

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1169054

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
FOR
PALMERS OF SHREWSBURY

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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PALMERS OF SHREWSBURY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity is established for the objectives of advancing the education of the public of Shrewsbury and the surrounding areas in the Christian faith by:

- 1) The provision of a Christian run coffee shop;
- 2) The provision of facilities that would provide opportunity for prayer and worship meetings within the coffee shop; and
- 3) The raising of monies through the operation of the coffee shop that would help support programmes for people and groups who, by reason of their youth, age, infirmity, disablement or social economic factors, find themselves at risk of social exclusion.

Public benefit

Details as to how the charity's activities are for the public benefit are provided in the objectives and activities section above. The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 (5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

During the year the charity has achieved the following:

The Pay It Forward scheme continued to support the vulnerable and marginalised community in Shrewsbury.

Supported and provided practical help during and after the transition for rough sleepers who were housed.

Provided work experience for young people at school and international students.

Provided work experience for young adults with learning difficulties and other vulnerabilities.

Supported 'pop up' chat groups including social and informal groups for many community groups.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

For the year under review income totalled £216,460 (2024: £198,558). Expenditure on charitable activities of £214,987 (2024: £203,238) was incurred during the year, resulting in a net surplus of £1,473 (2024: net deficit of £4,680).

The CIO's funds carried forward at 31 March 2025 total £7,139 (2024: £5,666).

Going concern

The trustees have reviewed the circumstances of Palmers of Shrewsbury and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund the activities of the charity for the foreseeable future. The trustees are not aware of any material uncertainties which could affect the charity's ability to continue to operate as a going concern.

Reserves policy

We aim to build up and hold two months wages in reserves which allows us to accommodate changes in staffing as well as short term wages increases.

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FUTURE PLANS

We are always looking for further opportunities to bless our community and pursue our aims. We have and continue to develop our capacity to do more bespoke catering through the cafe and thus help and bless more people.

We are looking into how we can further enhance support for those previous rough sleepers or other vulnerable people, potentially providing long term supported housing.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) incorporated in September 2016. The charitable organisation was formed under a Memorandum of Association which established the object and powers of the charitable organisation.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Our recruitment policy is to appoint trustees who are sympathetic to the aims of Palmers of Shrewsbury. The Chair will always be appointed from Shrewsbury Baptist Church. Trustees are usually appointed from Shrewsbury Baptist Church.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and have ensured that appropriate systems and procedures are in place to manage those risks and provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1169054

Principal address

c/o Shrewsbury Baptist Church
Crowmere Road
Shrewsbury
SY2 5JJ

Trustees

Mrs J James (resigned 22.5.25)
Mrs J Evans
Rev N A Price
Mrs H Ball (resigned 22.5.25)
A Cowburn

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs J Evans - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
PALMERS OF SHREWSBURY**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Palmers of Shrewsbury

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Palmers of Shrewsbury (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Francis Nock F.C.C.A

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27 January 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		7,744	7,315
Charitable activities			
Cafe		208,716	191,243
Total		<u>216,460</u>	<u>198,558</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	3	-	2,033
Charitable activities			
Cafe		214,987	201,205
Total		<u>214,987</u>	<u>203,238</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		1,473	(4,680)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		5,666	10,346
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>7,139</u></u>	<u><u>5,666</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

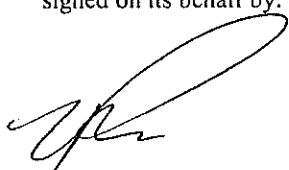
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BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	8	3,409	4,074
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	9	2,016	2,067
Debtors	10	1,000	-
Cash at bank and in hand		8,572	8,254
		<u>11,588</u>	<u>10,321</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(7,858)	(8,729)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>3,730</u>	<u>1,592</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>7,139</u>	<u>5,666</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>7,139</u>	<u>5,666</u>
FUNDS	12		
Unrestricted funds		<u>7,139</u>	<u>5,666</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>7,139</u>	<u>5,666</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:


N A Price - Trustee


J Evans - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

PALMERS OF SHREWSBURY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Palmers of Shrewsbury is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), registered in England and Wales. The CIO's registered number and registered office address can be found within the reference and administrative details section of the Report of the Trustees.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements are for the individual entity only.

