



Methodist Asylum Project  
—— Middlesbrough ——  
Annual Report 2021-2022



# Welcome to our Annual Report for 2021-2022

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*



# 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





# 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!



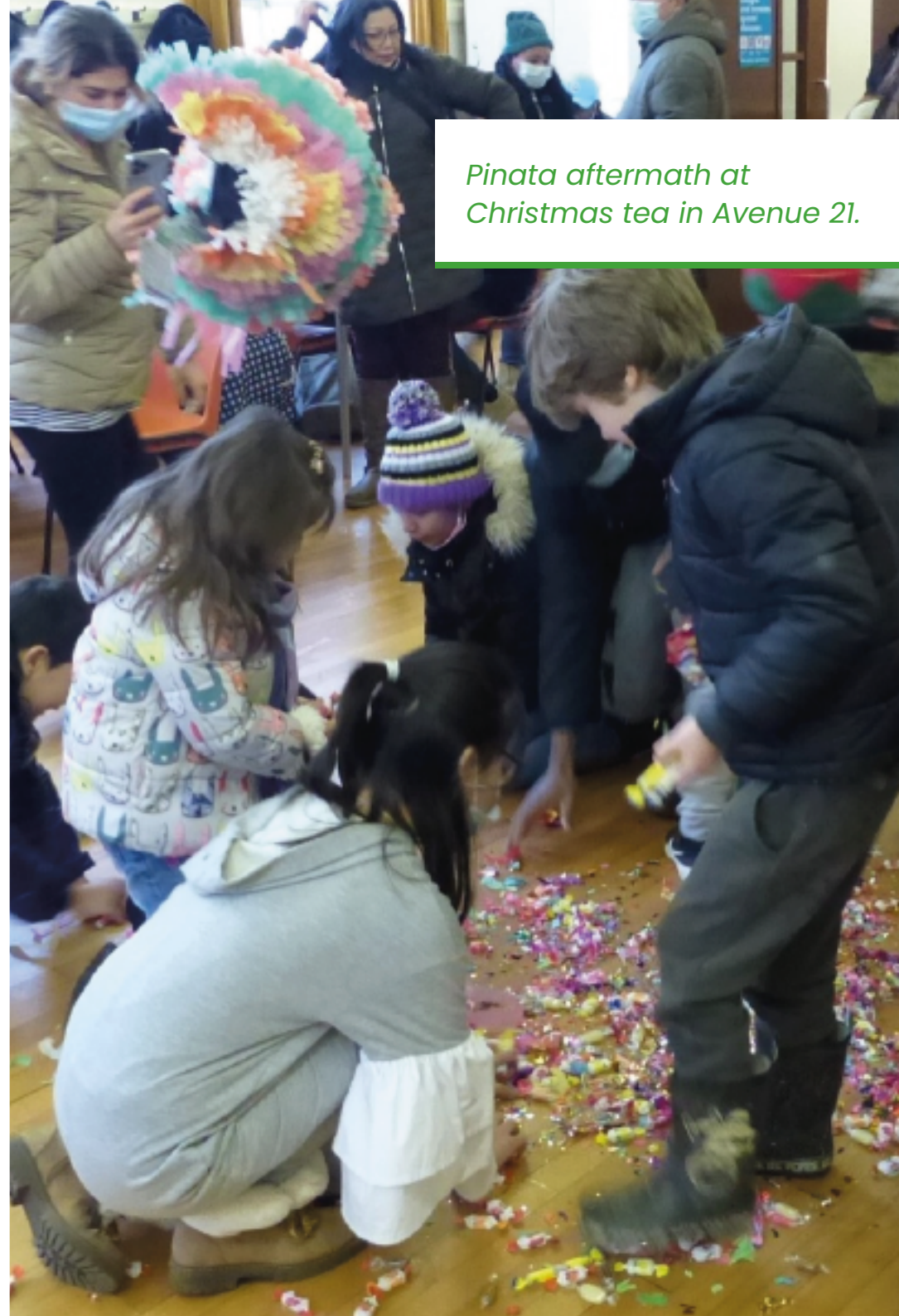


# Early Celebrations

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.



