

Compassion Acts

England & Wales · Charity number 1172948

Details

Other names	SOUTHPORT & FORMBY CHURCHES DEBT CENTRE, SOUTHPORT & FORMBY CHURCHES DEBT CENTRE LIMITED
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	10457781
Registered	2017-05-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	The Victoria Centre 197A Sussex Road Southport Southport County PR8 6DG
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Activities

Objects: A) THE RELIEF OF POVERTY FOR PERSONS IN AND AROUND SOUTHPORT AND FORMBY WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS BY REASON OF THEIR SOCIAL AND OR ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES BY PROVIDING AND PROMOTING THE PROVISION OF ADVICE AND OTHER SERVICES AS THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHARITY MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT;B) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC LIVING IN AND AROUND SOUTHPORT AND FORMBY IN ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE MANAGEMENT OF THEIR PERSONAL FINANCES; C) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND DOCTRINE IN THE UK.

Activities: Provide emergency food for adults and children within Trussell's guidelines. Debt advice through auspices of Community Money Advice. Food Pantries for those on low incomes Benefits advice and act as advocates at tribunals.Next Steps programme for on-going assistance and family space projectOperate in churches and community centres. Help anyone regardless of their religious beliefs or non

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lancashire
- Sefton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£546,713	£618,639	£266,524	16
2023-12-31	£513,287	£636,251	£338,450	14
2022-12-31	£642,556	£573,650	£461,414	11
2021-12-31	£495,966	£407,143	-	-
2020-12-31	£355,970	£121,688	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Dympna Edwards	Chair	2021-12-17
David Latham Oliver		2023-04-17
Dr Pamela James		2025-11-04
Gary Spooner		2025-07-31
Linden Robinson		2024-05-13
Rev Graham Colin Turner		2023-04-17
Rev Keith Thornborough		2025-11-04
Sarah Roberts		2025-11-04
William Harrison		2021-04-09

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COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

Company Limited by Guarantee

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND

TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Registered charity name: Compassion Acts Limited

Trustees:

Mrs Marlyn Banham	
Ms Vivian Cupit	- to 13 May 2024
Dr Dympna Edwards	(Chair of trustees)
Rev Patrick Evans	- to 13 May 2024
Mr William Harrison	
Mr Alex Holdsworth	
Mr Gordon Montgomery	
Mr David Oliver	
Mrs Linden Robinson	- from 13 May 2024
Mr Allan Salisbury	- to 13 May 2024
Rev Graham Turner	

Company secretary: Mr Richard Owens

Chief executive officer: Mr Richard Owens

Charity registration number: 1172948

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Registered office address: Victoria Centre
197A Sussex Road
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PR8 6DG

Charity website: <https://compassionacts.uk/>

Independent examiner: J A Fell & Company
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COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (incorporating the directors' report)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements follow the requirements of the revised Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) (second edition - October 2019) – 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). For the purpose of charity law, directors are also the company's trustees and are responsible for making all major decisions on behalf of the company and are referred to throughout this report as trustees.

This trustees report will outline how the charity has responded to a year of significant challenge in finances, food security and connection for our communities, and the difference our dedicated team of staff and volunteers have made in people's lives through the range of programmes to tackle poverty in all its forms. This report along with the annual accounts form the charity's annual report to the Charity Commission.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, formed on 2 November 2016 and governed by its memorandum and articles of association as amended by special resolution registered at Companies House on 7 March 2017 as amended on 22 May 2019.

The charity is overseen by a board of trustees. The foodbanks are provided within the Trussell Trust guidelines and the debt advice within the Community Money Advice guidelines both of which provide some external governance support. We are also regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The board reviews its balance of skills periodically and seeks to appoint new trustees when skills gaps are identified. Appointment of trustees would first be considered through an application process and interview, followed by a majority board vote. Induction is provided by the current board and the chief executive and ongoing training is undertaken on an "as and when" basis.

Trustee induction and training

The current board of trustees provide any new trustee with an overview of the timetable of board meetings, copies of the recent minutes of meetings, the recent reports and financial statements and explains their general and specific responsibilities.

Three trustees retired in 2024 and one joined the board. The subcommittees continued to provide assurance to the board and this has been strengthened in the development of a fundraising committee.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (incorporating the directors' report) (continued)

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Risk management

The charity has undertaken risk assessments for each venue and area of activity and developed a high-level risk register to enable the board to oversee the risks to achieving its objectives and to put plans in place to ensure that these are addressed.

Pay setting policy

During 2021 a remuneration policy was drafted and approved and implemented in 2022. This policy benchmarks pay rates with a view to be able to provide at least the real living wage and all paid staff are remunerated in accordance with this policy which is reviewed annually.

Related parties

During each trustee meeting a register of interests is taken to ensure that all possible related parties are known. Throughout the year there were no known related party transactions.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Who we are

Compassion Acts is a Christian charity based in Southport and surrounding areas that aims to reduce and prevent poverty through various interventions.

What we do

We do this through a range of programmes managed by volunteers and led by a small and dedicated team of staff. These programmes include:

- Emergency food relief through 6 Trussell Trust food banks;
- Prevention of crisis through 5 food pantries;
- Welfare Benefits advice;
- Debt advice and debt management under franchise of Community Money Advice; and
- A range of community programmes including social wellbeing, work with families, and refugees.

The trustees confirm that they have taken due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when setting the charity's aims and objectives.

