



Methodist Asylum Project  
—— Middlesbrough ——  
Annual Report 2022-2023



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**Pat Martin**  
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*Getting ready for our annual day out. Hamid and Raha.*



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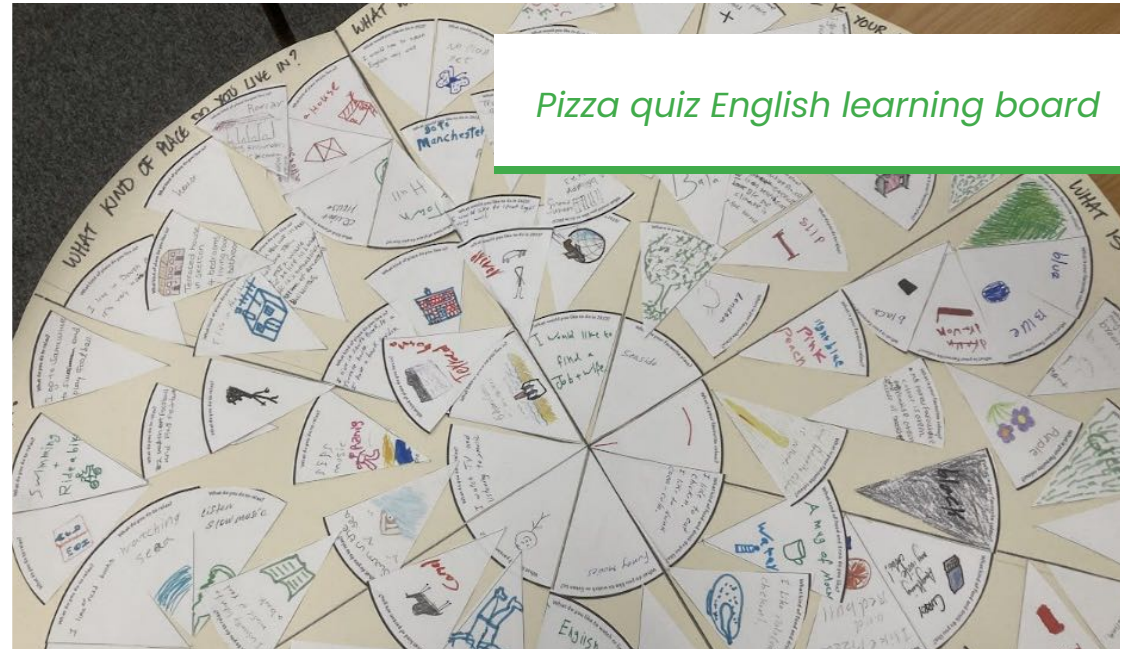


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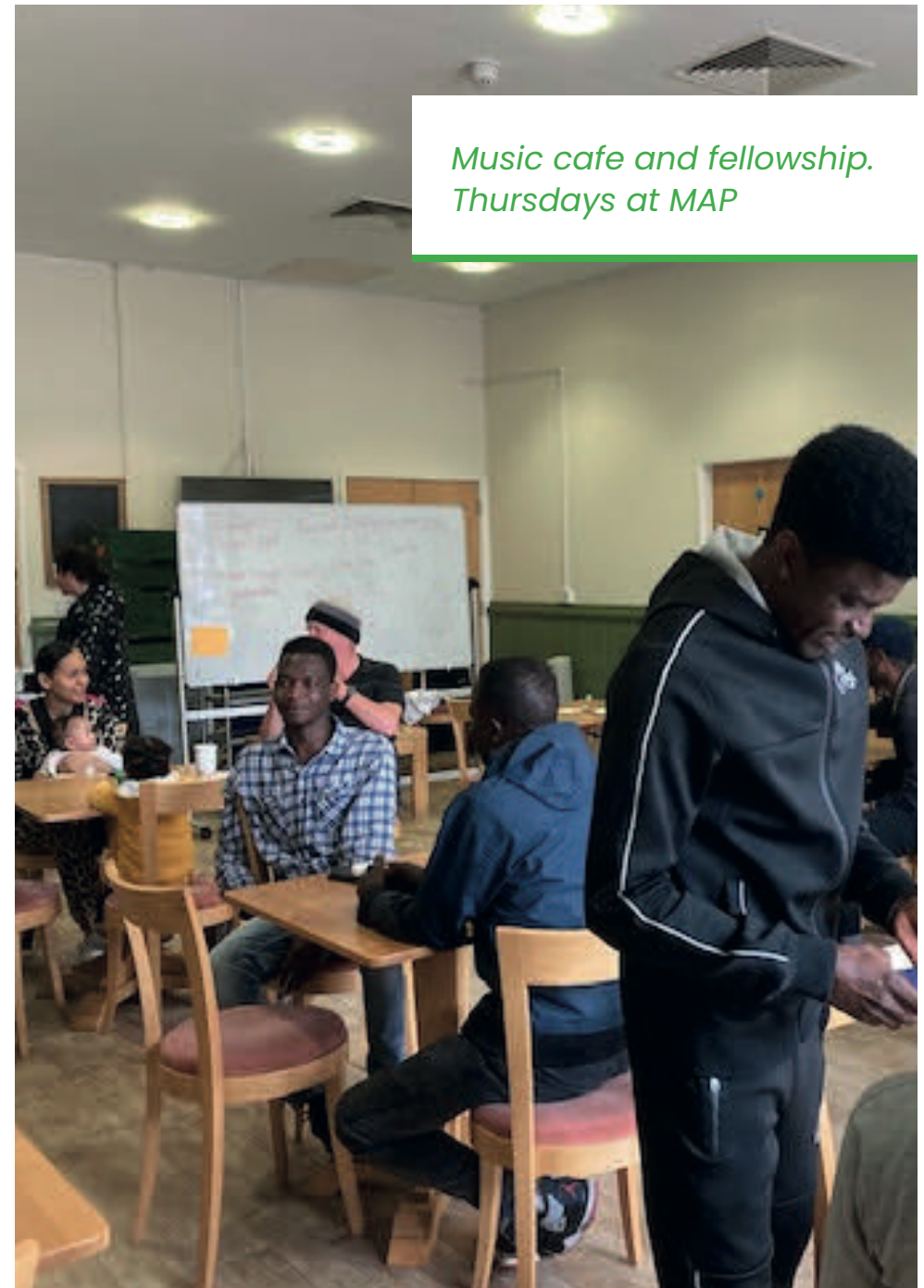
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*Advanced class at Come and Chat.*



