeking asylum in the Redcar area. We went up to Ampleforth for 2 separate full day trips, and everyone loved the experience of being outdoors, sharing food together, working and talking about dreams and plans for the project and the future.

The first day was based at the Forest School and Abbey, where the participants made bird boxes to be placed around the area and helped to prepare for school groups coming in later during the week. The following week saw the group explore some of the more agricultural areas. There was a special moment when Ampleforth's beekeepers were able to share their experiences (and a visit to their bees!) with a young man who has kept bees high in the mountains in Northern Albania.

"What can I tell you? I was happy there. Just happy" smiled Y, as we travelled home . "More than anything I like to build things. And, today, well it's just….I built something, and I was happy"

The New Arrivals Pathway

MAP's ability to reach out and work with new arrivals in the area relies heavily on a network of contacts who connect us with new people as they get here. For the last few years some superb work has been done by the North- East Migration Partnership and by the housing contractor Mears, to develop a pathway for connecting new arrivals with support charities right across the region. From May 2022 MAP has been delighted to be working with NEMP and Mears as the local "first point of contact" for new arrivals to Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland.

We have found this to be an effective addition to our other referral routes, and we are undoubtedly able to reach a wider pool of people, and much more quickly.

It has also been good to be part of a partnership team comprising great voluntary sector partners like Action Foundation in Newcastle and FODI in Sunderland. The regular partnership meetings let us learn from the experiences of these partners, who have been working on the pathway for longer, and to share experiences.

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Team Spirit in Redcar & Cleveland

Our football programme in Middlesbrough, expertly delivered for us by Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation, has been thriving for years. This year, our focus was on trying to get a similar programme off the ground in Redcar. Steady determination has been the key to this. We were delighted to be offered a great venue at Redcar Athletic, and have really appreciated the welcome given by the club and the staff there. We have had 3 attempts at getting the sessions running, each time finding attendance dropping off as first one then another participant found a college class clashing with the training sessions, or simply lost enthusiasm. By Spring of 2022 however it began to feel as if we have a critical mass of potential players amongst the asylum-seekers living here, and enough commitment for the sessions to gel.

A definite highlight for the squad was having 2 teams playing at the annual Justice First Football Tournament in June 2022. The Middlesbrough team reached the quarter-finals, whilst Redcar only just missed reaching the same stage. Probably the most satisfying sight, however, was walking around the pitches, greeting old friends, and seeing just how many of the other teams from other organisations had current or past "MAP players" playing for them. It was just great to see so many people from past years, and to see how far they have travelled.

Trip to Saltburn

After all the difficulties presented by covid we could finally go to the seaside together. We had a wonderful day at Saltburn enjoying good weather and fellowship. We booked a beach hut to act as our base and the day went swimmingly (literally in the case of a few hardy souls).

We took two coaches of asylum seekers and many of our wonderful volunteers went ahead to prepare or met us at the coach stop to aid navigation through the valley gardens to the beach.

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All our service users had a wonderful time with beach football, paddling (and a bit of limited swimming), chips and ice cream, a wonderful Kurdish family meal on the beach which was delicious and very filling and lots of fun. It was a time to relax and forget for a while some of the daily stresses people are under.

Some of us dared the steps on the way back, exhausting but fun. Several people took the lift and were delighted at such a rare experience. While climbing the steps a young Kurdish man said to me

'This is my best day in England '(Quote: Young Kurdish man)

During the day there was a chance to catch up with volunteers and service users it was wonderful to talk in such a relaxing and positive environment and to see people so happy and free in spirit.

We had a few families with us, and the children delighted in playing football and frisbee. The sense of togetherness was palpable as, in some cases three generations shared a common experience.

We were blessed as the great and unpredictable weather was on our side for most of our stay, the sun shone, and it was balmy.

The beach hut was a wonderful resource for refreshments, a touch base for information, and a drying off room for those who got a bit wet.

On the coach going home there was a relaxed and contented mood, everybody was pleasantly tired and at ease.

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Feedback was all positive and a desire for more chances to get out of town was expressed by many.

'It's Good to breath the fresh air' (quote: African man).

We hope to return next year and to build upon the excitement and enjoyment felt by our service users in the year ahead.

New MAP project Manager : Billy Barnes

I will keep this brief. I started my role in June 2022 and was delighted for the opportunity and privilege afforded by this position. I am an Anglican priest, former general nurse, teacher, independent living adviser and community worker. I have served in community service in many different forms for most of my life and maintain a profound belief in the importance of social justice, tolerance, and inclusion especially for those so misrepresented and often wilfully ignored; values daily reflected in MAP's work and ethos. I have a debt of gratitude to Ailsa for helping me settle in and learn. Ailsa also wrote much of the first part of this report for which I am also grateful, she retired in June, and we wish her a wonderful and fulfilled retirement and success in all her plans.

Avenue drop in

The Avenue continues to be one of our principal activities. In the past year we have distributed 1505 (1011 to men and 494 to women) bags of clothing and helped 965 individuals with clothing and household goods in the period. We have also distributed 1214 bundles of children's clothes, 11391 items of household goods, 89 duvets, 68 blankets, 51 pillow's and 287 bed sets.

Recently we have started to get gifts from businesses, Tesco being prominent, via MVDA these are high quality household goods and will greatly benefit our service users.

A good number of football players meet at the Avenue drop in where they can shop then get transported to the Earlingshaw pitch to be coached by Middlesbrough Football Foundation

Thursday drop-in and welcome hub.

Numbers are not huge but spread throughout the morning. This is a chance to set appointments with people, spend some quality time together and assist with problems. The music café continues and there is always a good vibe and feeling among the singers. IELTS continues at lunchtime, and we now have a barber from midday for a couple of hours.

Come and Chat Friday English

Remains strong with 479 attenders over the past year(336 men and 143 women) in total we have a footfall of 879. Classes are enthusiastic ad well attended at all levels, our volunteer teachers are brilliant, and we still finish with a meal. Singing has now moved to 12.00 on Friday to follow he meal.

Saturday Games continue in the Avenue with a small but faithful group of attenders and with gratitude to the volunteers who run the events.

Welcome

In the past year we have welcomed and registered 326 new arrivals (205 men and 121 women, 152 of whom have also been helped with a 1-2-1 orientation to help settle them.

We continue to respond to individual needs as they arise and to extend our welcome at all our activities and events.

One very important development in recent times has been an increase in the number of people now taking up the possibility of studying ESOL and other subjects at Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland colleges. This is of great benefit in helping with settling into life in the UK and in accessing service. Attendance comes with a bus pass that enables a little more freedom

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Billy Barnes

Project Manager

Funders and Supporters

Looking to the future, we are delighted to confirm that a grant from the The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington (a registered charity of which the Mercers 'Company is trustee) has been approved and is available for the next 3 years.

Also, the Ariadne Partnership (of which MAP is a part) has also been successful with a second 3 year bid to The National Lottery Community Fund.

New bids to the Postcode Lottery and the Woodsmith Foundation for 2022/23 have also been successful.

These four grants will provide significant financial stability for MAP for the medium term.

However we continue to express our grateful thanks on behalf of our service users to all those who support us with grants and donations and particularly to our major funders this year:

- The Methodist Church (Darlington District)
- Big Lottery Fund - Ariadne Project
- Arm Trust
- Church Urban Fund / Meditatio Partnership
- People's Postcode Trust - funded by players of People's Postcode Lottery
- Tees Valley Community Trust
- County Durham Community Foundation - with funding from the #NETCoronaVirusAppeal
- The Jack Brunton Charitable Trust
- The Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust
- Redcar & Cleveland Council
- Sirius Minerals Foundation
- Evan Cornish Foundation
- Middlesbrough Council
- Arnold Clark Foundation
- Thirsk & Northallerton Methodist Circuit

Thank you to all those other individuals and organisations which have supported us financially or delivering activities and services in collaboration with MAP Middlesbrough and in particular:

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- Bob & Belle Singh + Volunteers
- Rose Hardman - Freelance Fundraiser
- Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation
- Escort Coaches
- Coatham Coaches
- Terry Doyle
- Emily Smith & David Pisaro
- Jonathan Tulloch
- The Thirsk Walking Group
- Heslington Church
- St James Church, Hamsterley
- Whorlton PCC
- Bossall PCC
- Peter Hinton Design
- British Red Cross
- Open Door NE
- Justice First
- St Andrews Parish – Teesville
- Redcar Baptist Church
- Methodist Churches in the Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit
- Mears
- North East Migration Partnership

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT
METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
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IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR TO 31ST AUGUST 2022

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2022 which are set out on pages 13 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of the Circuit Meeting and independent examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Regulators. This examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the MAP Treasurer and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Leonard Bye

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

   have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

J.Shield

Dated: 15th febnary 2023

J. E. Shield BA F.C.A
Leonard Bye Limited
Chartered Accountants
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Middlesbrough
TS1 2JN

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £ Restricted Funds	2022 £ Unrest'ed Funds	2022 £ Totals	2021 £ Totals
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generating funds					
Voluntary Income	2	-	12,039	12,039	8,887
Activities for generating funds					
Investment Income					
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	16,657	27,953	44,610	119,271
Other Income					
Total Incoming Resources		16,657	39,992	56,649	128,158
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities		16,341	70,267	86,608	70,241
Governance costs		9,741	5,228	14,969	35,990
Cost of Generating funds					
Total Resources Expended	4	26,082	75,495	101,577	106,231
NET INCOMING RESOURCES / **(RESOURCES EXPENDED) BEFORE TRANSFERS**	5	(9,425)	(35,503)	(44,928)	21,927
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS - Reclassification of funding		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(9,425)	(35,503)	(44,928)	21,927
FUND BALANCES B/F		17,100	110,874	127,974	106,047
FUND BALANCES C/FORWARD		**7,675**	75,371	83,046	127,974

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets			-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		-		-	
Cash at Bank and in hand		84,396		129,324	
				129,324	
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	7	1,350		1,350	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			83,046		127,974
NET ASSETS			83,046		127,974
Financed by:					
ACCUMULATED FUNDS					
Restricted Funds					
Church Urban Fund		2,240		3,760	
R&CBC		5,085		5,340	
ARM Trust		350		10,000	
			7,675		17,100
Unrestricted Funds			75,371		110,874
			83,046		127,974

Trustee:

Date: 11/2/23.