The financial statements are presented in sterling (£), rounded to the nearest £1.

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, and performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are included at cost and depreciation is provided at the following annual rates and methods in order to write off assets over their estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 25% reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

All funds are general and unrestricted and can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Cash at bank

Cash at bank includes amounts held in the bank current accounts and cash in hand.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discount.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

3. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Support costs	-	2,033

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The following trustees were paid remuneration for providing services to the charity under employment contracts:

Mrs J Evans: £11,142

Mrs J James: £2,611

Mrs J Evans is a trustee and employee of Shrewsbury Baptist Church and part of her salary is recharged to Palmers of Shrewsbury, as shown above.

No trustees were remunerated for performing their duties as a trustee for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS - continued

Trustees' expenses

During the year Mrs J Evans was reimbursed £1,200 (2024: £1,092), Mrs J James was reimbursed £Nil (2024: £370), Mr A Cowburn was reimbursed £18 (2024: £205) and Mr T Curtis was reimbursed £Nil (2024: £36) in relation to general expenses.

5. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	116,740	105,365
Other pension costs	2,568	2,389
	<u>119,308</u>	<u>107,754</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	10	11
Employees	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>

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

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	7,315
Charitable activities	
Cafe	<u>191,243</u>
Total	<u>198,558</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	2,033
Charitable activities	
Cafe	<u>201,205</u>
Total	<u>203,238</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(4,680)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	10,346

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6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

Unrestricted fund £
5,666

TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

7. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REMUNERATION

Fees payable to the charity's independent examiner for the examination of the charity's financial statements were £1,859 (2024: £1,770).

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Fixtures
and
fittings
£

COST

At 1 April 2024

13,159

Additions

424

At 31 March 2025

13,583

DEPRECIATION

At 1 April 2024

9,085

Charge for year

1,089

At 31 March 2025

10,174

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 March 2025

3,409

At 31 March 2024

4,074

9. STOCKS

31.3.25

31.3.24

£

£

Stocks

2,016

2,067

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10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Trade debtors	1,000	-

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Taxation and social security	5,307	4,927
Other creditors	2,551	3,802
	7,858	8,729

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,666	1,473	7,139
TOTAL FUNDS	5,666	1,473	7,139

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	216,460	(214,987)	1,473
TOTAL FUNDS	216,460	(214,987)	1,473

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,346	(4,680)	5,666
TOTAL FUNDS	10,346	(4,680)	5,666

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	198,558	(203,238)	(4,680)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>198,558</u>	<u>(203,238)</u>	<u>(4,680)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,346	(3,207)	7,139
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,346</u>	<u>(3,207)</u>	<u>7,139</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	415,018	(418,225)	(3,207)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>415,018</u>	<u>(418,225)</u>	<u>(3,207)</u>

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13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

See note 4 for details of Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Included within donations paid is a balance of £600 (2024: £600) which has been paid to Kyles Home C.I.C, of which Mrs J James is a trustee.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	6,744	7,315
Grants	1,000	-
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	7,744	7,315
Charitable activities		
Sales	208,716	191,243
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Total incoming resources	216,460	198,558
 EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	116,740	105,365
Pensions	2,568	2,389
Hire of equipment and kitchen supplies	864	1,248
Cleaning and sundries	1,248	918
Insurance	1,554	1,479
Light and heat	13,660	12,220
Telephone	298	277
Repairs & renewals	1,128	1,978
Donations	600	600
Purchases	66,197	67,755
Fixtures and fittings	1,089	1,284
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	205,946	195,513
Support costs		
Management		
Postage and stationery	242	408
Finance		
Bank charges	4,274	3,927
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	4,525	3,390
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Total resources expended	214,987	203,238
Net income/(expenditure)	1,473	(4,680)

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements