



Methodist Asylum Project  
— Middlesbrough —

"Creating Community"



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Annual Report 2023-2024

**4,690**

Annual footfall  
across all our  
sites

**87**

Nationalities

**2**

Staff

**50**

Languages

**1,518**

Come & Chat  
footfall at  
Linthorpe Road

**£107.5k**

MAP  
Expenditure

**£91.3k**

MAP  
Income



## In Numbers

**50**

Volunteers

**423**

Drop-in footfall  
at Redcar site

**313**

New service  
users

**1,135**

Welcome  
footfall at  
Linthorpe Road

**1,907**

Clothing &  
Household  
goods footfall at  
the Avenue

**3**

MAP  
has 3 sites

**100**

Food support  
passes issues

# Chair's Report

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**Pat Martin Chair of Trustees**

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MAP Redcar is joined each week by Mears housing managers who provide and serve our members with guidance and help with housing problems and other matters that promote integration and wellbeing. Mears are also helpful for us in advising on sundry relevant issues.

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



# Thursday Welcome Hub

Thursday's welcome hub is developing well (1,135 attendances compared to 572 in the previous reporting year). We have a music café with guitars and singing in a relaxed informal environment.

Members can rest and meet with each other sharing quality social time and participating with songs if they so wish.

British Red Cross are present most weeks to help and assist with complex problems.

In the afternoon there is a women's group for crafting and conversation this is a real benefit for health and wellbeing. We have a barber's service in the afternoon for men and boys. IELTS English also takes place in the afternoon.

Thursdays are very busy but rewarding. Our service users find the welcome hub a relaxing refuge, with fellowship and warmth. Along with the specialist help of BRC, MAP assistance is always available to those who need it.



# BME Awards

In November 2023 MAP was nominated in the Community organisation section for a BME award. We were invited to the ceremonies at the Kirkleatham walled garden. As well as being treated to a fine meal we listened to and met some really inspiring people who work in our field and make a difference in Teesside. We were delighted to be awarded a runner up certificate.

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





# Christmas Party 2023

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

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



# Songfest at Stokesley

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

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



# Health Watch Event

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

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







# Iftar

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

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

# Volunteers Meal

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

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





# Summer Trip

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

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

It was a wonderful day.



# Looking Forward

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

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

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

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

**Billy Barnes, Project Manager**



# MAP Financial Summary

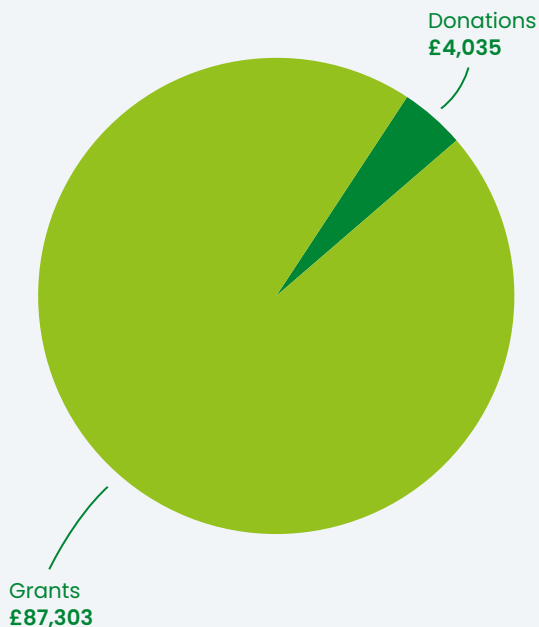
Initial Cash in Bank **£148,589** (at 31/08/23)