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METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
MIDDLESBROUGH
NOTES TO THE 2022 ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 General information and basis of preparation

Methodist Asylum Project Middlesbrough was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 13th June 2016. The charity registration number is 1167625. The charity's principle address is Linthorpe Road Methodist Church & Resource Centre, 54 Borough Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2JH.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP 2019) and the Charities Act 2011. The format of the SOFA and balance sheet takes advantage of the small charity concessions set out in the SORP.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

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1.2 Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds arise when the company receives grants and other significant donations and the use of these funds may be restricted by the donor to a particular area of the company's work. A detailed record is maintained by the company of all transactions relating to income. Unexpended funds at the end of the year are shown separately on the Balance Sheet as restricted funds.

1.3 Income Recognition

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

1.4 Resources Expended

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2022 £	2021 £
Sale of Rags	1,944	1,266
Sundry Donations	4,171	1,197
Standing Orders	2,160	2,800
Misc Income	3	967
Just Giving	3,761	1,657
Photography Fund MBC	-	1,000
	12,039	8,887

3. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES- GRANTS

	Restri-cted £	Unrest-ricted £	Total 2022 £	2021 £
Darlington District	-	20,000	20,000	20,000
Jill Franklin Trust	-	-	-	13,600
ARM Trust	-	-	-	10,000
Ariadne 2	-	-	-	20,000
Church Urban Fund	-	-	-	1,850
Coop	-	-	-	2,737
Barrow Cadbury	-	-	-	21,000
Comic Relief	-	-	-	4,000
Awards for All	-	-	-	8,984
J Brunton Trust	-	-	-	4,000
Catherine Cookson Trust	-	-	-	500
R&CBC	9,150	-	9,150	11,600
MFC Foundation	-	-	-	1,000
Thirsk & Northallerton Methodist Circuit	-	2,993	2,993	-
Sirius Minerals	3,507	-	3,507	-
Evan Cornish Foundation	3,000	-	3,000	-
Middlesbrough Council	-	4,960	4,960	-
Arnold Clark	1,000	-	1,000	-
	16,657	27,953	44,610	119,271

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4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£
Staffing Costs:		
Project Manager Salary & Pension	35,145	32,227
Project Manager expenses	422	-
Ariadne Coordinator Salary & Pension	10,585	10,462
Ariadne Coordinator expenses	68	-
Mobile Phone Costs	184	183
Funding Advice Worker	1,838	1,052
Volunteers Expenses	-	-
Accommodation Costs:		
Avenue Room Rent	8,520	7.604
LRRC Room Rent	7,000	-
Café/Kitchen LRRC Rent	-	-
St Andrews Room Rent	970	-
Redcar Baptist Church Room Rent	2,216	-
Office Costs:		
Office Equipment & Servicing	1,317	3,159
Office Services LRRC	-	-
Insurance	647	635
Telephone & Broadband	11,175	29,409
Miscellaneous expenses	378	2,551
Payroll expenses	252	235
Translation Services	-	-
Accountancy	1,200	1,350
Catering & Activities:		
Refreshments & Catering	896	-
Come & Chat Catering	4,312	53
Outings & Activities	820	-
Football Training	9,176	3,040
Bike Maintenance	-	50
Meditation Sessions	1,680	3,280
Wellbeing Sessions	-	1,400
Singing on Line	2,160	4,320
Sparkles- Mother & Toddler Group	-	1,600
MAP Food Bank	500	2,967
Photography Fund- MBC	116	654
	101.577	106,231

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5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

This is stated after charging:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Independent Examiners Fees (including VAT)	1,200	1,350

6. PAID EMPLOYEES

Staff costs paid during the year were split:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	41,299	38,628
Employer's National Insurance costs	3,243	2,902
Pension costs	1,237	1,159
Total staff costs	45,779	42,689
Average number of full time equivalent employees	2	2

No member of the management committee received any remuneration in the year for services as a trustee.

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

7. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors and accruals	1,350	1,350
Grants received in advance	-	-
	1,350	1,350

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

One related party transaction has been identified in the year totalling £140 for the production of the annual report by a business owned by the Son of a Trustee. This work was done at an arms length basis.

Leonard Bye

METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT MIDDLESBROUGH

England & Wales - Charity number 1167625

Accounts

Methodist Asylum Project

Middlesbrough

Annual Report 2020-2021

A warm welcome

During this covid year we provided:

Visits

363 different individuals, with just over 3,200 visits to virtual or in person MAP services

Distribution

Distributed 806 bags of essential groceries, to 207 people

Essentials

166 men and 85 women took clothing and household essentials

Activities

43 RAS men played in our regular football sessions from March 2021 onwards

Support

We gave individual orientation support to 108 men and 16 women on their first arrival in the area

Welcome to our Annual Report for 2020-2021

During the past very different year MAP has continued in whatever way possible to support our service users particularly those new to this area. We have offered phones, Sims and wifi to enable the zoom classes to continue and also as a way of keeping in touch with family abroad helping everyone's wellbeing in these difficult times.

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Male asylum-seeker from El Salvador

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Welcoming new arrivals

We managed to continue our Welcome work for new arrivals, in adapted form, across the whole of this year. There were quiet times, when the flow of new arrivals diminished, but by and large the work was steady across the year. Instead of meeting in drop-ins, we mostly met one-to-one by arrangement, to keep covid risks at a minimum.

We used telephone interpreters more than in previous years, for the same reasons. There are positives to that in terms of the resource used, but there is really no substitute for the animated, detailed conversation that takes place between a new arrival, and an asylum-seeking Welcome volunteer who has walked the same path a year or two ago, and is there to give real lived-experience guidance on the many practical issues that arise. During the year we worked individually with 178 men and 42 women on arrival in the area, providing orientation, signposting to services, and help to meet basic needs.

The 2nd half of the year saw us gradually unlocking… with creativity and many reconnections with friends!

Back on the pitch

Immediately restrictions eased, we resumed our weekly football sessions with Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation.

The first session took place on 31st March, and in those early first weeks there were record attendances, as people were just so pleased to be able to meet and play together.

We managed 22 sessions before the year end. There were 43 regular asylum-seeker/refugee attending across the period, with on average 10 per session present. As time has gone on, our group has been greatly augmented by other players from a wide variety of migrant and Middlesbrough backgrounds, who have encountered the sessions through a variety of different routes.

As a result, it is not unusual to see 25 or 30 players at a training session, greatly adding to the footballing and social opportunities for the “MAP” players. As ever, a source of great joy is the smiles on all the faces.

Redcar Drop In
Doing Things A Bit Differently!

Zoom served a purpose during Lockdown. However, as the weather improved and the rules about meeting in groups began to relax a little, when the suggestion was made that it might be possible - and more beneficial – for the volunteer group in Redcar to meet our students face to face once again, we put our thinking caps on.

The Stray Café on the Coast Road in Redcar was our first venue at the beginning of June. Living close by, Tony secured tables and chairs ready for our 10.30a.m. get-togethers. Coffee, conversation, camaraderie for an hour and a half each week lifted everyone's spirits - and then the weather changed! Throughout July, though, we were able to meet in Joan's garden - if fine, outside in two groups; in the dining room and the garden house if not - which meant that we could resume some formal teaching too.

We also managed to arrange a party to celebrate the First Holy Communion of the three children of one of our clients, to which all of our students were invited, together with other friends.

Garden games, an amazing chocolate cake courtesy of Pauline, baklava and 'tres leches' cake made by the children's mum were the highlights of the occasion. Throughout the summer, even during the holidays, we kept in touch with our students individually as time allowed - walks along the prom, Pauline's trips to the beach with the children, Fran's cliff walks and bird watching, Tony's practical help when needed, a visit to Whitby by bus and even York as a birthday treat.
Tony, Fran, Pauline and Joan, Redcar volunteers

Park Life

Albert Park is one of the beauties of central Middlesbrough, and it provided a great place to start meeting up with the Friday English class group over the summer.

We had no idea what to expect on the first day, but as ever the creative MAP volunteers came along with their resources of energy, enthusiasm and folding chairs (and even a whiteboard, on occasion).

We were never rained off! Even on the day when many of the volunteers living outside Middlesbrough set off from home in drenching rain, sure that the session would be cancelled...and we stood waiting under umbrellas at the park gate, agreeing that clearly no students would come, and we would go home....and at 10.15 am, unbelievably, the sun came out, and students started walking in! Amazing determination, from volunteers and from students.

Thirsk and Northallerton circuit

MAP are deeply grateful to everyone who contribute the finance that enables us to do our work. Many people and groups have given generously for years (mahadsanid), but one organisation who will be raising money over the next year is the Thirsk and Northallerton circuit of the Methodist church, Sahha. They have chosen us to be their mission project for the Methodist year that began in September, shukran.

To “kick off” the project I was invited to preach at their circuit service at the beginning of the month, Salamat. It gave me a wonderful opportunity to tell them a little about us, when we began, what our aims & objectives are and what we do. I explained how we were impacted by Covid and how we have tried to continue to operate as best we could but were pleased that “real” meetings were beginning to replace “virtual” ones.

The welcome was warm and the feedback afterward was wonderful (as were the refreshments!), Eseao si. They are keen to help in as many ways as possible and will be discussing with Ailsa other ways that they may be able to support us, uyanamok.

They already offer help to refugees from Syria and Afghanistan who have been located in their area (rah-gck-met) and so have a good appreciation of what MAP is trying to do.

My closing slide had one sentiment expressed in over 20 languages that cover the 30 plus nationalities of folk that have engaged with MAP over the last year – that sentiment was “Thank you”.... I have scattered a few examples throughout this article. The only thing left to say to our friends in the Thirsk and Northallerton circuit is “We wish you well with your fundraising”!

John Hinton

Going forwards...

At the date of writing, we are easing back into something much more like the old MAP.

No large parties or excursions as yet, but we are managing a return to most regular activities face to face, meeting many new people as they arrive in the area, and looking forward to developing new initiatives as needs emerge during the coming year.

Ailsa Adamson
Project Manager

> *"I have kept those things you know, all that you gave me. They remind me of where I have come from, what milestones I have passed.*
>
> *When you go through something like this, you always remember the people who were there with you. Thank you so much."*
>
> A refugee, helped some years ago with practical items on setting up home, remembering the difference it made

MAP Finance Report

Initial Cash in Bank
£106,047

at 31/08/20

Final Cash in Bank
£127,974

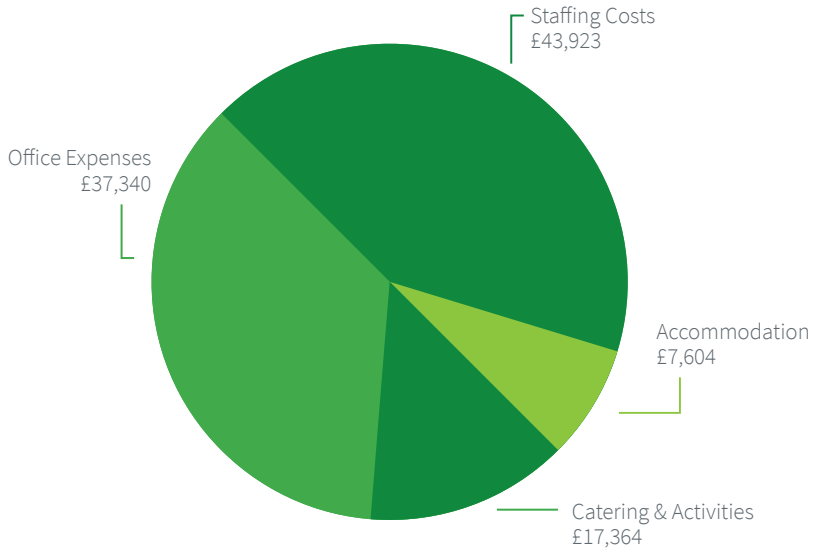
at 31/08/21

The charts below give an indicative breakdown of these figures, whilst the Trustees Annual Report and detailed Annual

Accounts will be published on our Website and the Charity Commission Website before the end of June 2022.

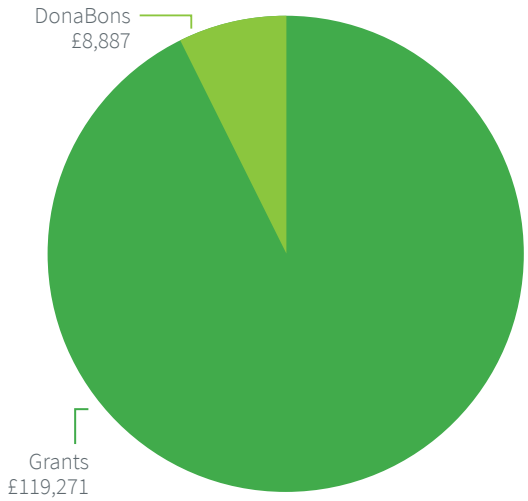
Bankers: *Barclays Bank*
Accountants / Auditors: *Leonard Bye, Chartered Accountants,*

Total Expenditure
£106,231



Total Income
£128,158

including Grants, Donations, and Big Lottery Funding for the Ariadne Project



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“As an asylum-seeker MAP did a lot for me. They really made me feel like a human being and I really found peace and received respect. Everyone seemed concerned about me just like a family, which I miss.

So literally, I joined as Trustee to help others to get what I got. Also as a repayment for this gorgeous charity.”

Ali Awad Ali Mohammed, MAP Trustee

Funders & Supporters

We express our grateful thanks on behalf of our service users, to all those who support us with donations, and particularly to our major funders this year:

- *THE METHODIST Church (Darlington District)*
- *Big Lottery Fund - Ariadne Project*
- *JILL FRANKLIN TRUST*
- *ARM TRUST*
- *Barrow Cadbury Trust*
- *Comic Relief*
- *Royal Literary Fund*
- *Coop Local Community Fund*
- *Awards For All Community Fund*
- *Church Urban Fund / Meditatio Partnership*
- *People's Postcode Trust - funded by players of People's Postcode Lottery*
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- *The Jack Brunton Charitable Trust*
- *The Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust*
- *Redcar & Cleveland Council*
- *Sirius Minerals Foundation*

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- *Bob & Belle Singh + Volunteers*
- *Vicki Hone - Freelance Fundraiser*
- *Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation*
- *Escort Coaches*
- *Terry Doyle*
- *Emily Smith & David Pisaro*
- *Naomi Haigh*
- *Jonathan Tulloch*
- *The Thirsk Walking Group*
- *Heslington Church*
- *St James Church, Hamsterley*
- *Whorlton PCC*
- *Peter Hinton Design*
- *British Red Cross*
- *Open Door NE*
- *Justice First*
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- *Redcar Baptist Church*
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Get In Touch

If you would like to know more about MAP or its work please just get in touch.

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About MAP

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We have 1 full and 1 part time member of staff and around 90 volunteers, from a wide variety of backgrounds.

METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
MIDDLESBROUGH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

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Methodist Asylum Project : Middlesbrough

Trustees Annual Report
For the Period 1st September 2020 — 31st August 2021

INTRODUCTION

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published in October 2019).

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name: Methodist Asylum Project: Middlesbrough

Registered Charity Number: 1167625

Charity's Principal Address:

LINTHORPE ROAD METHODIST CHURCH & RESOURCE CENTRE,
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TRUSTEES REPORT
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The Methodist Asylum Project, Middlesbrough (M.A.P) was initially established as Avenue Refugee Project in 2002. In 2005 it became a project of the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit and in 2009 it became M.A.P. Middlesbrough and adopted its own constitution, and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. In 2016 it became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The Trustees of the Charity meet regularly, at least 4 times each year. The Charity employs a full-time Project Manager, and a part time Assistant. They deliver the work of the Charity, supported by a team of about 90 volunteers

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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They are also responsible for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Risk Management

The Risk Management arrangements of the Charity are identified in the MAP Risk Register and are divided into 4 main risk groups, namely Governance, Operational, Financial and External Risks.

The key risks considered include:

- Risks associated with working with children and vulnerable adults. This is addressed by the Charities 'Safeguarding' Policy.
- Financial Loss, which is addressed through appropriate financial controls and procedures.
- Uncertainty over obtaining sufficient Donations and Grants for continuation of the Charity
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Sources of funds

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Charities preparing accruals (SORP) accounts must disclose:

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There have been no transactions of each type, in the relevant financial year.

The Methodist Asylum Project, Middlesbrough maintains close links with the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit (Registered charity no: 1133911) although it has its own board of trustees and is financially independent of the Methodist Circuit. However, the Project Manager of M.A.P. has her employment contract through the Middlesbrough & Eston Methodist Circuit.

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OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Charitable objects:

The Charity's objects are:-

To promote for the benefit of those seeking asylum and those granted refugee status and their dependents by:
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Our Aims:

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- **Welcoming new arrivals**

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We managed to continue our Welcome work for new arrivals, in adapted form, across the whole of this year. There were quiet times, when the flow of new arrivals diminished, but by and large the work was steady across the year. Instead of meeting in drop-ins, we mostly met one-to-one by arrangement, to keep covid risks at a minimum. We used telephone interpreters more than in previous years, for the same reasons. There are positives to that in terms of the resource used, but there is really no substitute for the animated, detailed conversation that takes place between a new arrival, and an asylum-seeking Welcome volunteer who has walked the same path a year or two ago, and is there to give real lived-experience guidance on the many practical issues that arise. During the year we worked individually with 178 men and 42 women on arrival in the area, providing orientation, signposting to services, and help to meet basic needs.

The 2nd half of the year saw us gradually unlocking… with creativity and many reconnections with friends!

- **Back on the pitch**

Immediately restrictions eased, we resumed our weekly football sessions with Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation. The first session took place on 31st March, and in those early first weeks there were record attendances, as people were just so pleased to be able to meet and play together. We managed 22 sessions before the year end. There were 43 regular asylum-seeker/refugee attending across the period, with on average 10 per session present. As time has gone on, our group has been greatly augmented by other players from a wide variety of migrant and Middlesbrough backgrounds, who have encountered the sessions through a variety of different routes. As a result, it is not unusual to see 25 or 30 players at a training session, greatly adding to the footballing and social opportunities for the "MAP" players. As ever, a source of great joy is the smiles on all the faces.

- **Redcar Drop In - Doing Things A Bit Differently!**

Zoom served a purpose during Lockdown. However, as the weather improved and the rules about meeting in groups began to relax a little, when the suggestion was made that it might be possible - and more beneficial – for the volunteer group in Redcar to meet our students face to face once again, we put our thinking caps on.

The Stray Café on the Coast Road in Redcar was our first venue at the beginning of June. Living close by, Tony secured tables and chairs ready for our 10.30a.m. get-togethers. Coffee, conversation, camaraderie for an hour and a half each week lifted everyone's spirits - and then the weather changed! Throughout July, though, we were able to meet in Joan's garden - if fine, outside in two groups; in the dining room and the garden house if not - which meant that we could resume some formal teaching too.
We also managed to arrange a party to celebrate the First Holy Communion of the three children of one of our clients, to which all of our students were invited, together with other friends. Garden games, an amazing chocolate cake courtesy of Pauline, baklava and 'tres leches' cake made by the children's mum were the highlights of the occasion.
Throughout the summer, even during the holidays, we kept in touch with our students individually as time allowed - walks along the prom, Pauline's trips to the beach with the children, Fran's cliff walks and bird watching, Tony's practical help when needed, a visit to Whitby by bus and even York as a birthday treat.
Tony, Fran, Pauline and Joan, Redcar volunteers

- **Park life**

Albert Park is one of the beauties of central Middlesbrough, and it provided a great place to start meeting up with the Friday English class group over the summer. We had no idea what to expect on the first day, but as ever the creative MAP volunteers came along with their resources of energy, enthusiasm and folding chairs (and even a whiteboard, on occasion). We were never rained off! Even on the day when many of the volunteers living outside Middlesbrough set off from home in drenching rain, sure that the session would be cancelled…and we stood waiting under umbrellas at the park gate, agreeing that clearly no students would come, and we would go home….and at 10.15 am, unbelievably, the sun came out, and students started walking in! Amazing determination, from volunteers and from students.

- **Going forwards…**

At the date of writing, we are easing back into something much more like the old MAP. No large parties or excursions as yet, but we are managing a return to most regular activities face to face, meeting many new people as they arrive in the area, and looking forward to developing new initiatives as needs emerge during the coming year.

