

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

England & Wales · Charity number 1171917

Details

Other names LINKING LIVES EASTBOURNE

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [10236474](#)

Registered 2017-03-07

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 4. THE CHARITY'S OBJECT ("OBJECT") FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IS TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY.FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE 'SOCIALLY EXCLUDED' MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: UNEMPLOYMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; YOUTH OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL); SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DEPENDENCY INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS; DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX, RACE, DISABILITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION,BELIEF, CREED, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER RE-ASSIGNMENT; POOR EDUCATIONAL OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN; POOR HOUSING (THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS); CRIME (EITHER AS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY).

Activities: Co-ordinates volunteers to provide support to those who are socially excluded to assist them to integrate into society. Referrals to the scheme are made from GP Surgeries, charities and other organisations with those in need being matched to volunteers participating in the scheme.

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Disability, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£46,554	£36,584	-	-
2024-06-30	£32,908	£35,032	-	-
2023-06-30	£26,690	£27,650	-	-
2022-06-30	£19,042	£20,488	-	-
2021-06-30	£18,929	£16,835	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr JOHN WILLIAM CAROE	Chair	2021-04-29
MARTYN JOHN RELF		2016-06-16
Rosemary Edith Meller		2024-12-28
Theresa June Belsey		2021-04-29

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EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025



Caladine

Chartered Certified Accountants

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs T Belsey representing King's Church, Eastbourne Dr J Caroe representing St John's Meads, Eastbourne Mr M J Relf representing Living Stones, Eastbourne Mrs R Meller representing New Hope Baptist Church (Appointed 28 December 2024)
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EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Linking Lives Eastbourne continues to be an effective means by which friendships and connections are generated across the Eastbourne area, both through befriending, and through wider networks and community.

Christian faith is at the heart of what we do, reflected in our core values of compassion, friendship, and trust: we facilitate befriending of those experiencing loneliness with care and kindness, and in a way that is reliable, safe, and dependable.

Regular referrals from social prescribers, adult social care, the community mental health teams and dementia support staff nourish our hope that we can continue to collaborate with these teams to significantly reduce loneliness and improve health and wellbeing of older adults living alone. We accepted twenty-six new referrals in the year and continue to maintain numbers of befriending matches in the mid-sixties.

A monthly drop in meet-up takes place in the Age Concern Café, led by our referral assessor. Any on the waiting list for a befriender who are mobile are invited, alongside Volunteers with their matched Link Friends.

Our Loneliness Survey demonstrates the significant impact befriending has - 78% of Link Friends answered that they were lonely often or all the time at point of assessment, with this reducing to just 16% after 12 months of befriending.

"My loneliness has faded away into the background." (Link Friend 2024)

Support of volunteers remains a priority, with training workshops, social events, and regular reviews of befriending matches. There were ten new volunteer applications during the year. Many have volunteered as befrienders with Linking Lives Eastbourne for several years; fifteen "5 Years of Volunteering" awards were given at our Annual Celebration in June 2025. The latest volunteer retention rate of 91% is very impressive.

"It's so enjoyable and rewarding listening to him talk about his experiences." (Volunteer 2024)

A particular highlight of this year was the production of new promotional films, with Link friends and Volunteers sharing their experiences; as well as contributions from Josh Babarinde, MP Eastbourne and Darrell Gale, Director of Public Health East Sussex. It is individual stories illustrating how befriending makes a tangible difference that are a joy to witness; we hope these films will encourage more referrals and volunteers as well as generous funding.

Policies

Trustees review all policies annually to ensure they remain applicable.

A Risk Register has been reviewed by the management team during the year to ensure that the charity manages and mitigates risks in the best conceivable way.

Linking Lives Eastbourne is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all who are referred to our befriending scheme and expects all trustees, staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A small number of safeguarding concerns have arisen during the year which have all been satisfactorily resolved, working alongside Adult Social Care where appropriate.

Finance

In July 2025 Linking Lives Eastbourne had reserves of less than £6000 or 2 months operational reserve. A principle aim was to increase sustainability and a plan to encourage 100 individuals to commit to regular giving launched.

We set target limits for our balance between £12000 and £18000

The year ended with a balance slightly over £14000.

Our income for the year was £47000 being

Grant Funding	28%
Personal donations	18%
Fundraising	11%
Church Donations	7%
Gift Aid	6%
Other Donations	30%

Demonstrating a reduced dependency on grant funding, this will continue as a priority for 25/26.