*Beginners English Come and Chat*



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*Feelgood singing on Fridays.*

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*Dancing at Christmas party.*





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# Other Events

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



*Danby walk near Catherine Parrs family home.*



*Ramble at Danby.*





*Moors Centre Museum*



*Prepping for picnic at Danby*

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

Billy Barnes, Project Manager.

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<b>Tuesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Middlesbrough College drop-In</b> Chat guidance and advice. During Termtime.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11.30-1.30 Middlesbrough College 5th Floor enrolment room. TS2 1AA</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Avenue Drop-In</b> Distribution of donated clothing and household goods. Coffee and friendship. Internet Café</li><li>• <b>Football training</b> Session, led by MFC Foundation (transport provided)</li><li>• <b>Redcar Drop in and English Class.</b></li><li>• <b>Redcar Internet Café</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10am to 12 noon Avenue Church, TS5 6PE</li><li>• Meet at 11.30am, Avenue Church, TS5 6PE</li><li>• 1.30pm-4:30pm Park Avenue Baptist Church. Redcar, TS10 3LJ</li><li>• 3.00pm-4.30 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. Internet Café and Barber service available.</li><li>• <b>Health and Wellbeing</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Learn the ancient wisdom practice of meditation, stillness and silence, to help you feel calm.</li><li>- Join in with Tai-Chi and breathing exercises.</li><li>- Bodywork</li><li>- Emotional Freedom technique (EFT)</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 09.30am to 12.30pm MAP (downstairs), 54 Borough Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2JH</li><li>• 10.00am to 2.00pm at MAP (upstairs), 54 Borough Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2JH</li></ul>



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<b>Saturday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Saturday Games</b> Pool, table tennis, and refreshments</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2pm to 4pm Avenue Church, TS5 6PE</li></ul>