Ailsa Adamson
Project Manager

Funders and Supporters

We express our grateful thanks on behalf of our service users to all those who support us with grants and donations and particularly to our major funders this year:

- The Methodist Church (Darlington) District
- Big Lottery Fund - Ariadne Project
- Jill Franklin Trust
- Arm Trust
- Barrow Cadbury Trust
- Comic Relief
- Royal Literary Fund
- Coop Local Community Fund

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- Awards for All Community Fund
- Church Urban Fund / Meditatio Partnership
- People's Postcode Trust - funded by players of People's Postcode Lottery
- Tees Valley Community Trust
- County Durham Community Foundation - with funding from the #NETCoronaVirusAppeal
- The Jack Brunton Charitable Trust
- The Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust
- Redcar & Cleveland Council
- Sirius Minerals Foundation

Thank you to all those other individuals and organisations which have supported us financially or delivering activities and services in collaboration with MAP Middlesbrough and in particular:

- Bob & Belle Singh + Volunteers
- Vicki Hone - Freelance Fundraiser
- Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation
- Escort Coaches
- Terry Doyle
- Emily Smith & David Pisaro
- Naomi Haigh
- Jonathan Tulloch
- The Thirsk Walking Group
- Heslington Church
- St James Church, Hamsterley
- Whorlton PCC
- Peter Hinton Design
- British Red Cross
- Open Door NE
- Justice First
- St Andrews Parish – Teesville
- Redcar Baptist Church
- Methodist Churches in the Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit

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ACCOUNTANTS REPORT
METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
MIDDLESBROUGH
IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR TO 31ST AUGUST 2021

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2021 which are set out on pages 11 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of the Circuit Meeting and independent examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Regulators. This examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Circuit Treasurer and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

   have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

J. Shield.

Dated: 26th January 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

		2021 £ Restricted Funds	2021 £ Unrest'ed Funds	2021 £ Totals	2020 £ Totals
INCOMING RESOURCES	**Notes**				
Incoming resources from generating funds					
Voluntary Income	**2**	-	8,887	8,887	7,557
Activities for generating funds					
Investment Income					
Incoming resources from charitable activities	**3**	91,034	28,237	119,271	98,407
Other Income					
Total Incoming Resources		91,034	37,124	128,158	105,964
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities		61,164	9,077	70,241	72,975
Governance costs		24,372	11,618	35,990	13,097
Cost of Generating funds					
Total Resources Expended	**4**	85,536	20,695	106,231	86,072
NET INCOMING RESOURCES / **(RESOURCES EXPENDED) BEFORE TRANSFERS**	**5**	5,498	16,429	21,927	19,892
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS -					
Reclassification of funding		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		5,498	16,429	21,927	19,892
FUND BALANCES B/F		11,602	94,445	106,047	86,155
FUND BALANCES C/FORWARD		17,100	110,874	127,974	106,047

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2021

	Notes	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets			-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		-		-	
Cash at Bank and in hand		129,324		106,047	
		129,324		106,047	
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	7	1,350		-	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			127,974		106,047
NET ASSETS			127,974		106,047
Financed by:					
ACCUMULATED FUNDS					
Restricted Funds					
Church Urban Fund		3,760		3,150	
Peoples Postcode		-		5,092	
County Durham Community Fund		-		3,360	
R&CBC		5,340		-	
ARM Trust		10,000		-	
			17,100		11,602
Unrestricted Funds			110,874		94,445
			127,974		106,047

Trustee: BRIAN GLOVER

Date: 1/1/22

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METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT
MIDDLESBROUGH
NOTES TO THE 2021 ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 General information and basis of preparation

Methodist Asylum Project Middlesbrough was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 13th June 2016. The charity registration number is 1167625. The charity's principle address is Linthorpe Road Methodist Church & Resource Centre, 54 Borough Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2JH.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP 2019) and the Charities Act 2011. The format of the SOFA and balance sheet takes advantage of the small charity concessions set out in the SORP.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds arise when the company receives grants and other significant donations and the use of these funds may be restricted by the donor to a particular area of the company's work. A detailed record is maintained by the company of all transactions relating to income. Unexpended funds at the end of the year are shown separately on the Balance Sheet as restricted funds.

1.3 Income Recognition

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

1.4 Resources Expended

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

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2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2021 £	2020 £
Sale of Rags	1,266	1,327
Sundry Donations	1,197	2,508
Standing Orders	2,800	2,130
Misc Income	967	1,592
Just Giving	1,657	-
Photography Fund MBC	1,000	-
	8,887	7,557

3. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES- GRANTS

	Restri-cted £	Unrest-ricted £	Total 2021 £	2020 £
Darlington District		20,000	20,000	20,000
Jill Franklin Trust	13,600		13,600	6,000
ARM Trust	10,000		10,000	-
Ariadne 1			-	30,258
Ariadne 2	20,000		20,000	-
Garfield Weston Foundation			-	10,000
Church Urban Fund	1,850		1,850	-
Coop		2,737	2,737	707
Peoples Postcode Trust			-	5,092
Tees Valley Community Trust			-	1,000
County Durham Community Foundation			-	4,440
Barrow Cadbury	21,000		21,000	-
Comic Relief	4,000		4,000	-
Awards for All	8,984		8,984	-
J Brunton Trust		4,000	4,000	-
Catherine Cookson Trust		500	500	-
R&CBC	11,600		11,600	-
MFC Foundation		1,000	1,000	-
Zedra Trust				2,000
Allen Lane Foundation				9,000
Royal Literary				650
York BGC				480
Lempriere Pringle				5,000
Terry Doyle				3,780
	91,034	28,237	119,271	98,407

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NOTES TO THE 2021 ACCOUNTS-Continued

4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£
Staffing Costs:		
Project Manager Salary & Pension	32,227	31,362
Project Manager expenses	-	522
Ariadne Coordinator Salary & Pension	10,462	10,160
Ariadne Coordinator expenses	-	147
Mobile Phone Costs	183	171
Funding Advice Worker	1,052	1,100
Volunteers Expenses	-	53
Accommodation Costs:		
Avenue Room Rent	7,604	4,711
LRRC Room Rent	-	4,877
Café/Kitchen LRRC Rent	-	235
St Andrews Room Rent	-	725
Office Costs:		
Office Equipment & Servicing	3,159	846
Office Services LRRC	-	39
Insurance	635	632
Telephone & Broadband	29,409	8,979
Miscellaneous expenses	2,551	1,681
Payroll expenses	235	200
Translation Services	-	720
Accountancy	1,350	-
Catering & Activities:		
Refreshments & Catering	-	491
Come & Chat Catering	53	2,560
Outings & Activities	-	2,542
Football Training	3,040	7,010
Bike Maintenance	50	-
Meditation Sessions	3,280	2,120
Wellbeing Sessions	1,400	560
Singing on Line	4,320	1,980
Sparkles- Mother & Toddler Group	1,600	-
MAP Food Bank	2,967	-
Photography Fund- MBC	654	-
Streetwise Opera & Transport	-	550
Clothing Tranport	-	600
Food Parcels	-	499
	106,231	86,072

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5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

This is stated after charging:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Independent Examiners Fees (including VAT)	1,350	-

6. PAID EMPLOYEES

Staff costs paid during the year were split:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	38,628	37,606
Employer's National Insurance costs	2,902	2,788
Pension costs	1,159	1,128
Total staff costs	42,689	41,522
Average number of full time equivalent employees	2	2

No member of the management committee received any remuneration in the year for services as a trustee.

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

7. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors and accruals	1,350	-
Grants received in advance	-	-
	1,350	-

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions identified in the year.

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METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT MIDDLESBROUGH

England & Wales - Charity number 1167625

Accounts

Methodist Asylum Project

Middlesbrough

Annual Report 2019-2020

A warm welcome

It is stating the obvious, but this year fell into 2 distinct halves for us as it did for all of you.

There was before.... and now there's now....

The first 6 months of our year were packed with the usual types of activity, and some new developments. It's astonishing, looking back only 1 year, to see the things we took for granted. Travelling on a bus, meeting for class, parties where the only problem was whether we would have enough chairs, and dancing!!!

> *I volunteer for my heart... it helps my heart and my spirit*
>
> A MAP volunteer

Welcome to our Annual Report for 2019-2020

As with all other Charities MAP has had to adjust its services following the restrictions due to Covid-19. You will read in the following pages of the way we have tried to meet these challenges and we are still exploring new avenues to keep in touch with our service users and provide meaningful activities while not being able to meet together.

The extra work this has placed on our Project Manager Ailsa, our volunteer co-ordinator Hamid and our volunteers supporting our service users during these unprecedented times has been immense and we thank them all for going that extra mile while being mindful of their own situation.

Since March the Trustees have continued to meet regularly through Zoom to discuss and agree the different ways we can use to engage with as many service users as possible especially those recently dispersed to the Redcar & Cleveland area.

Earlier this year Mohamad El-Yatim felt he could no longer give sufficient time to being a Trustee and sadly resigned. We thank him for his contribution and are very grateful that he is still continuing to keep our website updated.

Over the past 10 years Rev. Sue Greenwood has been a dedicated Chaplain and Trustee to MAP. During this time she has been there supporting the asylum seekers on their difficult journeys, helping in many different roles at the drop-in and has planned and led the annual nativity service in Avenue church. This event has been a highlight in our calendar and a very moving experience for all those taking part or being part of the congregation.

Sue retired as Circuit Superintendent in August, returning to her roots in Hawsker, near Whitby, hopefully for a quieter life. We wish her a long and happy retirement and thank her for all she brought to MAP over the past years.

We were very sad to learn that our volunteer Stan Finch had died in August. Stan worked for many years with the groups at Come and Chat and was greatly loved by all who he helped along their journey to understanding our very complicated English language while making many long term friendships.

We would not have been able to continue our work without the continued support of our funders and also Vicky Hone, our fundraiser, who has successfully sought extra funding for our expanding needs due to this pandemic. Our grateful thanks to you all for making this possible.

No one can tell how long this new way of working will last but with your help MAP will continue to support our service users, by keeping in touch, running as many classes on line as possible and distributing material needs when we can.

Your continued support and belief in our work gives us all the strength to continue.

Stay safe and well.

Pat Martin,
Chair of Trustees

So many things we took for granted...

In the old days, we met up regularly. We had English classes, forged relationships, and learned from each other. At Teesville, and in our Redcar drop-in, we held English class once a week. The sessions allowed for lots of social interaction and cultural sharings, as well as language learning.

One class was spent sharing language around food and cooking... whilst making pizzas. Some weeks later we were treated to a trayful of delicious stuffed vegetables cooked by a Uighur service user. We reflected together on feelings of home, and on traditions about the sharing of food and the comfort this brings.

At Hallowe'en... masks, and decorations, and turnip lanterns.

> *"MAP helped me straight away, giving English classes and information. The volunteers are so friendly and behaved respectfully. I felt I have the same social rights as other people"*

Volunteers at Redcar Drop-in, teaching English

Lots of fun preparing for Hallowe'en at the Teesville drop-in

Enjoying the outdoors

In October, a group of families from amongst our service users in Redcar & Cleveland enjoyed the hospitality of the village community in Ampleforth on a very special day out. We arrived mid morning and the children enjoyed various indoor games before a delicious shared lunch.