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025



John Caroe
Chair of Trustees

Date: *6.6.26*

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The Charity's object is to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

See Chairman's report on page 1 - 2 for details of the activities of the charity during the year.

Financial review

Total incoming resources for the year amounted to £46,554 (2024: £32,908) and expenditure amounted to £36,584 (2024: £35,032) leading to an overall surplus of £9,970 (2024: deficit of £2,124). Unrestricted funds at 30 June 2024 were £13,935 (2024: £3,965).

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The Trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee registered at Companies House in England and Wales, registration number 10236474. The Charity is also registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales, registration number 1171917. The Charity is governed by its Articles of Association dated 22 February 2017

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs T Belsey representing King's Church, Eastbourne
Dr J Caroe representing St John's Meads, Eastbourne
Mr M J Relf representing Living Stones, Eastbourne
Mrs R Meller representing New Hope Baptist Church

(Appointed 28 December 2024)

Trustees with relevant knowledge and experience with a heart for achieving the objects of the Charity are recruited from time to time as needed by recommendation of the existing Trustees.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

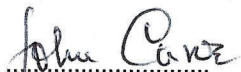
The Charity is affiliated to Linking Lives UK (Registered Charity No. 1170325)

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Dr J Caroe
Chair of Trustees

Date: *4.1.26*

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

The Trustees, who are also the directors of Eastbourne Churches Visiting for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Eastbourne Churches Visiting (the Charity) for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Charity as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.



Colin Dadswell FCA FCCA DChA

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Date: 05/01/2026

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	46,554	32,908
Total income		46,554	32,908
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4	36,584	35,032
Total expenditure		36,584	35,032
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		9,970	(2,124)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 July 2024		3,965	6,089
Fund balances at 30 June 2025		13,935	3,965

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		15,113		5,121	
Current liabilities	9	<u>(1,178)</u>		<u>(1,156)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>13,935</u>		<u>3,965</u>
The funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds	10		<u>13,935</u>		<u>3,965</u>
			<u>13,935</u>		<u>3,965</u>

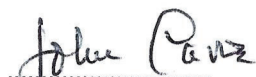
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on



Dr J Caroe

Chair of Trustees

Company registration number 10236474 (England and Wales)

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

1 Accounting policies

Company information

Eastbourne Churches Visiting is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 66 Ocklynge Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 1PY.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis and includes any irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.7 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts	33,554	19,908
Grants	13,000	13,000
	<u>46,554</u>	<u>32,908</u>
Donations and gifts		
Individual donations	27,806	14,674
Church donations	2,912	4,635
Gift aid recovered	2,836	599
	<u>33,554</u>	<u>19,908</u>
Grants		
Goodnews Evangelical Mission	5,000	5,000
Chalk Cliff Trust	5,000	5,000
Individuals	3,000	3,000
	<u>13,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities	Charitable activities
	2025	2024
	£	£
Direct costs		
Staff costs	31,239	29,987
Telephone and IT	2,009	1,762
Training	613	125
Insurance	328	235
Affiliation fees	385	775
DBS checks	242	392
Room hire	310	360
Other charitable expenses	125	221
	<u>35,251</u>	<u>33,857</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 5)		
Governance	1,333	1,175
	<u>36,584</u>	<u>35,032</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>36,584</u>	<u>35,032</u>

5 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Governance costs	<u>1,333</u>	<u>1,175</u>
<u>Analysed between:</u>		
Charitable activities	<u>1,333</u>	<u>1,175</u>
Governance costs comprise:	2025	2024
	£	£
Accountancy	765	873
Independent examination	225	237
Bank charges	343	65
	<u>1,333</u>	<u>1,175</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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6 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Development and support	4	4

Employment costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	31,239	29,987

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Aggregate compensation	17,190	16,473

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

9 Current liabilities

	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security	278	256
Accruals and deferred income	900	900
	<u>1,178</u>	<u>1,156</u>

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10 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 July 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 30 June 2025
	£	£	£	£
General funds	3,965	46,554	(36,584)	13,935
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Previous year:	At 1 July 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	6,089	32,908	(35,032)	3,965
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

11 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Linking Lives Eastbourne (LLE) has once again experienced a very fruitful and encouraging year. We have seen a steady gradual growth in the number of referrals and successful befriending matches, alongside a rich sense of fulfilment for all the team. It has been a delight to witness.

Inevitably there has been some turnover among the volunteers, but recruitment has kept pace, strengthened by an ongoing excellent program of training. Our numbers have stabilised with matches in the mid sixties.