# MAP Finance Report

Initial Cash in Bank  
£84,646

at 31/08/22

Final Cash in Bank  
£148,589

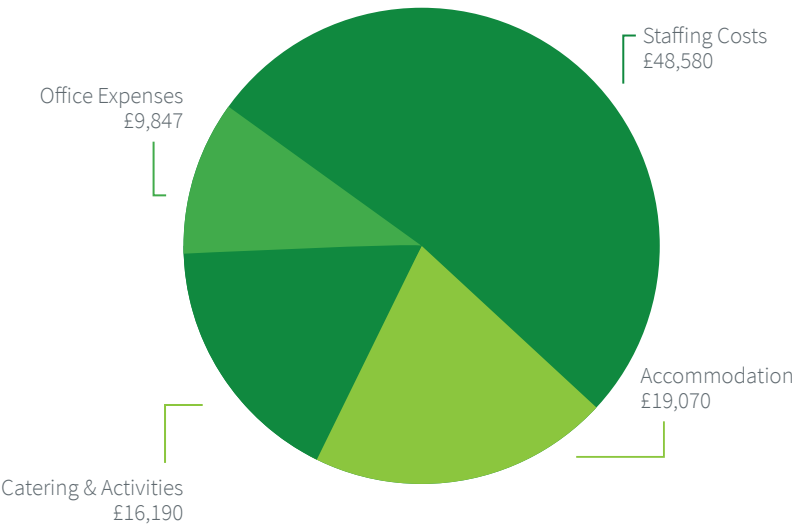
at 31/08/23

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

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

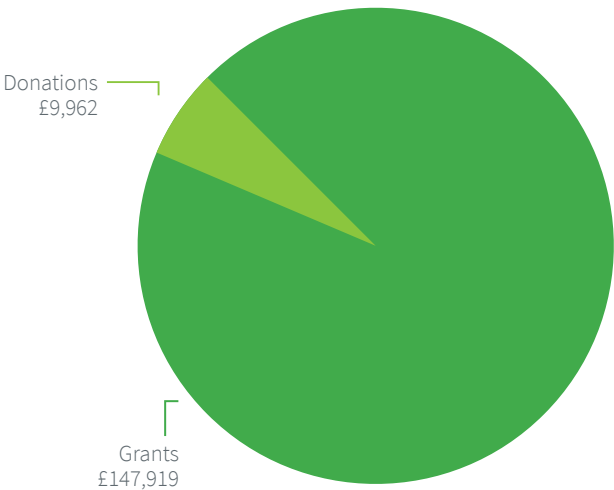
Total Expenditure  
£93,688

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



Total Income  
£157,881

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





# Our Team

## Trustees

The Members of the Board of Trustee at 31st August 2023 are:

Mrs Pat Martin – Chair  
Mr John Hinton – Secretary  
Mr Brian Glover – Treasurer  
Mr Ali Awad Ali Muhammad (Retired)  
Mr Reg Bellerby(Retired)  
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## Project Manager:

Mr Billy Barnes

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## Assistant Project Manager:

Mr Hamid Yazdanfar

# Funders & Supporters

We were delighted that a grant from The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington (a registered charity of which the Mercers' Company is trustee) has been approved for 3 years with 2 years left to run.

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.

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

These four grants 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*
- *The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington*
- *Church Urban Fund / Meditatio Partnership*
- *People's Postcode Trust – funded by players of People's Postcode Lottery*
- *Redcar & Cleveland Council*
- *Evan Cornish Foundation*
- *Middlesbrough Council*
- *Redcar Hydrogen Trust*
- *Woodsmith Foundation*

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

- *Bob & Belle Singh + Volunteers*
- *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*
- *Redcar Baptist Church*
- *Methodist Churches in the Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit*
- *North East Migration Partnership (NEMP)*
- *Mears Group PLC*
- *Peoples Voice Media*





*"Creating Community"*

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





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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023**



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## **Methodist Asylum Project : Middlesbrough**

### **REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS**

**Charity Name:** Methodist Asylum Project: Middlesbrough

**Registered Charity Number:** 1167625

**Charity's Principal Address:**

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,  
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CW9 7RB

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT**

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

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

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

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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 2022/23 financial year which will ensure stability into the medium term.
- Changes in Government policy regarding dispersal of asylum seekers and refugees to Middlesbrough. The Project Manager keeps abreast of changes in policy and their implications for the work of the Charity.

**Sources of funds**

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

**Reserves Policy**

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

**Related Party Transactions**

Charities preparing accrual (SORP) accounts must disclose:

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

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

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

**OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES**

**Charitable objects:**

The Charity's objects are:-

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

- a) The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life;
- b) The advancement of education and training including advancing them in life and assisting them to adapt within a new community;
- c) The relief of sickness and the preservation and protection of their physical and mental health;
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**Our Aims:**

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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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**Christmas party 2022**

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

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

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

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

**Billy Barnes Project Manager**

**Funders and Supporters**

We were delighted to confirm that a grant from the The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington (a registered charity of which the Mercers' Company is trustee) has been approved for three years and is still available for the next 2 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.

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



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**AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2023**

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

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

- The Methodist Church (Darlington District)
- The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington
- Big Lottery Fund - Ariadne Project
- Church Urban Fund / Mediation Partnership
- Redcar & Cleveland Council
- Woodsmith Foundation
- Evan Cornish Foundation
- Middlesbrough Council
- Redcar Hydrogen Trust

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
- Redcar Baptist Church
- Methodist Churches in the Middlesbrough & Eston Circuit
- Mears
- North East Migration Partnership
- Peoples Voice Media

**ACCOUNTANTS REPORT**  
**METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT**  
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**IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2023**

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

**Respective responsibilities of the trustees and independent examiners**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of Examiner's report**

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

**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: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**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 2023**

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



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**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2023**

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

Trustee:



Date:

15th March 2024

**METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT**  
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**NOTES TO THE 2023 ACCOUNTS**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**1.1 General information and basis of preparation**

Methodist Asylum Project Middlesbrough was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 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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**NOTES TO THE 2023 ACCOUNTS – Continued**

**2. VOLUNTARY INCOME**

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

**3. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES- GRANTS**

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



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**NOTES TO THE 2023 ACCOUNTS-Continued**

**4. RESOURCES EXPENDED**

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

**5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES**

This is stated after charging:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Independent Examiners Fees (including VAT)	976	1,200

**6. PAID EMPLOYEES**

Staff costs paid during the year were split:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	42,655	41,299
Employer's National Insurance costs	3,420	3,243
Pension costs	1,280	1,237
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Total staff costs	47,355	45,779
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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>2023</b>	<b>2022</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 £250.00 for the production of the annual report by a business owned by the Son of a Trustee. This work was done at an arms length basis.