*Pinata aftermath at Christmas tea in Avenue 21.*



# 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.

*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

<b>Tuesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Middlesbrough College drop-In</b> Chat guidance and advice.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Middlesbrough College 5th Floor enrolment room. 11.30-1.30</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Avenue Drop-In</b> distribution of donated clothing and household goods</li><li>• <b>Football training</b> Session, led by MFC Foundation (transport provided)</li><li>• <b>Redcar Drop in and English Class</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10am to 12 noon at Avenue Church, TS5 6PE</li><li>• Meet at 11.30am, at Avenue Church, TS5 6PE</li><li>• 1.30pm-3.00pm Park Avenue Baptist Church. Redcar TS10 3LJ</li></ul>
<b>Thursday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Welcome Drop-In</b> Visit us for information during your first weeks in Middlesbrough, or just call in to meet and make friends</li><li>• <b>Meditation Group</b> Learn the ancient wisdom and practice of meditation. Stillness and silence, to help you feel calm.</li><li>• <b>Music &amp; Songs</b> 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</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 09.30am to 12.30pm at MAP* (downstairs)</li><li>• 10.00am to 11.00am at MAP* (upstairs)</li><li>• 11.00am to 12 noon at MAP*</li></ul> <p><i>*MAP: Linthorpe Road Methodist Church</i></p>
<b>Friday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Come &amp; Chat</b> A one-hour session to practice speaking English with volunteers, with a free community lunch at the end followed by singing.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10.00am to 12 noon at MAP*</li></ul>
<b>Saturday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Saturday Games</b> Pool and table tennis for adults</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2pm to 4pm at Avenue Church , TS5 6PE</li></ul>



# MAP Finance Report

Initial Cash in Bank  
£129,324

at 31/08/21

Final Cash in Bank  
£84,396

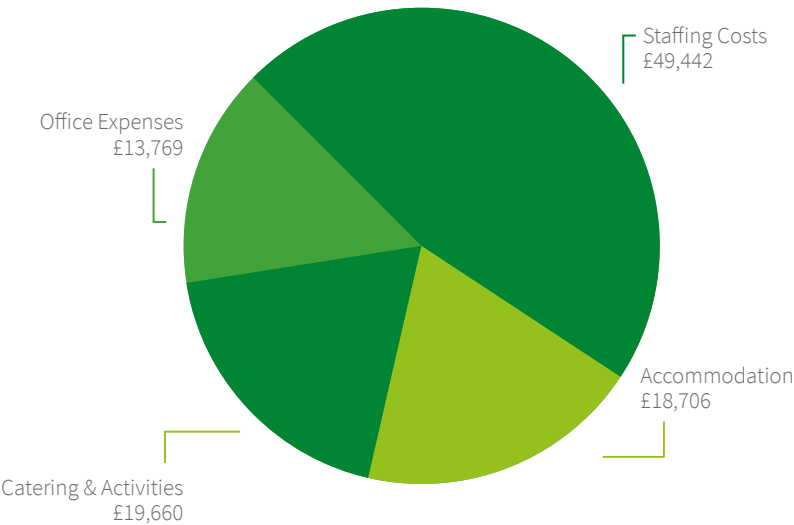
at 31/08/22

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*

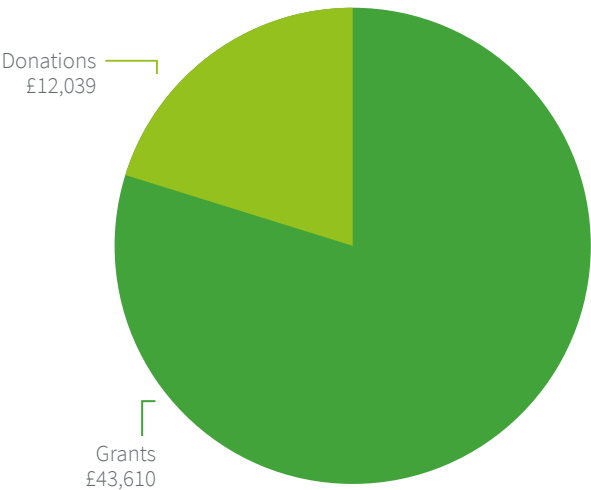
Total Expenditure  
£101,577

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



Total Income  
£56,649

including Grants and Donations.



# Our Team

## Trustees

The Members of the Board of Trustee 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

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## Project Manager:

Mr Billy Barnes

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## 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.





# 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.



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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022**



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**TRUSTEES REPORT**  
**AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> 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:**

LINTHORPE ROAD METHODIST CHURCH & RESOURCE CENTRE,  
54 BOROUGH ROAD  
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**Tel:** 07970192841

**Email:** [mapmbro@gmail.com](mailto:mapmbro@gmail.com)

**Website:** <https://mapmiddlesbrough.org.uk>

**Bankers:**

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Northwich,  
Cheshire,  
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Middlesbrough,  
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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.



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- 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:**

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Chair of Trustees



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**Project 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**

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).

#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



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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.