A significant element of this year has been the encouraging feedback data. To measure the outcome of the scheme in terms of intended change we use a direct measure of loneliness. The Office of National Statistics recommended question, "How often do you feel lonely?" is scored on a scale 1-4 with 'feeling lonely often or all of the time' as the highest at 4. Our results demonstrate significant reduction on feelings of loneliness with those Link Friends scoring at 4 changing as below:

@ Assessment: 75%
@ 6mths: 29%
@ 12mths: 17%

Many of our Link Friends reported significant improvement in their quality of life, and a number have regained the confidence to venture out of their home.

There are currently 3 trustee churches: it is our ongoing aim to broaden this base.

During the year our Project Leader has developed new links with churches across the Eastbourne area and has also had fruitful discussions with established organisations in the wider community.

Accreditation

After 6 months of hard work and close scrutiny LLE achieved the national 'Quality In Befriending' award from Befriending Networks. This included strengthening a number of policies to consolidate the high standards of practice already in place. This process also involved demonstrating that best practice is implemented across the charity. All policies are reviewed by the trustees annually to ensure they remain applicable.

Policies


A Risk Register has been maintained and reviewed during the year to ensure that the charity manages risks in the best possible way.

Safeguarding is taken very seriously within LLE and a small number of safeguarding concerns have arisen during the year. These have all been satisfactorily resolved, working with other agencies such as Adult Social Care where appropriate.

Finance

As with many charities, this year has presented a financial challenge with grants becoming increasingly difficult to obtain. LLE has responded by working to raise funds from other sources, principally direct donation and fund raising. We currently receive 62% of our income from non-grant sources. The year ended with a balance of over £8,000 plus £6,000 in pledged income and 9 funding bids in various stages. We are confident that this forms a strong basis for the coming year.

As a Christian charity we do acknowledge and give thanks to God for the ongoing health and blessing of the charity. It is this which motivates us all and gives us a sense of joy and fulfilment.



John Caroe

Chair of Trustees

Date: 14 November 2024

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The Charity's object is to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

See Chairman's report on page 1 for details of the activities of the charity during the year.

Financial review

Total incoming resources for the year amounted to £32,908 (2023: £26,690) and expenditure amounted to £35,032 (2023: £27,650) leading to an overall deficit of £2,124 (2023: deficit of £960). Unrestricted funds at 30 June 2024 were £3,965 (2023: £6,089).

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The Trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee registered at Companies House in England and Wales, registration number 10236474. The Charity is also registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales, registration number 1171917. The Charity is governed by its Articles of Association dated 22 February 2017

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs T Belsey representing King's Church, Eastbourne
Dr J Caroe representing St John's Meads, Eastbourne
Mr M J Relf representing Living Stones, Eastbourne

Trustees with relevant knowledge and experience with a heart for achieving the objects of the Charity are recruited from time to time as needed by recommendation of the existing Trustees.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The Charity is affiliated to Linking Lives UK (Registered Charity No. 1170325)

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees, who are also the directors of Eastbourne Churches Visiting for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Dr J Caroe

Chair of Trustees

14 November 2024

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Eastbourne Churches Visiting (the Charity) for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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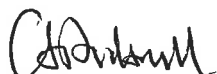
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Independent examiner's statement

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

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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 financial statements to be reached.



Colin Dadswell FCA FCCA DChA

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Dated: 15 November 2024

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	32,908	26,690
Total income		<u>32,908</u>	<u>26,690</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4	35,032	27,650
Total expenditure		<u>35,032</u>	<u>27,650</u>
Net expenditure and movement in funds		(2,124)	(960)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 July 2023		<u>6,089</u>	<u>7,049</u>
Fund balances at 30 June 2024		<u>3,965</u>	<u>6,089</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		5,121		7,416	
Current liabilities	9	<u>(1,156)</u>		<u>(1,327)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>3,965</u>		<u>6,089</u>
The funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds	10		<u>3,965</u>		<u>6,089</u>
			<u>3,965</u>		<u>6,089</u>

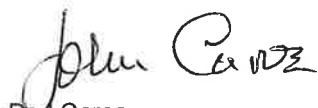
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 14 November 2024



Dr J Caroe

Chair of Trustees

Company registration number 10236474 (England and Wales)