The charity invests in people, providing food, support, training and social wellbeing. The activities in 2024 described on the next page were conducted by dedicated team comprising a small number of paid staff and over 200 volunteers. Many recipients have become volunteers and give back as part of their journey. Without the commitment of everyone involved we wouldn't have seen the impact that we have had.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (incorporating the directors' report) (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2024 at a glance. We:

- *Responded to local needs and the tragic incident and aftermath in our local community;*
- *Developed our local voices programme, engaging people with lived experience and volunteers to understand their experience and direct our work;*
- *Developed a new strategy "thriving lives", building on the work of previous strategies;*
- *Strengthened our governance, partnerships and engagement;*
- *Reduced poverty through benefits advice with 2,522 people receiving £2.6m between them in additional income as a result;*
- *Provided 3,384 subsidised weekly shops for local people in 5 food pantries;*
- *Provided family support to 70 families and school uniform to another 450 families;*
- *Reduced social isolation with 2,113 visits to our 4 warm spaces during the year;*
- *Provided 2,465 items of clothing in our school uniform hub; and*
- *Responded to 1,183 visitors to our community hub.*

Tough times, greater reach and deeper impact

This was a year where households struggled with rising prices, greater insecurity and increasing instability on the global markets. Our team of staff and volunteers have been alongside our clients every step of the way. We know we cannot solve every crisis in this increasingly complex and fearful world, but with some professionalism and compassion we can make a difference.

The tragic events of July 2024 in Southport will be with us for many years ahead, occurring in our local neighbourhood. Our thoughts are with Bebe, Elsie and Alice and all those affected. We are very grateful for the support of the local community, their outpouring of love and their generosity in responding to those affected by the subsequent unrest. It provided an opportunity for us to work across faith boundaries and come together as a community to support healing and strengthen community cohesion.

This event occurred as we developed our new strategy for 2025-8 'Thriving lives'. Engagement with local people, stakeholders, volunteers and staff led to the development of the strategy and board approval in October 2024. It builds on the preventive work of the previous years and recognises the impact that poverty can have on people's lives and the difference that we can make at all stages of that journey. Supporting people to not only survive but to thrive is fundamental to what we do.

We are proud of our financial inclusion work and the impact that it has on people's lives. It reduces the need for food support and builds financial sustainability and dignity for those involved. The service has also grown, encompassing work for Macmillan support and a neighbouring foodbank in Skelmersdale. In total over two and a half thousand people have been supported through welfare or debt advice resulting in £2.6 million in increased income, just over £1,000 per person on average. This is a significant achievement.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Engagement (including summary Key Performance Indicators)

During the year our foodbanks have provided 1,675 food parcels, providing over three thousand meals, one third to children. Rising cost of essentials was the most common reason for referral. The numbers are comparable to 2023 unlike other areas where numbers experiencing food crisis has risen sharply. This may be due to our investment in preventive programmes which provide support for individuals and families before a possible food crisis starts.

There were 3,384 visits to our community pantries, along with 456 visits to the community market-both providing subsidised shopping support over a longer period of time preventing and supporting people out of poverty.

During 2024 we strengthened engagement with local people with lived experience of poverty through our local voices programme. The insights showed the impact that financial hardship can have on people's lives and the interplay between financial security, social exclusion, mental health and wellbeing. The way our support is delivered, the listening, support and love of volunteers and staff gave people their dignity back and enabled them to move forward on their life journey.

Volunteers are the front line of much of the support that we deliver. We were blessed with 218 volunteers in 2024. Our volunteer engagement work highlighted what we do well, and where we could improve the volunteer experience. This valuable insight and processes are being built into our mainstream processes.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review and summary of the year

The results for the year and state of the charity's affairs at 31 December 2024 are set out in the financial statements on pages 9 to 19 showing income of £546,713 (2023 - £513,287) and expenditure of £618,639 (2023 - £636,251).

The charity recorded an overall deficit of £71,926 (2023 - £122,964) for the year bringing the total funds to a surplus of £266,524 (2023 - £338,450).

This has been a challenging year financially. The board invested some of its reserves in preventive work in 2024. Staffing costs were higher to deliver programmes and grant funding was not as great as budgeted.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

Review and summary of the year (continued)

As significant grant funding of core costs is due to end in 2025 the charity put increased efforts in actively fundraising in the second half of 2024 and in managing costs during the year. A proportion of the reserves have been invested in additional fundraising capacity. A management review and plan has been undertaken.

The finance committee scrutinises the finances of the charity and provides regular reports to the board. It plans the budget and regularly reviews income, expenditure and financial controls as part of assurance to the board. The charity remains in a sustainable financial position and the 2025 budget reflects lower expenditure in line with the management review.

Principal funding sources

Grants and donations (including the value of donated foodstocks) were the largest source of income of £475K in 2024, and despite the value of the foodstocks having risen it was pleasing to see that individual donations had also increased in the year.

Reserves policy

The trustees have actively considered the reserves policy to hold free unrestricted reserves to cover at least 6 months' expenditure in the event that there is a significant reduction in income in order to offer continuity of service to its stakeholders. The trustees are of the opinion that although this is currently at the right level, it will be kept under review during 2025 and will consider whether a drop to hold 4 month reserves going forward would be appropriate.

At the year end there was a total of £237,376 available in unrestricted reserves.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

"Thriving lives", our strategy for 2025-8 outlines our approach and aspirations. The organisation has actively managed the risk register and ensured action to reduce risks. A management review and more balanced budget have been agreed to manage financial risks moving forward.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS, REFERRAL PARTNERS AND VOLUNTEERS

We thank everyone who has donated time, food and funding. There are churches, individuals and community groups who week in and week out donate food and funds. The operation of our charity and its projects simply could not manage without this loyal group of donors. We are all part of the efforts to tackle poverty and improve wellbeing, building resilient and cohesive communities.

WHAT OUR BENEFICIARIES SAY

"Your service is a life-saver" - Foodbank client

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (incorporating the directors' report) (continued)

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WHAT OUR BENEFICIARIES SAY (continued)

"This winter we can put the heating on, and know we can pay for it. Last year we sat in blankets for fear of the bills" - Benefits Advice client

"Before we came to Pantry we were struggling to feed our family and we worried constantly about it. The Pantry has taken that worry away. We can't thank everyone enough" - Food Pantry client

"I came away with such a lot of school uniform and its in great condition. What a great help because its so expensive every summer to kit out my growing family" - Uniform Hub client

"We really enjoyed it and are so grateful for the volunteers putting in time to give the families a lovely time" - Family Space parent

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c. state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- d. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which 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 Charities Act 2011. 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.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 13 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr Dympna Edwards - Chair of trustees

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Compassion Acts Limited ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 9 to 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the company (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 ('the 2006 Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 2006 Act; or
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 2006 Act 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; 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 accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

O J Grills FCA (Independent examiner)

for and on behalf of J A Fell & Company Chartered Accountants
40 Houghton Street, Southport, PR9 0PQ

Dated: 2025

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including income and expenditure account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	334,917	140,576	475,493	458,689
Charitable activities	2(b)	59,353	-	59,353	45,159
Fundraising income	2(c)	1,082	-	1,082	4,262
Investment income	2(d)	10,785	-	10,785	5,177
Total income		<u>406,137</u>	<u>140,576</u>	<u>546,713</u>	<u>513,287</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3	463,459	155,180	618,639	636,251
Total expenditure		<u>463,459</u>	<u>155,180</u>	<u>618,639</u>	<u>636,251</u>
Net (expenditure)		<u>(57,322)</u>	<u>(14,604)</u>	<u>(71,926)</u>	<u>(122,964)</u>
Total funds brought forward		294,698	43,752	338,450	461,414
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>237,376</u></u>	<u><u>29,148</u></u>	<u><u>266,524</u></u>	<u><u>338,450</u></u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The Statement of Financial Activities also complies with the requirements for an Income and Expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the comparative year can be found in Note 14.

The notes on pages 11 - 19 form part of these financial statements.

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

Company registration number: 10457781

Charity registration number: 1172948

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	7,278	11,017
Current assets			
Stocks	7	44,711	31,435
Debtors	8	2,236	2,030
Cash at bank and in hand		225,242	365,891
		272,189	399,356
Less: Current liabilities			
Creditors falling due within one year	9	(12,943)	(71,923)
Net current assets		259,246	327,433
Net assets		266,524	338,450
Reserves			
Restricted funds	12	29,148	43,752
Designated funds	11	-	81,600
Unrestricted funds	11	237,376	213,098
Total funds		266,524	338,450

For the year ending 31 December 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

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

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 13 May 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

D. Edwards

Dr Dympna Edwards - Chair of trustees

The notes on pages 11 - 19 form part of these financial statements.

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Charity information

Compassion Acts Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Victoria Centre, 197A Sussex Road, Southport, PR8 6DG.

1.2 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 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, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.3 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.

1.4 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors 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.

Designated funds are those unrestricted funds set aside by the Trustees for specific purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.5 Incoming resources

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.

Donated goods are included as income based upon their weight and an average value provided by the Trussell Trust is applied.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Office equipment	25% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Stocks

Stocks represent food and consumables held by the Foodbank & Food Pantry. Food stocks are stated at an average value provided by the Trussell Trust. Other stocks are stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.9 Cash or cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

2 INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
(a) Donations and legacies:				
Donations and gifts	166,291	-	166,291	159,186
Grants	2,000	140,576	142,576	128,465
Donated goods and services	166,626	-	166,626	171,038
	<u>334,917</u>	<u>140,576</u>	<u>475,493</u>	<u>458,689</u>
(b) Charitable activities:				
Food Pantry - Members' contributions	59,353	-	59,353	45,159
(c) Fundraising income:				
Events	1,082	-	1,082	4,262
(d) Investment income:				
Bank interest	10,785	-	10,785	5,177
Total Income	<u>406,137</u>	<u>140,576</u>	<u>546,713</u>	<u>513,287</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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3 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Direct charitable costs:				
Value of donated food stock used	153,350	-	153,350	172,405
Food stock purchased	10,805	8,738	19,543	31,570
Client support	730	5,163	5,893	16,016
Resources	6,608	1,680	8,288	8,718
External professionals	2,846	970	3,816	6,180
Catering	2,243	1,703	3,946	938
	176,582	18,254	194,836	235,827
Personnel costs:				
Wages and salaries	147,486	113,655	261,141	220,529
National Insurance	12,656	-	12,656	9,539
Pension costs - Defined contribution	11,965	-	11,965	10,295
Training	11,631	108	11,739	5,717
Travel	2,479	-	2,479	1,861
Uniforms	396	-	396	1,072
	186,613	113,763	300,376	249,013
Premises costs:				
Rent	29,895	19,325	49,220	45,897
Repairs and maintenance	13,434	1,934	15,368	36,512
Electricity and gas	13,867	-	13,867	11,270
Rates and water	4,526	-	4,526	1,640
	61,722	21,259	82,981	95,319
Administration and support costs:				
Memberships	4,691	-	4,691	1,701
Equipment	2,586	1,451	4,037	2,205
Computer hardware and software	7,680	400	8,080	16,681
Telephone	4,599	-	4,599	6,733
Printing	1,808	-	1,808	4,642
Postage	154	-	154	373
Stationery	605	-	605	155
Insurance	1,649	-	1,649	2,604
Vehicle costs	6,136	-	6,136	6,078
Bank charges	489	-	489	367
Depreciation	3,737	-	3,737	4,487
Awareness raising	1,892	53	1,945	9,477
Accountancy fees	2,516	-	2,516	1,178
	38,542	1,904	40,446	55,503
Total Expenditure	463,459	155,180	618,639	636,251

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3 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (continued)

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examination fee of £1,440 (2023 - £678) and payroll services of £576 (2023 - accounting services of £1,046).

4 TRUSTEES AND KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year (2023 - none).

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel was:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	114,540	102,878
National Insurance costs	12,041	9,247
Pension costs - Defined contribution	6,872	6,176
	<u>133,453</u>	<u>118,301</u>

The trustees consider that the key management personnel within the charity are the chief executive office plus the 2 heads of department.

5 EMPLOYEES

	2024 Number	2023 Number
The average monthly number of employees during the year were:		
Number (full time equivalent)	<u>16 (9.9)</u>	<u>14 (8.6)</u>

Employment Costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	261,141	220,529
National Insurance costs	12,656	9,539
Pension costs - Defined contribution	11,965	10,295
	<u>285,762</u>	<u>240,363</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 throughout the year (2023 - none).

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6 FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and Fittings £	Office Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2024	7,747	2,649	13,344	23,740
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
A 31 December 2024	7,747	2,649	13,344	23,740
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2024	3,272	2,407	7,044	12,723
Charge for the year	1,558	81	2,100	3,739
On disposals	-	-	-	-
A 31 December 2024	4,830	2,488	9,144	16,462
Net book value				
A 31 December 2024	2,917	161	4,200	7,278
At 31 December 2023	4,475	242	6,300	11,017

7 STOCKS

	2024 £	2023 £
Food stock and consumables	44,711	31,435

8 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Gift aid receivable	2,236	2,030
	2,236	2,030

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9 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	5,000	3,005
Other creditors	1,643	1,459
Tax and social security	4,360	4,402
Accruals and deferred income	1,940	63,057
	<u>12,943</u>	<u>71,923</u>

10 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS

	Restricted 2024 £	Unrestricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	7,278	7,278	11,017
Current assets	29,148	243,041	272,189	399,356
Current liabilities	-	(12,943)	(12,943)	(71,923)
	<u>29,148</u>	<u>237,376</u>	<u>266,524</u>	<u>338,450</u>

<i>Prior year</i>	Restricted 2023 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	11,017	11,017	8,657
Current assets	43,752	355,604	399,356	455,998
Current liabilities	-	(71,923)	(71,923)	(3,241)
	<u>43,752</u>	<u>294,698</u>	<u>338,450</u>	<u>461,414</u>

11 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 01.01.24 £	Transfers in year £	Received in year £	Expended in year £	Balance at 31.12.24 £
General Funds	213,098	81,600	406,137	(463,459)	237,376
Designated Funds:					
Renewable Energy Fund	20,000	(20,000)	-	-	-
Van replacement fund	6,600	(6,600)	-	-	-
Project Development Fund	25,000	(25,000)	-	-	-
Additional Storage fund	10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-
Contingency Fund	20,000	(20,000)	-	-	-
	<u>294,698</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>406,137</u>	<u>(463,459)</u>	<u>237,376</u>

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11 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

<i>Prior year</i>	<i>Balance at 01.01.23 £</i>	<i>Transfers in year £</i>	<i>Received in year £</i>	<i>Expended in year £</i>	<i>Balance at 31.12.23 £</i>
<i>General Funds</i>	284,723	8,400	392,049	(472,074)	213,098
<i>Designated Funds:</i>					
<i>Renewable Energy Fund</i>	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
<i>Van replacement fund</i>	15,000	(8,400)	-	-	6,600
<i>Project Development Fund</i>	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
<i>Additional Storage fund</i>	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
<i>Contingency Fund</i>	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
	374,723	-	392,049	(472,074)	294,698

The designated funds in the prior year were for the following purposes:

- Renewable Energy Fund - Towards the cost of replacing the current heating system with a renewable energy alternative.
- Van Replacement Fund - Towards the cost of replacing the charity's existing vans with modern EV and charging points accordingly.
- Project Development Fund - to provide funding to explore and start new projects during the coming years as the charity grows.
- Additional Storage Fund - to provide for additional cost of storage of the growing stock held by the charity as more of the usable space is used for office rather than storage.
- The Contingency Fund is provided as a contribution towards three months running costs in the event of any downturn in income received.

During the year the trustees reviewed the both the level of reserves and budgets for 2025 and agreed to remove all previously designated funds whilst they focus on more fundraising activities in the coming year.

12 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	<i>Balance at 01.01.24 £</i>	<i>Transfers in year</i>	<i>Income in year £</i>	<i>Expenditure in year £</i>	<i>Balance at 31.12.24 £</i>
Restricted Funds	43,752	-	140,576	(155,180)	29,148
<i>Prior year</i>	<i>Balance at 01.01.23 £</i>	<i>Transfers in year</i>	<i>Income in year £</i>	<i>Expenditure in year £</i>	<i>Balance at 31.12.23 £</i>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>	86,691	-	121,238	(164,177)	43,752

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12 RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

Restricted funds include grants and donations received by the charity during the year with specified expenditure areas on which these funds can be used. As the charity has grown and additional departments have been created relating to the charitable activities, in order to aid understanding of the financial statements, these charitable activities and their associated expenditures from restricted and unrestricted funds can be seen in detail in Note 3.

13 OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

The charity has entered into a number of non-cancellable operating leases as lessee for which the total of future minimum lease payments are as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Within one year	-	-
Later than one year but within five years	73,241	71,123
Later than five years	-	-
Total	73,241	71,123

14 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	337,451	121,238	458,689
Charitable activities	45,159	-	45,159
Fundraising income	4,262	-	4,262
Investment income	5,177	-	5,177
Total income	392,049	121,238	513,287
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	472,074	164,177	636,251
Total expenditure	472,074	164,177	636,251
Net income / (expenditure)	(80,025)	(42,939)	(122,964)
Total funds brought forward	374,723	86,691	461,414
Total funds carried forward	294,698	43,752	338,450

Compassion Acts

England & Wales - Charity number 1172948

Accounts

Company registration number: 10457781

Charity registration number: 1172948



COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

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COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Registered charity name: Compassion Acts Limited

Trustees:

Mrs Marlyn Banham	
Ms Vivian Cupit	
Dr Dympna Edwards	(Chair of trustees)
Rev Patrick Evans	
Mr William Harrison	
Mr Alex Holdsworth	
Mrs Anne Leonard	- from 17 April to 22 May 2023
Mr Gordon Montgomery	- from 17 April 2023
Mr David Oliver	- from 17 April 2023
Mr Michael Perrett	- to 17 April 2023
Mr Allan Salisbury	
Rev Graham Turner	- from 17 April 2023

Company secretary: Mr Richard Owens

Chief executive officer: Mr Richard Owens

Charity registration number: 1172948

Company registration number: 10457781

Registered office address: Victoria Centre
197A Sussex Road
Southport
PR8 6DG

Charity website: <https://compassionacts.uk/>

Independent examiner: Lifestyles Accountancy Limited
39 Kirklees Road
Southport
PR8 4RB

Bankers: HSBC Plc
331 Lord Street
Southport
PR8 1NJ

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (incorporating the directors' report)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. The financial statements follow the requirements of the revised Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) (second edition - October 2019) – 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). For the purpose of charity law, directors are also the company's trustees and are responsible for making all major decisions on behalf of the company and are referred to throughout this report as trustees.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, formed on 2 November 2016 and governed by its memorandum and articles of association as amended by special resolution registered at Companies House on 7 March 2017 as amended on 22 May 2019.

The charity is overseen by a board of trustees. The foodbanks are provided within the Trussell Trust guidelines and the debt advice within the Community Money Advice guidelines both of which provide some external governance support. We are also regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The board reviews its balance of skills periodically and seeks to appoint new trustees when skills gaps are identified. Appointment of trustees would first be considered through an application process and interview, followed by a majority board vote. Induction is provided by the current board and the chief executive and ongoing training is undertaken on an "as and when" basis.

Trustee induction and training

The current board of trustees provide any new trustee with an overview of the timetable of board meetings, copies of the recent minutes of meetings, the recent reports and financial statements and explains their general and specific responsibilities.

Following open advertising, four new trustees joined the board in 2023 adding skills and experience. During the year the board developed subcommittees for risk, finance and human resources. With trustee, staff and in some cases volunteer or external support on each committee these board subcommittees have developed policies and action plans. They have provided assurance to the board that the charity is managing its statutory responsibilities. The charity undertook an external audit of financial systems in 2023 which provided robust assurance on the processes in place.

Risk management

The charity has undertaken risk assessments for each venue and area of activity and developed a high-level risk register to enable the board to oversee the risks to achieving its objectives and to put plans in place to ensure that these are addressed.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (incorporating the directors' report) (continued)

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Pay setting policy

During 2021 a remuneration policy was drafted and approved and implemented in 2022. This policy benchmarks pay rates with a view to be able to provide at least the real living wage and all paid staff are remunerated in accordance with this policy.

Related parties

During each trustee meeting a register of interests is taken to ensure that all possible related parties are known. Throughout the year there were no known related party transactions.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Who we are

Compassion Acts is a Christian charity based in Southport and surrounding areas that aims to reduce and prevent poverty through various interventions.

What we do

We do this through a range of programmes managed by volunteers and led by a small and dedicated team of staff. These programmes include:

- Emergency food relief through 6 Trussell Trust food banks;
- Prevention of crisis through 5 food pantries;
- Welfare Benefits advice;
- Debt advice and debt management under franchise of Community Money Advice; and
- A range of community programmes including social wellbeing, work with families, and refugees.

This Trustees report along with the annual accounts form the charity's annual report to the Charity Commission. It is supplemented by an Impact Report which tells a more personal story of how the charity has touched the lives of those involved. The charity trustees have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The charity invests in people, providing food, support, training and social wellbeing. The activities in 2023 were conducted by dedicated team comprising a small number of paid staff and over 200 volunteers. Many recipients have become volunteers and give back as part of their journey. Without the commitment of everyone involved we wouldn't have had the impact that we have had.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (incorporating the directors' report) (continued)

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2023 at a glance. We:

- *Reduced poverty through benefits advice to 50% more people than in 2022 with 2,191 people receiving £2m between them in additional income in 2023 as a result;*
- *Supported local families through 3,967 subsidised weekly shops in 5 local food pantries, an average of 943 households per month;*
- *Provided family support to 70 families and school uniform to another 450 families;*
- *Stopped a rise in need for emergency food provision with 4,495 emergency food parcels to feed 1,936 adults and 1,560 children people through 6 foodbanks;*
- *Reduced social isolation through 4 warm spaces resulting in 4,500 visits during the year;*
- *Provided long term support through 6 monthly social wellbeing activities and a monthly community market;*
- *Welcomed 1,123 people to our Community Hub in Cambridge Walks;*
- *Engaged with participants to understand key issues and how we can better support them; and*
- *As an organisation strengthened our governance, partnerships and engagement.*

Embedding our strategy

Compassion Acts adopted a preventive strategy in 2021 "Going upstream" which aims not only to support people affected by poverty but also to tackle the causes of poverty and enable people to overcome poverty.

In the midst of a cost-of-living crisis in 2023 the need for emergency food has remained stable at a time when many foodbanks have experienced an increase in need. We expanded our preventive services to tackle this challenge and believe that this is key to stopping the need for emergency food. We would like it to reduce further but are heartened at the progress made to date.

Our welfare advice service provided advice and support to over 2,000 people and as a result those people now have £2m additional income to support them and keep them out of poverty (an average of £913 each). The team have provided training and support to Skelmersdale Foodbank as a partnership arrangement. Similarly, there has been a large increase in the amount of debt being managed (up from £300,000 in 2022 to £519,000 in 2023).

We have supported local families through subsidised weekly shops in 5 food pantries, providing year-long support. Alongside the food provision runs a social wellbeing programme to build confidence, skills and promote wellbeing, supplementing a monthly community market. Our focus is on supporting the whole family or household and there are good links between the family programme, school uniform provision, social wellbeing programme and food provision.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Engagement

We have explored new ways to engage with our local community in addressing need and supporting families. Over one thousand people visited our Community Hub drop-in Southport Town Centre in 2023. This houses the school uniform hub and other drop in services and is not associated with some of the preconceptions of food charities. It is staffed in such a way that queries can be dealt with swiftly and people signposted to our own and partner services, and has also been made available to third party groups.

Our welcome spaces which have grown from the Sefton CVS warm space initiative has provided an opportunity for social engagement and building community at the same time as reducing social isolation and supporting the work of the charity.

As part of the Organisation and Mobilisation programme we have engaged with recipients and to understand local needs and how we can best meet these needs.

In 2023 we continued the work of strengthening what we do. We have actively participated in the Trussell Trust Pathfinder programme to share best practice and visited other foodbanks to learn from other organisations.

We are blessed with 10 staff and over 200 volunteers. We have invested in leadership development for the team. Our annual volunteer awards event recognised and thanked volunteers for their commitment and contribution. Communication was enhanced through regular training and newsletters and bulletins. We seek to understand views and ensure input from our diverse team as we review and develop work across the charity.

In 2023 we engaged with church leaders to understand current issues and inform our next strategic plan. This is strengthening relationships and our planning.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review and summary of the year

The results for the year and state of the charity's affairs at 31 December 2023 are set out in the financial statements on pages 9 to 19 showing income of £513,287 (2022 - £642,556) and expenditure of £636,251 (2022 - £573,650).

The charity recorded an overall deficit of £122,964 (2022 - £68,906 surplus) for the year bringing the total funds to a surplus of £338,450 (2022 - £461,414). This deficit however was mainly as a result of spending restricted grants that had been received in previous years for specific projects.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (incorporating the directors' report) (continued)

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FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

Review and summary of the year (continued)

The board invested some of its reserves in expanding preventive work during the year. This increased expenditure on programmes, staffing and support costs and resulted in a planned deficit of just over £80K in unrestricted reserves. With a balance of just over £338K the charity remains in a strong and sustainable financial position. A substantial portion of this reserve had been designated for future use as outlined in note 12 in the annual accounts.

Principal funding sources

Grants and donations were the largest source of the income of £459K in 2023, although these had reduced from 2022 in line with the cost-of-living pressures. The income from charitable activities in contributions from food pantry members doubled in the same year.

Reserves policy

The trustees have agreed that the reserves policy is to hold free unrestricted reserves to cover at least six months' expenditure in the event that there is a significant reduction in income in order to offer continuity of service to its stakeholders. The trustees calculate this to be about £318K which includes the value of donated food given out.

At the year end there was a total of £294,698 available in unrestricted reserves, of which £81,600 was designated for specific spending in the following year. The trustees are of the opinion that whilst this is a little lower than the calculated minimum, it is deemed sufficient but would be prudent to increase fundraising efforts in the coming year to ensure the position remains healthy.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The charity's strategic plan is due to be renewed during 2024 and the board has started a process of engagement and consideration to inform the new strategic plan with workshops, and events with stakeholders.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS, REFERRAL PARTNERS AND VOLUNTEERS

We thank everyone who has donated time, food and funding. This has included regular donations of food and funding from individuals as well as donations from Churches, other charities such as the Trussell Trust and statutory organisations such as local councils. The charity seeks funding from organisations which have similar values and objectives as well as from statutory organisations. We recognise that it is a difficult financial climate for many funding organisations and are grateful to those individuals and organisations who have continued to support our work and the individuals and families that we support.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (incorporating the directors' report) (continued)

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c. state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- d. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which 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 Charities Act 2011. 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.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 13 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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Dr Dympna Edwards - Chair of trustees

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Compassion Acts Limited ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 9 to 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the company (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 ('the 2006 Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 2006 Act; or
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 2006 Act 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; 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 accounts 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 accounts to be reached.



Daniel Styles FCA (Independent examiner)

for and on behalf of Lifestyles Accountancy Limited
39 Kirklees Road, Southport, PR8 4RB

Dated: 13 May 2024

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including income and expenditure account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	337,451	121,238	458,689	620,524
Charitable activities	2(b)	45,159	-	45,159	21,047
Other income	2(c)	4,262	-	4,262	-
Investment income	2(c)	5,177	-	5,177	985
Total income		392,049	121,238	513,287	642,556
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3	472,074	164,177	636,251	573,650
Total expenditure		472,074	164,177	636,251	573,650
Net (expenditure) / income		(80,025)	(42,939)	(122,964)	68,906
Total funds brought forward		374,723	86,691	461,414	392,509
Total funds carried forward		294,698	43,752	338,450	461,414

The Statement of Financial Activities includes gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The Statement of Financial Activities also complies with the requirements for an Income and Expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the comparative year can be found in Note 14.

The notes on pages 11 - 19 form part of these financial statements.

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

Company registration number: 10457781

Charity registration number: 1172948

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	11,017	8,657
Current assets			
Stocks	8	31,435	33,321
Debtors	9	2,030	2,865
Cash at bank and in hand		365,891	419,812
		399,356	455,998
Less: Current liabilities			
Creditors falling due within one year	10	(71,923)	(3,241)
Net current assets		327,433	452,757
Net assets		338,450	461,414
Reserves			
Restricted funds	13	43,752	86,691
Designated funds	12	81,600	90,000
Unrestricted funds	12	213,098	284,723
Total funds		338,450	461,414

For the year ending 31 December 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

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

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 13 May 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

D. Edwards

Dr Dympna Edwards - Chair of trustees

The notes on pages 11 - 19 form part of these financial statements.

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Charity information

Compassion Acts Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Victoria Centre, 197A Sussex Road, Southport, PR8 6DG.

1.2 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 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, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.3 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.

1.4 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors 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.

Designated funds are those unrestricted funds set aside by the Trustees for specific purposes.

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.5 Incoming resources

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.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Office equipment	25% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Stocks

Stocks represent food and consumables held by the Foodbank & Food Pantry. Food stocks are stated at an average value provided by the Trussell Trust. Other stocks are stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

1.9 Cash or cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

2 INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
(a) Donations and gifts	159,186	-	159,186	150,447
Grants	7,227	121,238	128,465	297,382
Donated goods and services	171,038	-	171,038	172,695
	<u>337,451</u>	<u>121,238</u>	<u>458,689</u>	<u>620,524</u>
(b) Charitable activities				
Food Pantry - Members' contributions	45,159	-	45,159	21,047
(c) Other				
Events	4,262	-	4,262	-
Bank interest	5,177	-	5,177	985
	<u>9,439</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,439</u>	<u>985</u>
Total Income	<u>392,049</u>	<u>121,238</u>	<u>513,287</u>	<u>642,556</u>

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3 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Advice Services	Foodbank	Pantry	Social Wellbeing	Total	<i>Total</i>
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Advertising/awareness	2,042	2,042	2,322	3,072	9,478	7,078
Direct project expenses	211	211	429	1,978	2,829	29,460
Donated foodstock	-	180,051	23,924	-	203,975	185,957
Premises costs	16,977	22,759	22,675	26,104	88,515	67,192
Sundry expenses	794	51	567	326	1,738	6,298
Travel and motor	144	3,132	2,770	39	6,085	7,857
Wages and staff costs (inc training)	84,126	53,589	47,489	60,877	246,081	209,165
Winter assistance	5,448	5,448	5,448	5,448	21,792	21,609
Total charitable costs	109,742	267,283	105,624	97,844	580,493	534,616
Share of support costs (see note 4)	10,541	25,673	10,146	9,398	55,758	39,034
	<u>120,283</u>	<u>292,956</u>	<u>115,770</u>	<u>107,242</u>	<u>636,251</u>	<u>407,143</u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted Fund	81,928	258,908	75,182	56,056	472,074	328,775
Restricted Fund	38,355	34,048	40,588	51,186	164,177	244,875
	<u>120,283</u>	<u>292,956</u>	<u>115,770</u>	<u>107,242</u>	<u>636,251</u>	<u>573,650</u>

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4 SUPPORT COSTS

	Support Costs			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Premises costs	5,299	3,516	8,815	15,393
Depreciation	4,488	-	4,488	2,254
Travel and motor	1,854	-	1,854	-
Printing, postage and sundry	7,613	12	7,625	2,359
Telephone, computer and office equipment	22,381	3,237	25,618	16,368
Legal and professional fees	6,180	-	6,180	1,550
Project development and OLM Project Governance costs	-	-	-	432
Independent Examiners fee	1,178	-	1,178	678
Totals	48,993	6,765	55,758	39,034

Support costs includes the Independent examiners fee payable to Lifestyles Accountancy Limited of £1,178 (2022 - £678).

In the current year, costs in respect of rent and utilities, motor expenses and project costs have been allocated directly to the relevant charitable activities.

5 TRUSTEES

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year (2022 - none).

6 EMPLOYEES

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
The average monthly number of employees during the year were:		
Number (full time equivalent)	<u>14 (8.6)</u>	<u>11 (7.3)</u>
Employment Costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	220,580	186,294
Social security costs	9,539	8,290
Pension costs	10,295	10,093
	<u>240,414</u>	<u>204,677</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 throughout the year (2022 - none).

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7 FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and Fittings £	Office Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2023	6,622	2,326	10,944	19,892
Additions	1,125	323	8,400	9,848
Disposals	-	-	(6,000)	(6,000)
A 31 December 2023	7,747	2,649	13,344	23,740
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2023	1,715	2,326	7,194	11,235
Charge for the year	1,557	81	2,100	3,738
Disposals	-	-	(2,250)	(2,250)
A 31 December 2023	3,272	2,407	7,044	12,723
Net book value				
A 31 December 2023	4,475	242	6,300	11,017
At 31 December 2022	4,907	-	3,750	8,657

8 STOCKS

	2023 £	2022 £
Food stock and consumables	31,435	33,321

9 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Gift aid receivable	2,030	1,618
PAYE repayable from HMRC	-	1,247
	2,030	2,865

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10 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	3,005	-
Other creditors	1,459	1,241
HMRC	4,402	-
Accruals and deferred income	63,057	2,000
	<u>71,923</u>	<u>3,241</u>

11 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS

	Restricted 2023 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	11,017	11,017	8,657
Current assets	43,752	355,604	399,356	455,998
Current liabilities	-	(71,923)	(71,923)	(3,241)
	<u>43,752</u>	<u>294,698</u>	<u>338,450</u>	<u>461,414</u>

12 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 01.01.23 £	Transfers in year £	Received in year £	Expended in year £	Balance at 31.12.23 £
General Funds	284,723	8,400	392,049	(472,074)	213,098
<u>Designated Funds:</u>					
Renewable Energy Fund	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
Van replacement fund	15,000	(8,400)	-	-	6,600
Project Development Fund	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
Additional Storage fund	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Contingency Fund	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
	<u>374,723</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>392,049</u>	<u>(472,074)</u>	<u>294,698</u>