**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.

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.**



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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 and 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 the 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

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:



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- 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
- Mears
- North East Migration Partnership



**ACCOUNTANTS REPORT**  
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**IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022**

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

**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. Shield*

Dated: 15<sup>th</sup> February 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 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022**

		<u>2022</u> £	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</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	-	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					
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u>16,657</u>	<u>39,992</u>	<u>56,649</u>	<u>128,158</u>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Charitable activities		16,341	70,267	86,608	70,241
Governance costs		9,741	5,228	14,969	35,990
Cost of Generating funds					
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	4	<u>26,082</u>	<u>75,495</u>	<u>101,577</u>	<u>106,231</u>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES / (RESOURCES EXPENDED) BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>	5	(9,425)	(35,503)	(44,928)	21,927
<b>TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS - Reclassification of funding</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>(9,425)</u>	<u>(35,503)</u>	<u>(44,928)</u>	<u>21,927</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES B/F</b>		17,100	110,874	127,974	106,047
<b>FUND BALANCES C/FORWARD</b>		<u>7,675</u>	<u>75,371</u>	<u>83,046</u>	<u>127,974</u>



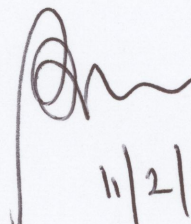
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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022**

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

Trustee:

Date:

  
11/2/23



**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 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**

	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
	<u>12,039</u>	<u>8,887</u>

**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	-
	<u>16,657</u>	<u>27,953</u>	<u>44,610</u>	<u>119,271</u>



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**4. RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Staffing Costs:</b>		
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	-	-
<b>Accommodation Costs:</b>		
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	-
<b>Office Costs:</b>		
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
<b>Catering &amp; Activities:</b>		
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
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	<b>101,577</b>	<b>106,231</b>
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**5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES**

This is stated after charging:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Independent Examiners Fees (including VAT)	1,200	1,350

**6. PAID EMPLOYEES**

Staff costs paid during the year were split:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
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
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Total staff costs	45,779	42,689
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Average number of full time equivalent employees	2	2
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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>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors and accruals	1,350	1,350
Grants received in advance	-	-
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	1,350	1,350
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**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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## **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:**

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

**Tel:** 07970192841

**Email:** [mapmbro@gmail.com](mailto:mapmbro@gmail.com)

**Website:** <https://mapmiddlesbrough.org.uk>

**Bankers:**

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

**Accountants / Auditors:**

Leonard Bye Limited  
Chartered Accountants,  
80 Borough Road,  
Middlesbrough,  
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 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

**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.



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- 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



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**Project 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**

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).

#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



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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.

**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.

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.**



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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 and 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 the 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

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:



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- 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
- Mears
- North East Migration Partnership



**ACCOUNTANTS REPORT**  
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**IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022**

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

**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. Shield*

Dated: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**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 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022**

		<u>2022</u> £	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</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	-	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					
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u>16,657</u>	<u>39,992</u>	<u>56,649</u>	<u>128,158</u>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Charitable activities		16,341	70,267	86,608	70,241
Governance costs		9,741	5,228	14,969	35,990
Cost of Generating funds					
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	4	<u>26,082</u>	<u>75,495</u>	<u>101,577</u>	<u>106,231</u>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES /</b> <b>(RESOURCES EXPENDED)</b> <b>BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>	5	(9,425)	(35,503)	(44,928)	21,927
<b>TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS-</b> Reclassification of funding		-	-	-	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>(9,425)</u>	<u>(35,503)</u>	<u>(44,928)</u>	<u>21,927</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES B/F</b>		17,100	110,874	127,974	106,047
<b>FUND BALANCES C/FORWARD</b>		<u>7,675</u>	<u>75,371</u>	<u>83,046</u>	<u>127,974</u>



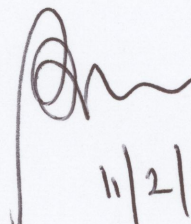
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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022**

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

Trustee:

Date:

  
11/2/23



**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 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**

	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
	<u>12,039</u>	<u>8,887</u>

**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	-
	<u>16,657</u>	<u>27,953</u>	<u>44,610</u>	<u>119,271</u>



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**4. RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Staffing Costs:</b>		
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	-	-
<b>Accommodation Costs:</b>		
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	-
<b>Office Costs:</b>		
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
<b>Catering &amp; Activities:</b>		
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
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	<b>101,577</b>	<b>106,231</b>
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**NOTES TO THE 2022 ACCOUNTS – Continued**

**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
	<u>45,779</u>	<u>42,689</u>
Total staff costs	<u>45,779</u>	<u>42,689</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**

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

**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.