In the afternoon groups split off, according to their inclinations and interests. Some families went out and wandered the village alone, stopping to photograph at every corner. We had a bit of impromptu football, and lots of fun playing under a parachute silk. The weather was warm and mild. Everyone enjoyed the friendship extended by our hosts, and the stunning beauty of the valley.

Eventually, with some very tired but happy kids, everyone clambered back into the bus and headed home. It felt like a much longer break than just one day.

> *"When I came first I have had good feeling, but I got depressed by time. MAP helped me in guiding me in find-ing different places and helping me take part in sports teams."*

Walking through uplifting surroundings towards Ampleforth Abbey

Christmas 2019

Well, what can we say? Except that Santa came, and so did all the families and children. We had a packed hall full of our friends and community, sharing gifts and eating together.

Afterwards, the music played and we danced for longer then we ever have before. It is great to look back, remembering the fun, and looking forward to the next time!

Volunteers wait in the background, to serve the next course.

Learning English through food preparation...!

Sharing food, whilst the music plays.

How to catch a black cat, in a dark room

Increasingly over the years we have been developing the work we do aimed at supporting wellbeing. Our service-users are facing lives that include all the things that your life and mine contain, with which we all need help, and with which we struggle: Boredom, anxieties about the future, stresses over money and relationships. However, they are having to do it far from home, often in a foreign language, and after suffering traumatic events. It seems logical that if you or I need to be attentive to practices that help us stay grounded and healthy, then so must our service users.

MAP has always delivered a lot of activities like outdoor walks, or football, or social events which have some sort of intrinsic value in themselves and which also promote good feelings. A couple of years ago we started our first group where the whole aim was, “Wellbeing”. We called this Cloud 9, since that was the place we aimed to reach (and because explaining English idioms is always fun!). The group was led by MAP volunteer Darren Jones, and featured Buddhist meditation practices, Zen walking, Tai Chi and discussions.

One early potential participant, discussing the burden of his ruminative thoughts, and intrigued at the idea of practices which might help him, described his constant swirling thoughts as hard work: *“Because, it is so hard to be always trying, trying, trying to catch a black cat, in a dark room… especially when there is no cat in there!”*

The group flourished as a nurturing space, and a small core group developed who never missed a session. It always proved a struggle to interest new people in joining, though.

Participants enjoy some bodywork Tai Chi sessions

When you first arrive somewhere, and you need some shoes and to learn English, it is not easy to see why you might devote time to learning to meditate!

Casting around for ways to hook attention, we decided to offer a residential retreat to 25 service users. It would be a peaceful and fun "minibreak" but delivered as a retreat, with a timetable of "classes" that we would expect people to attend. It aimed at letting people sample different types of wellbeing activities, to feel how they felt, and would involve focus on how the practices could be continued at home: by linking in to MAP's various meditation, Tai Chi or other groups, or any other sessions that were available and accessible locally, or by individual practice.

In February 2020 the idea became reality. We took 25 service-users to Ampleforth for 2 days, with wellbeing practitioner Terry Doyle leading the programme of events. Attendees tried out Tai Chi, meditation, emotional freedom technique, nature walking, Zen walking and... the hospitality of this beautiful place, and the lovely monks and staff who welcomed everyone with open arms, fed them well, and shared time. It was a really profound visit with people starting to notice the most basic of life's aspects: *"I had never felt my breathing as much as I did during meditation, it was an absolute surprise to me."*

After going into meditation one day, a young Iranian man shared his astonishment at how this had felt:

"I cannot believe the meditation session, you have no idea what it is like inside my mind. I get no quiet, ever, and nothing stops it. My mind is so bad, I am dying in there. Then we meditated and it was, ohhh, I can feel the peace coming into my body. I had no idea this could ever happen for me". He went on *"I could feel energy around me, All of a sudden, my hand jumped similar to a shock, and my body was coming from tight, tight, tight, to loose."*

> *What I liked was their manner, how they talked to me kindly. They helped me with my Aspen card and giving me information about the city.*

The retreat model, with a focus on study and learning rather than just relaxation, definitely added something to the experience we all had. We came back determined to take this work further, with all sorts of ideas floating in the air. It was a delight therefore to receive an approach later that month from Meditatio, the outreach arm of World Community for Christian Meditation about working in partnership to deliver a regular meditation session for asylum-seekers. This group started in real life in late February 2020 and is the only one of our activities which moved without interruption onto Zoom when the pandemic broke over us.

We are still meeting weekly, virtually, and looking forward to better times next year.

> *What I liked was their manner, how they talked to me kindly. They helped me with my Aspen card and giving me information about the city*

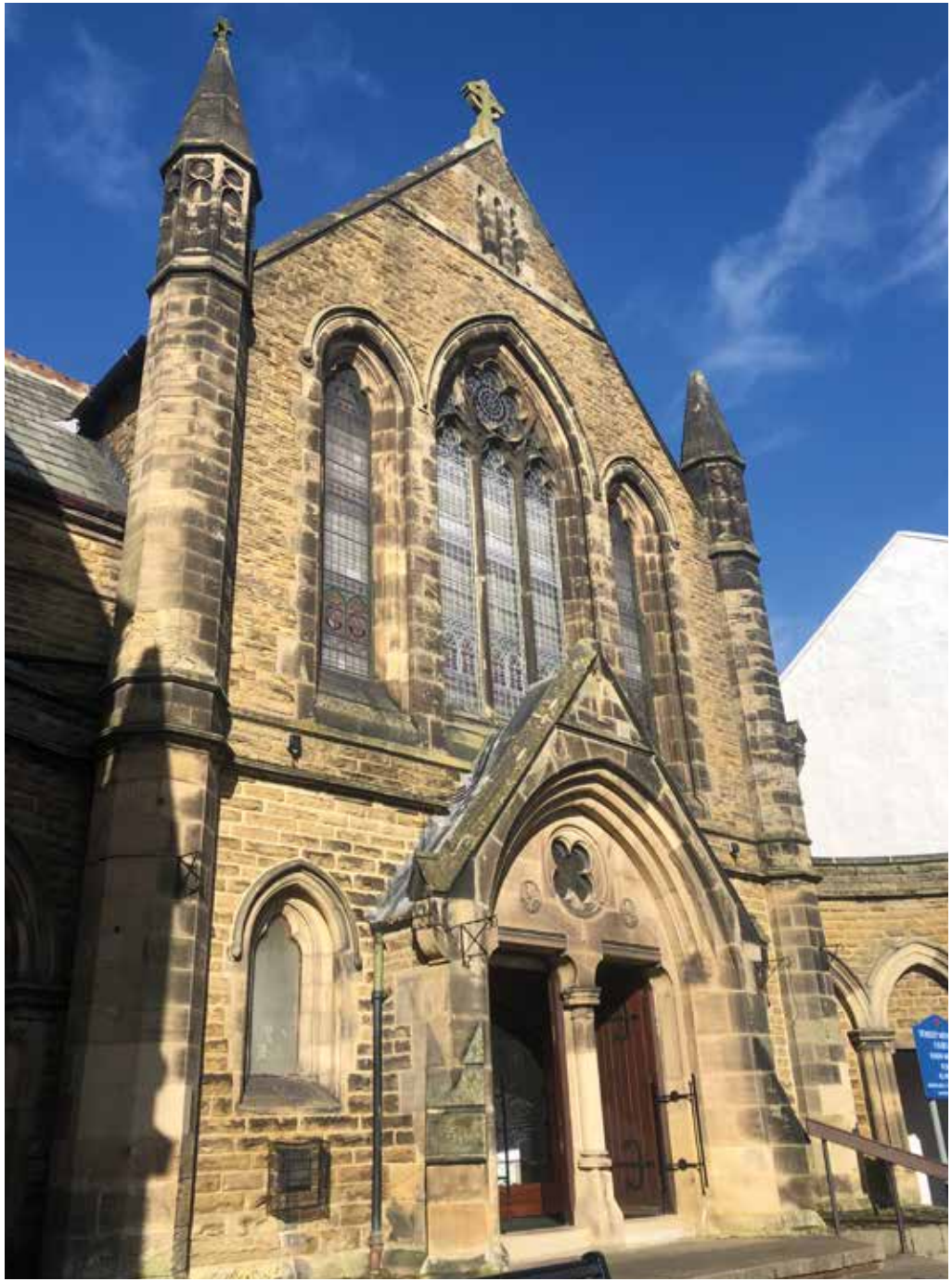
Delicious food all adds to the sense of wellbeing!