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

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

## Total Income **£91,338**

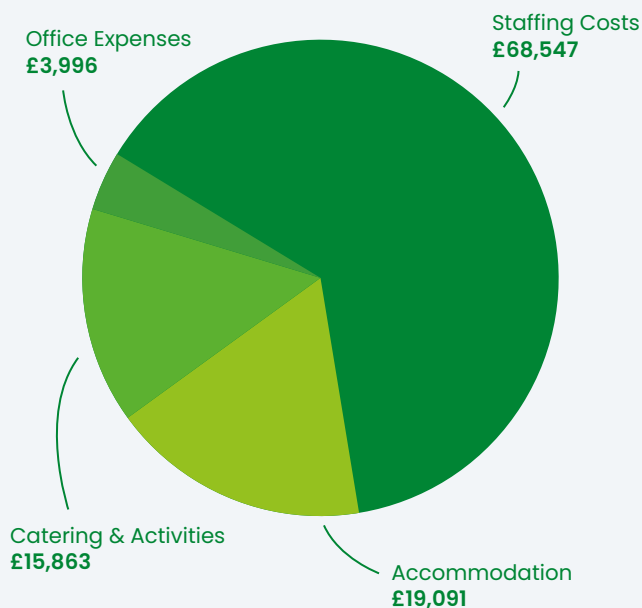
Including Grants, Donations, and Big Lottery Funding for the Ariadne Project



Bankers:  
Barclays Bank Plc

## Total Expenditure **£107,496**

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



Accountants / Auditors:  
Leonard Bye, Chartered Accountants

# Our Team

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

Mrs Pat Martin – Chair

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Mrs Frances Plane

Mrs Heather Dipple

Observers:

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Mr Hamid Yazdanfar – Assistant Project Manager



# Heather Dipple

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

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

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

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

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

I am looking forward to continued involvement with MAP.



# Funders and Supporters

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**THE  
MERCERS'  
COMPANY**

Trustee to The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington

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



### Get In Touch

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

*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 50 volunteers from a wide variety of backgrounds.

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**

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## **Methodist Asylum Project : Middlesbrough**

### **REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS**

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

**Registered Charity Number:** 1167625

**Charity's Principal Address:**

MIDDLESBROUGH METHODIST HUB  
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 / Independent Examiners:**

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT**

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

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

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

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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 potentially vulnerable people. 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 were successful at the end of the 2021/22 financial year which ensured stability into the medium term.
- Changes in Government policy regarding dispersal of asylum seekers and refugees to Middlesbrough. The Project Manager keeps abreast of changes in policy and their implications for the work of the Charity.

**Sources of funds**

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

**Reserves Policy**

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

**Related Party Transactions**

Charities preparing accrual (SORP) accounts must disclose:

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

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

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

**OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES**

**Charitable objects:**

The Charity's objects are:-

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

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

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Numbers are rising (423 interactions) at Redcar, gently but steadily for our regular Wednesday sessions. Redcar Baptist Church (our venue owners) now provide their own English classes on Thursdays, so it is encouraging that people still attend MAP on Wednesday as well as the church's class. Again, great thanks go to our volunteers without whom this work would not be possible.

As for all MAP events, we're always on the lookout for more volunteers at Redcar. All offers are welcome, please don't feel you have to have a teaching qualification. Willingness to assist, understanding and empathy are the most important skills required. Like all MAP events it's fun, rewarding and helps people on their journey in so many ways.

MAP Redcar is joined each week by Mears housing managers who provide and serve our members with guidance and help with housing problems and other matters that promote integration and wellbeing. Mears are also helpful for us in advising on sundry relevant issues.

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

**Thursday Welcome Hub**

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

**Special Events:**

**November BME awards**

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

**Christmas Party 2023**

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

**Songfest at Stokesley**

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

**Health watch event**

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

**Iftar**

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



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**Volunteers Meal**

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

**Summer trip**

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

**Looking Forward**

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

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

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

Billy Barnes  
Project Manager

**Funders and Supporters**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ACCOUNTANTS REPORT**  
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**IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024**

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

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

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of Examiner's report**

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

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

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

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



**Dated: 18/02/2025**

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

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME**  
**AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024**

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

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024**

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

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

Brian Glover

**Date:**  
18/02/2025

**METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT**  
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**NOTES TO THE 2024 ACCOUNTS**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**1.1 General information and basis of preparation**

Methodist Asylum Project Middlesbrough was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 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 Charity 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**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Sale of Rags	928	1,450
Sundry Donations	2,047	1,511
Standing Orders	-	2,010
Misc Income	-	21
Just Giving	1,060	3,141
Gift Aid HMRC	-	1,829
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	<b>4,035</b>	<b>9,962</b>
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**3. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES- GRANTS**

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

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

This is stated after charging:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Independent Examiners Fees (including VAT)	1,093	976

**6. PAID EMPLOYEES**

Staff costs paid during the year were split:

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

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

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

**7. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
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 £360.00 for the design/production and printing of the annual report by a business owned by the Son of a Trustee. This work was done at an arms length basis.