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1 Accounting policies

Company information

Eastbourne Churches Visiting is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is St John's Church, St John's Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN20 7ND.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis and includes any irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.7 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	19,908	4,690
Grants	13,000	22,000
	<u>32,908</u>	<u>26,690</u>
Donations and gifts		
Individual donations	14,674	1,470
Church donations	4,635	3,220
Gift aid recovered	599	-
	<u>19,908</u>	<u>4,690</u>
Grants		
Eastbourne CRC	-	9,000
Goodnews Evangelical Mission	5,000	5,000
Chalk Cliff Trust	5,000	-
Sussex Community Fund	-	5,000
YAPP Charitable Trust	3,000	3,000
	<u>13,000</u>	<u>22,000</u>

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities	Charitable activities
	2024	2023
	£	£
Direct costs		
Staff costs	29,987	23,316
Telephone and IT	1,762	1,227
Training	125	300
Insurance	235	234
Purchases of small equipment	-	386
Affiliation fees	775	260
DBS checks	392	405
Room hire	360	360
Other charitable expenses	221	81
	<u>33,857</u>	<u>26,569</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 5)		
Governance	1,175	1,081
	<u>35,032</u>	<u>27,650</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>35,032</u>	<u>27,650</u>

5 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Governance costs	1,175	1,081
	<u>1,175</u>	<u>1,081</u>
<u>Analysed between:</u>		
Charitable activities	<u>1,175</u>	<u>1,081</u>
Governance costs comprise:	2024	2023
	£	£
Accountancy	873	820
Independent examination	237	200
Bank charges	65	61
	<u>1,175</u>	<u>1,081</u>

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

6 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Development and support	4	4

Employment costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	29,987	23,316

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Aggregate compensation	16,473	14,646

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

9 Current liabilities

	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	256	397
Accruals and deferred income	900	930
	1,156	1,327

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

10 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 July 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	6,089	32,908	(35,032)	3,965
	<u>6,089</u>	<u>32,908</u>	<u>(35,032)</u>	<u>3,965</u>
Previous year:	At 1 July 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 30 June 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	7,049	26,690	(27,650)	6,089
	<u>7,049</u>	<u>26,690</u>	<u>(27,650)</u>	<u>6,089</u>

11 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

England & Wales - Charity number 1171917

Accounts

Charity registration number 1171917

Company registration number 10236474 (England and Wales)

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023



Caladine

Chartered Certified Accountants

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs T Belsey Dr J Caroe Mr M J Relf
Secretary	Miss M L Cockshoot
Charity number	1171917
Company number	10236474
Principal address	St John's Church St John's Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN20 7ND
Registered office	St John's Church St John's Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN20 7ND
Independent examiner	Colin Dadswell FCA FCCA DChA Caladine Limited Chantry House 22 Upperton Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 1BF

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

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EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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Objectives and activities

The Charity's object is to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

This year has been a year of steady growth. Our end of calendar year 2022 report noted 30 new referrals, bringing us to a cumulative total of 141 accepted referrals since the scheme started. In this work there is natural attrition, yet we currently have nearly 60 folk who are matched as Link Friends with over 50 active volunteers.

A key part of the development of the project is that increased referrals need to be matched by increased volunteer befrienders. In September 2022 we had to make the difficult decision to suspend new referrals because of lack of volunteers though we were able to resume business as usual with new volunteers coming on board in the new year 2023.

Referrals continue to come mostly from Social Prescribers and Community Mental Health Teams.

Most contacts are now regular 'in person' visits with some hybrid telephone/visiting matches and fewer telephone only matches.

We also trialled a monthly friendship café, led by our referral assessor. Although the take up on this has not been great, it serves to encourage folk who are able to get out and meet others and we are confident this will grow over time.

A significant step was to appoint a new part time member of staff to take on the role of Scheme Co-ordinator. Deirdre Deans has stepped into this role magnificently. We also created a new role for Mary Northway as Project Leader. Not only does this recognise her part in leading the team but also has released her more to network among partners and local churches enabling us to raise the profile of the project and has also led to more volunteer recruits.

Linking Lives Eastbourne plays an active role in the re-formed Eastbourne Christian Agencies Network.

During the year we initiated an application to be assessed for the Quality in Befriending charter mark which we are confident of gaining.

We continue to maintain our links with Linking Lives UK and through our Project Leader contribute positively to the national movement.

At a Trustees, Staff and Management Team away day it was agreed to continue the policy to recruit volunteers from the pool of local churches in order to remain true to our original commitment and official name of Eastbourne Churches Visiting.

The trustees are conscious that the Trustee board needs strengthening. Attempts to secure more churches to take on the governance task has been slow. We remain optimistic that two churches with whom we are in conversation will respond positively to this call and we will continue to pursue the goal of increasing the board further, if possible, to six or seven core churches.