Stokesley Songfest

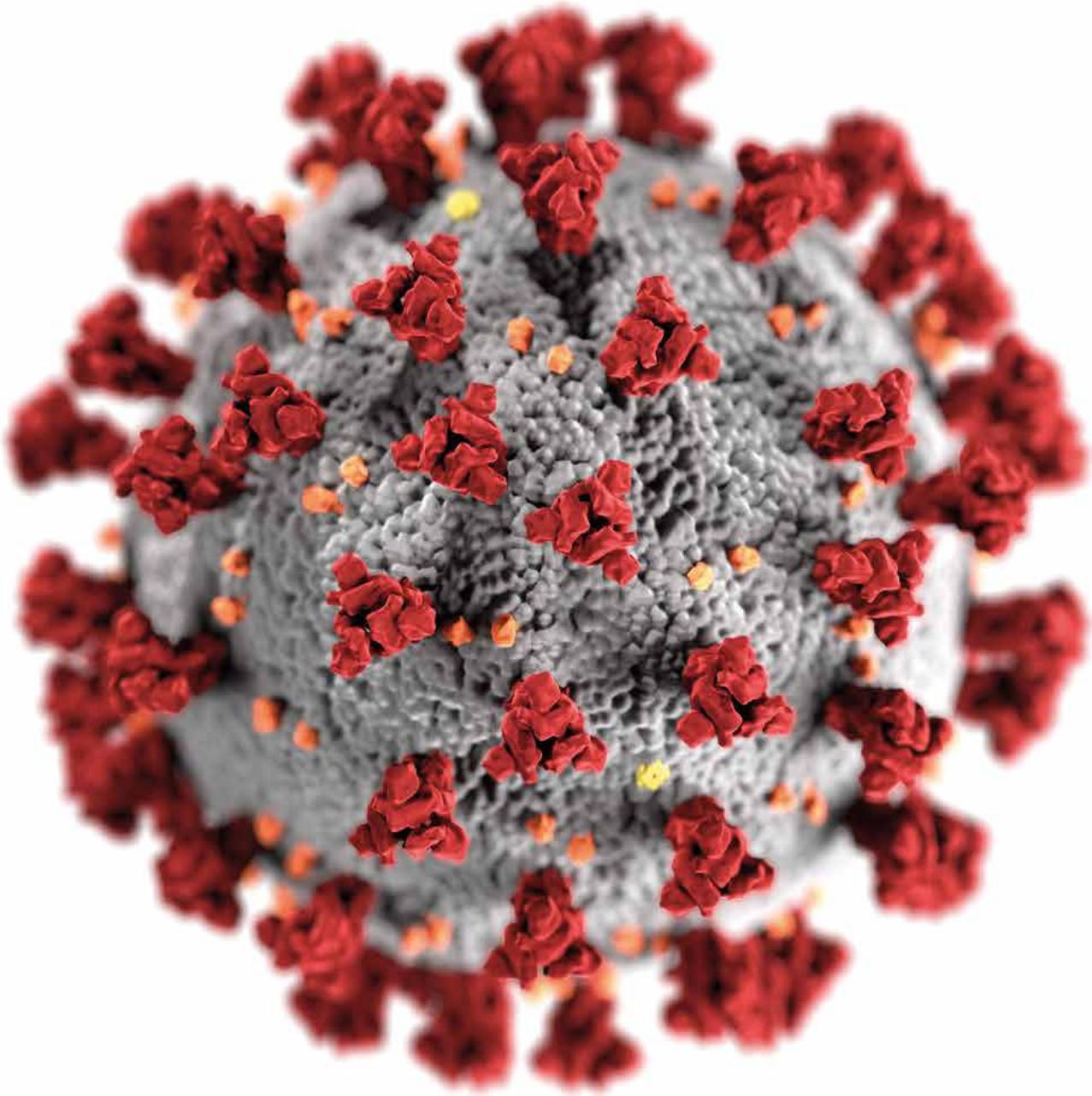
“The highlight of the weekend!”

Little realising this would be the last performance together for some time, we took a group of our singers along to Stokesley Songfest in February 2020. We’d been in dialogue with the organiser, Julia Haigh, across a couple of years, but this was the first time we actually made it. It was a truly lovely visit. We joined throngs of people inside Stokesley Methodist Church, were plied with cakes, and listened to many other performers. Those who wished to went out for a walk round the village.

As ever, the group performed with gusto, and there were some exceptional solos. This weekend was definitely a highlight for all of us, so it was really gratifying to hear from Julia that “Your group and their singing were the absolute highlight of my weekend, personally speaking - so powerful and passionate and it felt a very special atmosphere.“ It was certainly a very special weekend for our performers, and a memory that many have held close during the months that followed.



And then this happened...



What does a community based charity do when people can't meet?

Well the first thing is, to keep people safe.

MAP responded immediately to social distancing guidelines, by suspending all group activities from Monday 16th March 2020.

For that first week, we carried on doing face to face outreach, keeping our Middlesbrough base open every morning, and visiting more remote areas throughout the week. Lockdown changed the landscape radically, and although this has eased, it's clear life will not be the same for some time.

In the first few weeks we moved the office back home, and spent time making telephone contact with service users and volunteers so as to establish lines of communication.

In those first muddled weeks we were able to help resolve many urgent situations for our service users, ensuring access to money, and food.

As time passed we moved into developing how we work.

> *When I visited them firstly I thought, I knew these people for a long time! Because of their friendly treats of me*

Zoom Novices

Most of us at MAP had never encountered Zoom before Covid hit us. It quickly established itself as not only necessary, but sometimes a preferred way of working. We started using it for all business meetings, and moved on to talking with service users one to one, and then grew further into re-starting many of our activity groups.

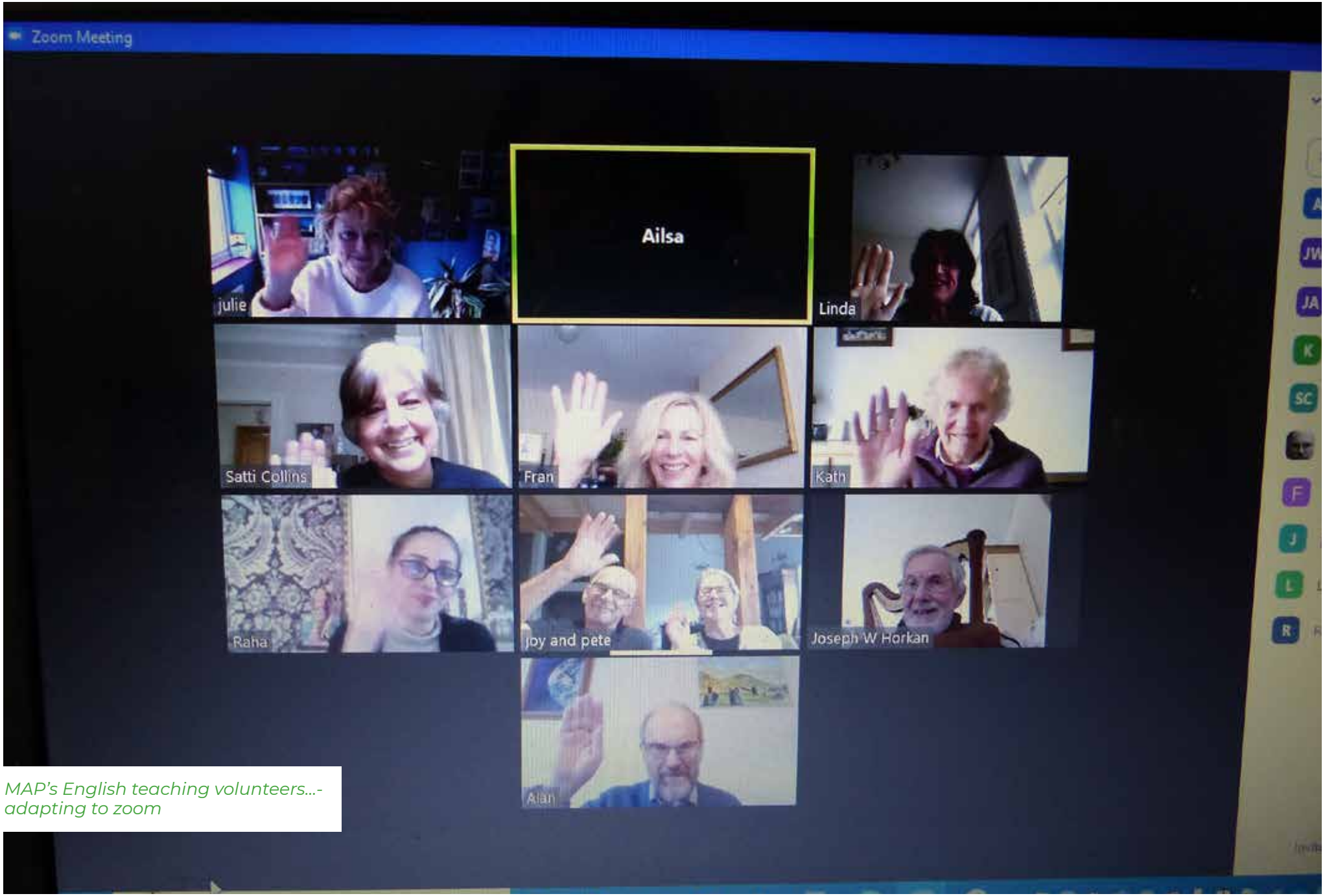
By May, we were able to offer a weekly programme comprising Meditation, Wellbeing, English Conversation, Singing and Storytelling classes, all delivered via Zoom. Learning how to do this wasn't easy, and our time during the first 3 months "post lockdown" was spent figuring out how to be effective on Zoom, and which activities could or couldn't work on it.

The most surprising total success on Zoom was probably the singing class, which shouldn't really work but does. Emily & David cracked the technical side by showing us that we all need to be on mute, and just sing along to their lead. That sounds like it would not be enjoyable, but there is something really engaging about being able to see the reactions, the smiles, and the dancing of all the group members on screen. You genuinely do get sucked into the screen, and feel like you are there with everyone.

The most complex class has been the Friday English conversation class. We have 15 or so regular volunteers, and the class (ranging in size from 8 or 10, up towards 30 on our busiest day) is split into 6 "breakout rooms" each aiming to work at a different level of English. If we ever thought that remembering names and recognizing new people was difficult on a Friday morning in Middlesbrough, we don't any more, having experienced trying to do the same whilst someone is backlit on a tiny Zoom screen! The class is still smaller than we had in real life in Middlesbrough, but it is growing with the volunteer team, and is a testament to the adaptability of the volunteers and service users at MAP.

We are still working hard to reach more and more people with our Zoom services, but as a snapshot of progress, in the final quarter of our year, June to August 2020 we had

- *18 women & 33 men accessing Friday English class*
- *Footfall of 191*
- *Average student numbers: 15*



MAP's English teaching volunteers...- adapting to zoom

PhoneLoan:
Going wholesale into digital connectivity

Zoom is good, but uses a lot of data.

Whilst it is true that, as many a right wing commentator has noted with chagrin, our service users usually have mobile phones... very many of them have only the most basic phone without internet access, and most of those with smartphones survive on 5gb data pcm as a maximum.

We quickly realised that if we wanted to stay connected we needed to provide a way that people lacking smartphones or data could be in touch with us, with the other services they need, with online classes, and with each other, in a world where physical interaction might not be possible. There was no way round it, we needed to find a way to provide internet access to service users.

We were also conscious that we are working with high risk service users, living in shared houses in the town centre, and yet that many would have no way of using any contact-tracing app in relation to covid which might be launched.

Our previous forays were limited to things like ensuring unlimited wifi within our café space. We now entered another whole new world. We devised a PhoneLoan scheme.

Using unspent funding (with consent from the funder) we bought a batch of 50 basic smartphones, and 10 tablets, plus 50 data-only sim-cards. Providing data -only sims meant we could lend these out without fears of unintended charges being run up. We load the phones with Zoom and with Slack, a workplace chat app that we are now using to keep linked with service-users (another pandemic innovation, with thanks to Jen Laws of Asylum Matters who suggested we might find it useful). We are also now helping service users to download and use the NHS Covid-19 App.

