



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

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| An asylum seeker





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*“Me and my family, we love this country, we feel safe in this country. We want to give something to this country.*

*Everyday, in my own country, it is being destroyed more and more, there is only danger. Everyday, people are dying outside in the street. Here we are safe, and we are thankful”*

Male asylum-seeker from El Salvador



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We had many joyous moments like this that shed some light and hope on the desperate state of the world.

Behnam's son and wife joined us for a session from Iran. His son played the violin for us all. It was wonderful to see how proud his father was of him thousands of miles away.

Abdul from Kurdistan was notorious for his enthusiastic and powerful singing and sometimes held a note on for a minute much to the amazement of the group, and his neighbours!

Nelly from Kenya and Tryphina from South Africa would share songs they had composed themselves, often accompanied by dances.

Linda in Skinningrove would recite her beautiful poetry and tell such incredible tales of her adventurous and courageous life.

At Christmas huddled Hadi from Iran would often join in whilst sitting in a taxi. Sometimes he would be in a park sitting under a tree and tell us 'This is where I come to remember my home' and then sing a beautiful Persian folk song.

So much individual pain and suffering was experienced by many of this group, yet they came to these sessions each week always with a smile on their face and were united in song.

Underneath umbrellas, we had the wonderful opportunity to meet this group in person and sing together for the first time. Some of them we had never met in the flesh and it was a beautiful and surreal moment. Standing in a circle, soaked to the bone we were warmed by the kindness and friendships we had made virtually and at last stood side by side singing our hearts out.

*Emily Smith & David Pisaro*

“ *You smiled when I came to meet you*  
| An asylum seeker





# 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

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*“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

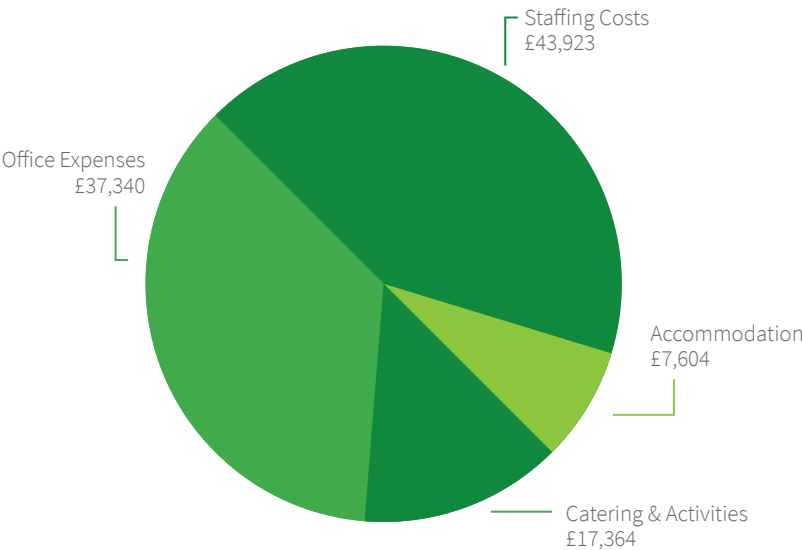
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The charts below give an indicative breakdown of these figures, whilst the Trustees Annual Report and detailed Annual

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

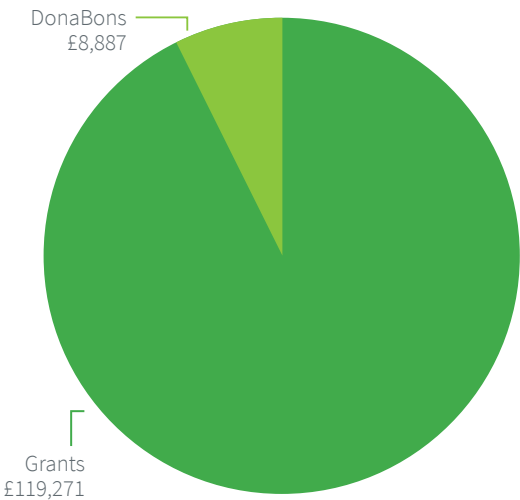
Bankers: *Barclays Bank*  
Accountants / Auditors: *Leonard Bye, Chartered Accountants,*

Total Expenditure  
£106,231



Total Income  
£128,158

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



# Our Team

## Trustees

The Members of the Board of Trustees at 31st August 2021 are:

Mrs Pat Martin – Chair  
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Mr Ali Awad Ali Mohammed  
Mr Reg Bellerby  
Mr Brian Dummigan  
Rev David Godfrey  
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## Project Manager:

Ms Ailsa Adamson

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## Assistant Project Manager:

Mr Hamid Yazdanfar



Mr Ali Awad  
Ali Mohammed



Rev  
David Godfrey



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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*
- *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 delivered 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*





## Get In Touch

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

*Ailsa Adamson, 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.

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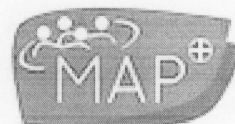
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021**



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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,  
54 BOROUGH ROAD  
MIDDLESBROUGH  
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#### **Bankers:**

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Northwich,  
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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

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 2022. An illustrated version of the Annual Report and a financial summary will also be available earlier in 2022.

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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
- 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.



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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 £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 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.

**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

**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.

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**REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES**

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We had many joyous moments like this that shed some light and hope on the desperate state of the world. Behnam's son and wife joined us for a session from Iran. His son played the violin for us all. It was wonderful to see how proud his father was of him thousands of miles away. Abdul from Kurdistan was notorious for his enthusiastic and powerful singing and sometimes held a note on for a minute much to the amazement of the group, and his neighbours! Nelly from Kenya and Tryphina from South Africa would share songs they had composed themselves, often accompanied by dances. Linda in Skinningrove would recite her beautiful poetry and tell such incredible tales of her adventurous and courageous life.

Hadi from Iran would often join in whilst sitting in a taxi. Sometimes he would be in a park sitting under a tree and tell us 'This is where I come to remember my home' and then sing a beautiful Persian folk song. So much individual pain and suffering was experienced by many of this group, yet they came to these sessions each week always with a smile on their face and were united in song.

At Christmas huddled underneath umbrellas, we had the wonderful opportunity to meet this group in person and sing together for the first time. Some of them we had never met in the flesh and it was a beautiful and surreal moment. Standing in a circle, soaked to the bone we were warmed by the kindness and friendships we had made virtually and at last stood side by side singing our hearts out.  
Emily Smith & David Pisaro

• **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.



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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

**ACCOUNTANTS REPORT**  
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**IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Acthave 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. E. Shield*

**Dated:** 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**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 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

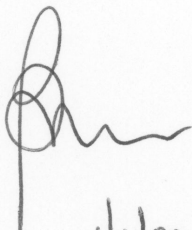
		<u>2021</u> £	<u>2021</u> £	<u>2021</u> £	<u>2020</u> £
		<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Unrest'ed</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>Notes</b>				
Incoming resources from generating funds					
Voluntary Income	2	-	8,887	8,887	7,557
Activities for generating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

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	Notes	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Assets		-	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors		-	-
Cash at Bank and in hand		129,324	106,047
		<u>129,324</u>	<u>106,047</u>
<b>Creditors</b> – amounts falling due within one year	7	1,350	-
		<u>1,350</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		127,974	106,047
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>127,974</u>	<u>106,047</u>
Financed by:			
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>			
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
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	-
		<u>17,100</u>	<u>11,602</u>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		110,874	94,445
		<u>127,974</u>	<u>106,047</u>

Trustee:



Brian Glover

Date:

1/1/22

**METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT**  
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**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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	-
	<u>8,887</u>	<u>7,557</u>

**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
	<u>91,034</u>	<u>28,237</u>	<u>119,271</u>	<u>98,407</u>

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**4. RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>Total 2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Staffing Costs:</b>		
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
<b>Accommodation Costs:</b>		
Avenue Room Rent	7,604	4,711
LRRC Room Rent	-	4,877
Café/Kitchen LRRC Rent	-	235
St Andrews Room Rent	-	725
<b>Office Costs:</b>		
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	-
<b>Catering &amp; Activities:</b>		
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 Transport	-	600
Food Parcels	-	499
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	106,231	86,072

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**5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES**

This is stated after charging:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Independent Examiners Fees (including VAT)	1,350	-

**6. PAID EMPLOYEES**

Staff costs paid during the year were split:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
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	<u>42,689</u>	<u>41,522</u>
Average number of full time equivalent employees	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors and accruals	1,350	-
Grants received in advance	-	-
	<u>1,350</u>	<u>-</u>

**8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

There were no related party transactions identified in the year.