Meanwhile, the Management Team which oversees closely the month by month work of the Charity has been strengthened with two new members. Together with the staff and trustee reps who join MT meetings, we believe we have a strong oversight team.

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

During the year we approved a revision of the Finance Policy and have substantially approved a thorough Risk Management Policy with an accompanying Risk Register which will act as useful working tool to maintain our responsible oversight of the Charity.

We are thankful to God for His blessing on the Charity and its vital work reducing loneliness in Eastbourne. We trust Him for all the resources we need going forward.

Financial review

Total incoming resources for the year amounted to £26,690 (2022: £19,032) and expenditure amounted to £27,650 (2022: £20,478) leading to an overall deficit of £960 (2022: deficit of £1,446). Unrestricted funds at 30 June 2023 were £6,089 (2022: £7,049).

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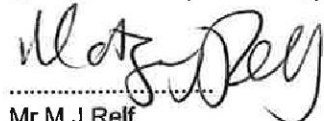
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Trustees with relevant knowledge and experience with a heart for achieving the objects of the Charity are recruited from time to time as needed by recommendation of the existing Trustees.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The Charity is affiliated to the Link Visiting Scheme (registered charity number 1139248).

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr M J Relf

Chair of Trustees

Date: 1/2/24

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Eastbourne Churches Visiting (the Charity) for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Dated: 19/07/2024

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	26,690	18,440
Other trading activities	4	-	592
Total income		<u>26,690</u>	<u>19,032</u>
Charitable activities	5	<u>27,650</u>	<u>20,478</u>
Net expenditure and movement in funds		(960)	(1,446)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 July 2022		<u>7,049</u>	<u>8,495</u>
Fund balances at 30 June 2023		<u><u>6,089</u></u>	<u><u>7,049</u></u>

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EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		7,416		7,893	
Current liabilities	10	<u>1,327</u>		<u>844</u>	
Net current assets			<u>6,089</u>		<u>7,049</u>
The funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds			<u>6,089</u>		<u>7,049</u>
			<u>6,089</u>		<u>7,049</u>


The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 11/12/24


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Mr M J Relf
Chair of Trustees

Company registration number 10236474 (England and Wales)

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

1 Accounting policies

Company information

Eastbourne Churches Visiting is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is St John's Church, St John's Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN20 7ND.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis and includes any irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.7 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Donations and gifts	4,690	7,440
Grants receivable	22,000	11,000
	<u>26,690</u>	<u>18,440</u>
Donations and gifts		
Individual donations	1,470	3,365
Church donations	3,220	4,075
	<u>4,690</u>	<u>7,440</u>
Grants receivable for core activities		
Eastbourne CRC	9,000	-
Goodnews Evangelical Mission	5,000	3,000
Sussex Community Fund	5,000	-
Together in Sussex	-	5,000
YAPP Charitable Trust	3,000	3,000
	<u>22,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Fundraising events and sponsorship	-	592
	<u>-</u>	<u>592</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities	Charitable activities
	2023	2022
	£	£
Direct costs		
Staff costs	23,316	12,677
Telephone and IT	1,227	968
Training	300	100
Insurance	234	397
Advertising and publicity	-	1,250
Purchases of small equipment	386	624
Affiliation and other fees	260	260
Disclosure and barring checks	405	386
Room hire	360	534
Sub-contractor labour	-	2,047
Other charitable expenses	81	399
	<u>26,569</u>	<u>19,642</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 6)		
Governance	1,081	836
	<u>27,650</u>	<u>20,478</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>27,650</u>	<u>20,478</u>

6 Support costs allocated to activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Governance costs	<u>1,081</u>	<u>836</u>
Analysed between:		
Charitable activities	<u>1,081</u>	<u>836</u>
Governance costs comprise:	2023	2022
	£	£
Accountancy	820	798
Independent examination	200	-
Bank charges	61	38
	<u>1,081</u>	<u>836</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

7 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
Development and support	4	2

Employment costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	23,316	12,677

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	14,646	11,895

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

10 Current liabilities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	397	94
Accruals and deferred income	930	750
	<u>1,327</u>	<u>844</u>

EASTBOURNE CHURCHES VISITING

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

11 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 July 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 30 June 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	7,049	26,690	(27,650)	6,089
	<u>7,049</u>	<u>26,690</u>	<u>(27,650)</u>	<u>6,089</u>
Previous year:	At 1 July 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 30 June 2022
	£	£	£	£
General funds	8,495	19,032	(20,478)	7,049
	<u>8,495</u>	<u>19,032</u>	<u>(20,478)</u>	<u>7,049</u>

12 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).