> *Meditation, education, exercise...a perfect combination! This will be my lifestyle now. You are saving my life, really. I feel lightness when I with you all in MAP!*

Over the last 4 months these first phones and sims have all been issued, to existing service users or new arrivals. Each individual signs a loan agreement, promising to return the device at the conclusion of their asylum case, or if we need it back earlier.

We have had some teething troubles in the management of the simcards, but generally the scheme is working well. Users can attend all our online classes, make appointments to come to the recently re-opened clothing service, and keep in touch with queries generally.

We are delighted to have secured funding for another batch of phones and sims, and are in the course of sourcing these. This means we feel confident that we will continue to reach some of the most vulnerable new arrivals, right across this winter, whatever happens.

> *When I came in Middlesbrough, I have face some difficulties, and I wasn't so comfortable. MAP helped me in different ways, and they respected me. I felt in safety, and they gave me hopes to continue easier.*

Apprehensive but undaunted: The transition to Zoom English Conversation classes

MAP's English conversation classes have always been one of our most popular services.

Language is a survival tool, and our learners have a real drive and commitment to learning, so as soon as lockdown hit we knew we needed to keep our classes running. The challenge was how to do it. None of our volunteers had a particular background in IT, and it was easy to think about all the reasons why an informal language class, held onscreen, delivered by a diverse volunteer team, and attended by people from beginner to graduate level English, could never work.

Fortunately, MAP's volunteer team are a resourceful bunch. Counting dogged determination (he feels that others could describe it as pig-headedness) among his strengths, Alan Coustick began using Zoom for other group work early in lockdown, unwilling to accept that lockdown meant that all activity should cease.

Alan was a real treasure for MAP because when we first asked the team *"Can we run sessions online?"* he could see at least the beginnings of how it would work.

He immediately started hosting sessions to teach other volunteers the basics of Zoom controls, and to share ideas about how a teaching session might run, though he may have felt the pace of change was too much, even for a pioneer like him:

"I don't think that I imagined that what you suggested on Wednesday, I would try delivering on Friday! In the event, it was the following Friday before we succeeded in completing the technical link-up with our first service-users."

Like other volunteers, Alan feels that the zoom sessions at least offer some of the friendship and community feel of real-life classes *"It is great to get back into the interactions that are at the heart of Come & Chat. It is a bonus that I don't need to travel to the class and a new experience to submit to someone else's control ensuring that class finishes promptly at 11.30!"*

Pauline Bennett, a volunteer in Redcar, vividly remembers her first Zoom class. She had joined one of Alan's sessions to learn the basics of zoom, and approached her first online class, ready to act in a support volunteer role, as the next step in her learning. *"Well that was the steepest learning curve ever as our teacher's internet went down as soon as we got into the breakout room. I was able to remember about using the whiteboard and also got some pictures up to help in identifying some foods. The session actually worked well, and with another tutorial from my 10 year old granddaughter about how to bring in pictures on Word I was much more confident."*

Kath Wilson, from our big Friday Come & Chat group, had missed the sessions during lockdown, and felt for our regular learners, now more isolated than ever. *"I felt strongly how isolated the asylum seekers must feel, cut off from their usual activities and friends, and with nothing to take their minds off their personal circumstances."*

Although apprehensive at the first session, *"Once the learners arrived, it was easier as they had a fairly good level of English and we could have a conversation and a few jokes. In fact by the end of this first session it felt almost as good as sitting round a table face to face...*

On the whole, I would say using Zoom is far easier with people who have a reasonable grasp of English. Just chatting is useful for them, but with beginners it takes more effort and you need pictures or objects to support what you are trying to do. Nothing is quite so immediate as face to face, but it is a link for people to keep in touch, learn a little and have a laugh."

> *It is great to get back into the interactions that are at the heart of Come & Chat*

The fun of the sessions, but also how differently they have to be structured, is echoed by Julie Kinneavy, who teaches a fairly high level group of learners. *"My lessons have to be quite different in structure - no hard copies of worksheets to share, less student interaction and often problems with some students being able to see on-screen materials. We have to be continually mindful of all the different devices being used by students - iPhones, tablets, PCs, iPads - and also signal problems and battery issues which can be frustrating for everyone. But every single student is so pleased to have these weekly learning opportunities and all agree it's certainly a great second best .*

"Lockdown has been a very lonely time for many of our students so Zoom classes do re-connect, engage and help them feel less isolated. We always have lots of laughs, smiles, waves and virtual hugs - and it's often quite hard at the end of the hours session to get students to leave!!"

We all probably share Julie's final thought, that *"I do look forward however to classroom learning resuming!!"*

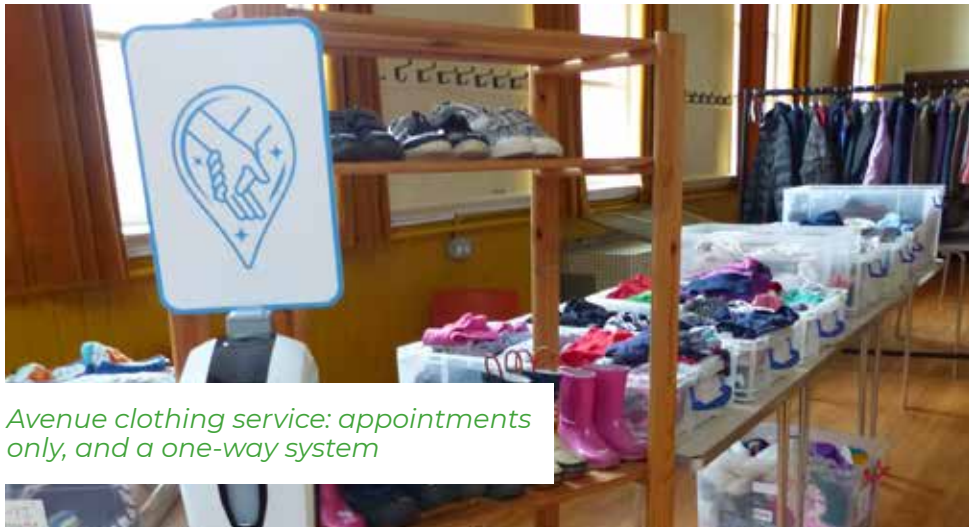
What we have now, though, is really quite special, and something which we are sure will keep developing.

> *By the end of this first session it felt almost as good as sitting round a table face to face.*

“Virtual MAP”

We all hanker for real life classes again. We have managed to re-start some of our face to face work, and we see the benefits this brings. We offer face to face appointments for troubleshooting, or orientation with new arrivals most afternoons each week.

From October 2020 the clothing service at Avenue Methodist Church has also re-opened: almost unrecognisable, sanitisers and signage in place, and appointments only. We have even got the football team out training. However, we also respect the absolute need for caution and safety, and for that reason, we knew that our normal big classes, bedlam and parties would be on hold for the foreseeable future.



Avenue clothing service: appointments only, and a one-way system

In their place, and supported with the digital connectivity described above, is a regular programme of Zoom classes. Each week we now have online:

Wellbeing class and also a pure meditation class, both led by Terry Doyle

Storytelling, from Jonathan Tulloch and Royal Literary Fund

A brand new Sparkles session, with Naomi Haigh, offering songs, play, stories and fun for parents with their children

Singing, the most joyful, engaging and downright uplifting online singing session you could imagine (even enjoyed by introverts!) and led for us by Emily Smith and David Pisaro

And English conversation on Wednesdays (by Redcar volunteers, for the Redcar service users) and Fridays

MAP Finance Report

Initial Cash in Bank
£86,181

at 01/09/19

Final Cash in Bank
£106,047

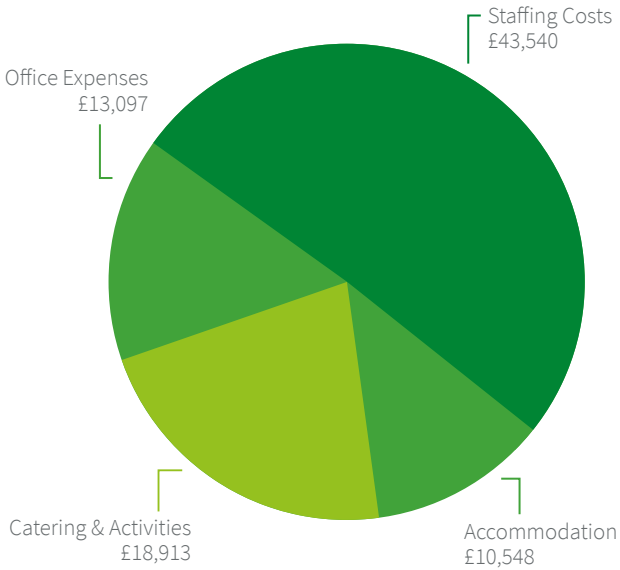
at 31/08/20

The charts below give an indicative breakdown of these figures.

The detailed Annual Accounts will be published on the Charity Commission Website before the end of June 2021.

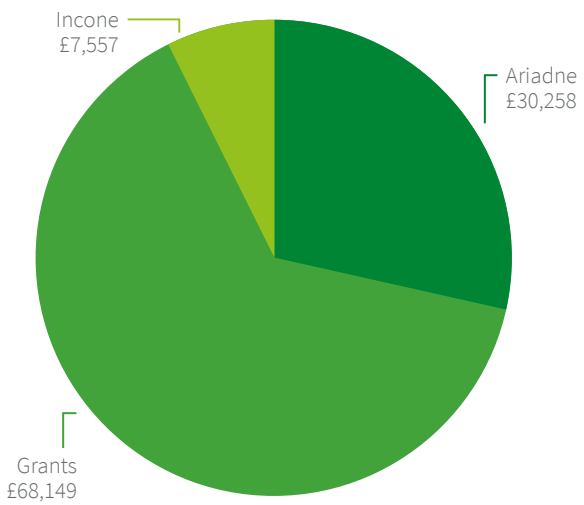
Our Bankers are Barclays Bank UK PLC

Total Expenditure
£86,098



Total Income
£105,964

including Grants, Donations, and Big Lottery Funding for the Ariadne Project



Funders & Supporters

We express our grateful thanks on behalf of our service users, to all those who support us with grants and donations, and particularly to our major funders this year:

- *The Methodist Church (Darlington District)*
- *Big Lottery Fund - Ariadne Project*
- *Jill Franklin Trust*
- *Arm Trust*
- *William Webster Charitable Trust*
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- *County Durham Community Foundation*
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Thank you to all those other individuals and organisations which have supported us financially or delivered activities and services in collaboration with MAP Middlesbrough and in particular:

- *Bob & Belle Singh + Volunteers*
- *Vicki Hone*
- *Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation*
- *Escort Coaches*
- *Emily Smith & David Pisaro*
- *Jonathan Tulloch*
- *The Thirsk Walking Group*
- *St Botolph's Church & Bossall PCC*
- *St Andrew's Catholic Church, Teesville*
- *St Mary's Church, Nunthorpe*
- *St Andrew's Church & Coffee Shop, Skipton*
- *Everyday Language Solutions*
- *Peter Hinton Design*
- *Ampleforth Abbey*
- *Methodist Churches (Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit)*
- *British Red Cross*
- *Open Door NE*
- *Justice First*

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About MAP

MAP became a registered charity in 2009, and converted to CIO status in 2016.