# 2025.02.18 MAP Final accounts yr to 31.08.24

Final Audit Report

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## **Methodist Asylum Project : Middlesbrough**

### **REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS**

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

**Registered Charity Number:** 1167625

**Charity's Principal Address:**

MIDDLESBROUGH METHODIST HUB  
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 / Independent Examiners:**

Leonard Bye,  
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 full-time Assistant Manager. They deliver the work of the Charity, supported by a team of about 70 volunteers

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

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

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

Observers:

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

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

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

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

**Risk Management**

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

The key risks considered include:

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

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- Uncertainty over obtaining sufficient Donations and Grants for continuation of the Charity. Bids for two significant 3 year grants were successful at the end of the 2021/22 financial year which ensured stability into the medium term.
- Changes in Government policy regarding dispersal of asylum seekers and refugees to Middlesbrough. The Project Manager keeps abreast of changes in policy and their implications for the work of the Charity.

**Sources of funds**

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

**Reserves Policy**

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

**Related Party Transactions**

Charities preparing accrual (SORP) accounts must disclose:

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

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

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

**OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES**

**Charitable objects:**

The Charity's objects are:-

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

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



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**Our Aims:**

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

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

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

**REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES**

**Chair's Report:**

**Welcome to our Annual Report for 2023-2024**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your continued support of MAP.

Pat Martin

Chair of Trustees

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**MAP Project Managers Report 2023-2024**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**The Avenue Church "Drop in"**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Come & Chat English & Meal**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Redcar Baptist Church English and "drop in"**

Numbers are rising (423 interactions) at Redcar, gently but steadily for our regular Wednesday sessions. Redcar Baptist Church (our venue owners) now provide their own English classes on Thursdays, so it is encouraging that people still attend MAP on Wednesday as well as the church's class. Again, great thanks go to our volunteers without whom this work would not be possible.

As for all MAP events, we're always on the lookout for more volunteers at Redcar. All offers are welcome, please don't feel you have to have a teaching qualification. Willingness to assist, understanding and empathy are the most important skills required. Like all MAP events it's fun, rewarding and helps people on their journey in so many ways.

MAP Redcar is joined each week by Mears housing managers who provide and serve our members with guidance and help with housing problems and other matters that promote integration and wellbeing. Mears are also helpful for us in advising on sundry relevant issues.

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

**Thursday Welcome Hub**

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

**Special Events:**

**November BME awards**

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

**Christmas Party 2023**

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

**Songfest at Stokesley**

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

**Health watch event**

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

**Iftar**

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

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**Volunteers Meal**

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

**Summer trip**

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

**Looking Forward**

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

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

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

Billy Barnes  
Project Manager

**Funders and Supporters**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**ACCOUNTANTS REPORT**  
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**IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024**

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

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

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of Examiner's report**

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

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

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

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



**Dated: 18/02/2025**

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

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME**  
**AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024**

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

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024**

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

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

Brian Glover

**Date:**  
18/02/2025

**METHODIST ASYLUM PROJECT**  
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**NOTES TO THE 2024 ACCOUNTS**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**1.1 General information and basis of preparation**

Methodist Asylum Project Middlesbrough was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 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 Charity 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**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Sale of Rags	928	1,450
Sundry Donations	2,047	1,511
Standing Orders	-	2,010
Misc Income	-	21
Just Giving	1,060	3,141
Gift Aid HMRC	-	1,829
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	<b>4,035</b>	<b>9,962</b>
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**3. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES- GRANTS**

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

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

This is stated after charging:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Independent Examiners Fees (including VAT)	1,093	976

**6. PAID EMPLOYEES**

Staff costs paid during the year were split:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	58,464	42,655
Employer's National Insurance costs	5,558	3,420
Pension costs	1,754	1,280
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Total staff costs	65,776	47,355
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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>2024</b>	<b>2023</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 £360.00 for the design/production and printing of the annual report by a business owned by the Son of a Trustee. This work was done at an arms length basis.









# 2025.02.18 MAP Final accounts yr to 31.08.24

Final Audit Report

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