We have 1 full and 1 part time member of staff and around 90 volunteers, from a wide variety of backgrounds.

Our Trustees

Pat Martin, Chair
John Hinton, Secretary
Brian Glover, Treasurer
Rev Sue Greenwood *(retired Aug 2020)*
Brian Dummigan
Reg Bellerby
John Hinman

Charity number 1167625

M.A.P. Middlesbrough

ACCOUNTS 01-09-2019 to 31-08-2020

INCOME		**EXPENDITURE**		**BALANCES**			
Grants							
Darlington District Methodist Circuit	20,000.00	**TOTAL STAFFING COSTS**	**43,540.66**				
Jill Franklin Trust	6,000.00			Balance at 31-08–2019	89,981.91		
				Payments Pending from 2018/19	3,800.79	**Payments Pending**	
Ariadne Grant	30,258.00	**TOTAL ACCOMMODATION COSTS**	**10,547.62**	Effective Balance	86,181.12		
				diff for accounting period	19,865.88	Meditation 6	360.00
		TOTAL OFFICE COSTS	**£13,097.05**			Wellbeing 3	200.00
				Expected balance at 31-08-2020	**106,047.00**	Virgin Mobile SIM	840.00
						volunteers Exp. (March 20)	26.30
Other Income		**TOTAL CATERING & ACTIVITIES**	**18,912.66**				
Donations & SO	4,637.60			Actual Bank Balance at 27-08-2020	107,473.30		
Sale of Rags etc.	1,326.70			Payments Pending	1,426.30		
							1,426.30
Miscellaneous Income	1,592.09			**Effective Balance**	**106,047.00**		
Miscellaneous Grant Income	42,149.48						
Total Income	**105,963.87**	**Total Expenditure**	**86,097.99**				
Checked and found correct according to the Books and Information provided				Approved by the MAP Middlesbrough Trustees on the 16th November 2020			
Examiner				MAP Middlesbrough Treasurer			
Bill Masters				Brian Glover			

Map Middlesbrough - 2019/20 Accounts

	Exp code	Sept 19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr-20	May 20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	TOTAL	Budget	% Spent
EXPENDITURE																
PROJECT MANAGER - SALARY		2,323.30	2,323.30	2,323.30	2,323.30	2,323.30	2,323.30	2,323.30	2,323.30	2,323.30	2,323.30	2,323.30	2,323.30	27,879.60	27,879.60	100%
- NI		221.21	221.21	221.21	221.21	221.21	221.21	221.21	219.42	219.42	219.42	219.42	219.42	2,645.57	2,654.52	100%
- Pension		69.70	69.70	69.70	69.70	69.70	69.70	69.70	69.70	69.70	69.70	69.70	69.70	836.40	836.40	100%
PROJECT MANAGER - EXPENSES Milage	5	54.00	150.60	178.20	40.50			99.00						522.30	765.00	68%
Ariadne Coordinator - Salary		810.54	810.54	810.54	810.54	810.54	810.54	810.54	810.54	810.54	810.54	810.54	810.54	9,726.48	9,726.48	100%
-NI		12.56	12.56	12.56	12.56	12.56	12.56	12.56	10.76	10.76	10.76	10.76	10.76	141.72	150.72	94%
- Pension		24.32	24.32	24.32	24.32	24.32	24.32	24.32	24.32	24.32	24.32	24.32	24.32	291.84	291.84	100%
Ariadne Coordinator - Expenses Milage	5							146.70						146.70	143.00	103%
EE [Direct Debit]	8	13.96	13.39	13.39	13.39	14.04	13.39	13.39	14.69	14.04	16.14	14.69	16.64	171.15	160.00	107%
VOLUNTEERS' EXPENSES	10	4.60	27.00				21.00	26.30						78.90	150.00	53%
TRAINING														-	250.00	0%
Funding Advice worker			350.00				350.00			400.00				1,100.00	2,000.00	55%
TOTAL STAFFING COSTS		**3,534.19**	**3,652.62**	**3,653.22**	**3,515.52**	**3,475.67**	**3,846.02**	**3,747.02**	**3,472.73**	**3,872.08**	**3,474.18**	**3,472.73**	**3,474.68**	**43,540.66**	**45,007.56**	**97%**
Avenue - Room Rent (Standing Order)		673.00	673.00	673.00	673.00	673.00	673.00	673.00						4,711.00	8,238.00	57%
Linthorpe Road Resource Centre - Room Rent		696.66	696.66	696.66	696.66	696.66	696.66	696.66						4,876.62	8,527.00	57%
Cafe/Kitchen LRRC - Rent			235.00											235.00	102.00	230%
St Andrews, Grangetown - Room Rent		100.00	125.00	100.00	75.00	100.00	100.00	125.00						725.00	1,275.00	57%
TOTAL ACCOMMODATION COSTS		**1,469.66**	**1,729.66**	**1,469.66**	**1,444.66**	**1,469.66**	**1,469.66**	**1,494.66**	-	-	-	-	-	**10,547.62**	**18,142.00**	**58%**
OFFICE SERVICES from LRRC	4		16.40	14.06	2.52								6.00	38.98	100.00	39%
Publicity Materials	11													-	600.00	0%
OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND SERVICING	3	54.24	60.14			75.86	58.39	23.21		192.97	157.89	115.49	107.62	845.81	612.00	138%
INSURANCE													632.10	632.10	645.00	98%
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	7		45.74		72.00					79.99	1,414.88	56.87	11.28	1,680.76	663.00	254%
PAYROLL EXPENSES													200.00	200.00	194.00	103%
Mobile WIFI	12	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.51	19.51	19.51	229.53	240.00	
MAP Phone loan & virtual services	9									266.80	6,503.69	1,129.38	850.00	8,749.87		
Translation Services											720.00			720.00		
														-		
TOTAL OFFICE COSTS		**73.24**	**141.28**	**33.06**	**93.52**	**94.86**	**77.39**	**42.21**	**19.00**	**558.76**	**8,815.97**	**1,321.25**	**1,826.51**	**13,097.05**	**2,814.00**	**465%**
														-		
REFRESHMENTS & Catering	1	47.87	101.53	76.04	115.26	28.19	47.92		74.59					491.40	1,000.00	49%
COME & CHAT CATERING (Standing Order)	2	320.00	320.00	320.00	320.00	640.00	320.00	320.00						2,560.00	4,243.00	60%
OUTINGS & ACTIVITIES	6		330.00	200.00		656.15	1,356.00							2,542.15	5,000.00	51%
Football		350.00	5,680.00	210.00	210.00	280.00	210.00	70.00						7,010.00	9,476.00	74%
BIKE MAINTENANCE														-	500.00	0%
READING & CREATIVE WRITING														-	1,000.00	0%
Meditation Sessions								360.00	360.00	320.00	360.00	360.00	360.00	2,120.00	-	
Wellbeing Sessions											200.00	160.00	200.00	560.00		
Singing on line										360.00	720.00	900.00		1,980.00		
TAI CHI														-	1,000.00	0%
FURNITURE PICK UP & DELIVERY														-	1,000.00	0%
Streetwise Opera & Transport		70.00		420.00			60.00							550.00		
Clothing Transport					240.00	120.00	120.00	120.00						600.00		
Food Parcels								38.11	72.21	83.64	123.08	119.44	62.63	499.11		
														-		
TOTAL CATERING & ACTIVITIES		**787.87**	**6,431.53**	**1,226.04**	**885.26**	**1,724.34**	**2,113.92**	**908.11**	**506.80**	**763.64**	**1,403.08**	**1,539.44**	**622.63**	**18,912.66**	**23,219.00**	**81%**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		5,864.96	11,955.09	6,381.98	5,938.96	6,764.53	7,506.99	6,192.00	3,998.53	5,194.48	13,693.23	6,333.42	5,923.82	86,097.99	89,182.56	97%
INCOME																
SECURED GRANTS																
Methodist Church - Darlington District								20,000.00						20,000.00	20,000.00	100%
JILL FRANKLIN TRUST								3,000.00			3,000.00			6,000.00		
ARM Trust														-	7,980.00	
Big Lottery Fund - Ariadne Project				7,564.50			7,564.50			7,564.50			7,564.50	30,258.00	30,258.00	100%
OTHER INCOME																
SALE OF RAGS		244.95	315.10	175.60	167.20	152.20	183.10	43.10			45.45			1,326.70	2,500.00	53%
DONATIONS		385.00	91.00		35.00	1,440.00	496.60				60.00			2,507.60	2,000.00	125%
Standing Orders		150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	220.00	170.00	210.00	215.00	230.00	185.00	2,130.00	1,800.00	118%
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME			18.18			1.54	0.75	45.00	0.75			1,282.24	243.63	1,592.09		
MISCELLANEOUS GRANT INCOME																
William Webster Charitable Trust		2,000.00												2,000.00		
The Allen Lane Foundation				9,000.00										9,000.00		
Royal Literary Fund				650.60										650.60		
York BGC				480.00										480.00		
Lempriere Pringle 2015						5,000.00								5,000.00		
Garfield Weston Foundation								10,000.00						10,000.00		
Meditatio Partnership - Terry Doyle								3,750.00			30.00			3,780.00		
Coop Local Community Fund									706.88					706.88		
People's Postcode Trust											5,092.00			5,092.00		
Tees Valley Community Trust										1,000.00				1,000.00		
County Durham Community Foundation												4,440.00		4,440.00		
														-		
TOTAL INCOME		2,779.95	574.28	18,020.70	352.20	6,743.74	8,394.95	37,058.10	877.63	8,774.50	8,442.45	5,952.24	7,993.13	105,963.87	64,538.00	164%
SURPLUS/DEFICIT														**19,865.88**	**- 24,644.56**	