<i>Prior year</i>	Balance at 01.01.22 £	Transfers in year £	Received in year £	Expended in year £	Balance at 31.12.22 £
General Funds	173,205	(15,000)	445,294	(318,775)	284,723
<u>Designated Funds:</u>					
Renewable Energy Fund	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
Van replacement fund	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Project Development Fund	20,000	15,000	-	(10,000)	25,000
Additional Storage fund	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Contingency Fund	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
	<u>258,205</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>445,294</u>	<u>(328,775)</u>	<u>374,723</u>

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12 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

The designated funds are for the following purposes:

- Renewable Energy Fund - Towards the cost of replacing the current heating system with a renewable energy alternative.
- Van Replacement Fund - Towards the cost of replacing the charity's existing vans with modern EV and charging points accordingly.
- Project Development Fund - to provide funding to explore and start new projects during the coming years as the charity grows.
- Additional Storage Fund - to provide for additional cost of storage of the growing stock held by the charity as more of the usable space is used for office rather than storage.
- The Contingency Fund is provided as a contribution towards three months running costs in the event of any downturn in income received.

13 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 01.01.23 £	Transfers in year	Income in year £	Expenditure in year £	Balance at 31.12.23 £
Restricted Funds	86,691	-	121,238	(164,177)	43,752

Prior year	Balance at 01.01.22 £	Transfers in year	Income in year £	Expenditure in year £	Balance at 31.12.22 £
<i>Restricted Funds</i>	134,305	-	197,262	(244,875)	86,691

Restricted funds include grants and donations received by the charity during the year with specified expenditure areas on which these funds can be used. As the charity has grown and additional departments have been created relating to the charitable activities, in order to aid understanding of the financial statements, these charitable activities and their associated expenditures from restricted and unrestricted funds can be seen in detail in Note 3.

As the funding sources have specified restrictions on the income both in terms relating to the departments used internally, and also to the type of expenditure, which can then go across charitable activity categories and also support costs, the classification of restricted funds by charitable activity is no longer appropriate.

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14 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from:			
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	423,262	197,262	620,524
<i>Charitable activities</i>	21,047	-	21,047
<i>Other income</i>	-	-	-
<i>Investment income</i>	985	-	985
Total income	445,294	197,262	642,556
Expenditure on:			
<i>Charitable activities</i>	328,775	244,875	573,650
Total expenditure	328,775	244,875	573,650
Net income / (expenditure)	116,519	(47,613)	68,906
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>	258,204	134,304	392,508
Total funds carried forward	374,723	86,691	461,414

Compassion Acts

England & Wales - Charity number 1172948

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1172948

Company Registration No. 10457781 (England and Wales)



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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Trustees	Patrick Evans Allan Salisbury William Harrison Vivian Cupit Alex Holdsworth Marlyn Banham Michael Perrett Dympna Edwards
Company secretary	Richard Owens
Chief Executive	Richard Owens
Charity number	1172948
Company number	10457781
Registered office	Victoria Centre, 197A Sussex Road Southport PR8 6DG
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COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their report and financial statements

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 governing document, 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, formed on 2 November 2016 and governed by its memorandum and articles of association as amended by special resolution registered at Companies House on 7 March 2017 as amended on 22 May 2019.

Objectives and activities

The Objects of Compassion Acts Limited are for the public benefit:

1. The relief of poverty for persons in and around Southport and Formby who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by reason of their social and/or economic circumstances by providing and promoting the provision of advice and other services as the directors of the charity may from time to time think fit.
2. The advancement of education of the public living in and around Southport and Formby in all matters relating to the management of their personal finances.
3. The advancement of the Christian faith and doctrine in the UK.

This is achieved via the following activities:

- (a) Providing emergency food for adults and children within Trussell Trust's guidelines.
- (b) Debt advice through auspices of community money advice.
- (c) Food pantries for those on low incomes.
- (d) Benefits advice and acting as advocates at tribunals.
- (e) Operating in Churches and Community Centres & helping anyone regardless of their religious beliefs or none.

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

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

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2022 at a Glance. We:

- *Provided 2,157 food parcels to feed 4,711 people through 6 foodbanks.*
- *Provided 3,525 subsidised weekly shops for people in 5 food pantries.*
- *Shared learning across charities and local organisations.*
- *Raised over £152,000 from donors and received 74.6 Tonnes of donated food (equivalent of a value at least £170,000).*
- *Worked with over 180 volunteers who contributed an estimated £250,000 worth of time and value to our local communities.*
- *Reclaimed £1.6 million in welfare benefits for people and managed a further £300,000 of debt via 1,400 consultations with clients.*
- *Set up a Ukraine Welcome Centre providing support for refugees and their hosts.*
- *Provided support for at least 220 people through 4 warm spaces and 58 winter warmer packages.*
- *Piloted an after-school programme in a local church/school.*
- *Provided holiday clubs in school holidays for 70 children.*
- *427 children clothed via our Uniform Hub since its launch in April 2022.*

This trustees report will outline a year of development and growth in the face of extraordinary pressure on the family finances and food security in all of our neighbourhoods. This report, along with the annual accounts form the charity's annual report to the Charity Commission. It will be supplemented by an Impact Report video and booklet in June 2023, a format that was well received in 2022.

1 Who we are

Compassion Acts is a Christian charity based in Southport and surrounding areas that aims to reduce and prevent poverty through various interventions.

2 What we do

We do this through a range of programmes managed by volunteers and led by a small and dedicated team of staff. These programmes include:

- Emergency food relief through 6 Trussell Trust food banks
- Prevention of crisis through 5 food pantries
- Welfare Benefits advice
- Debt advice and debt management under franchise of Community Money Advice
- A range of community programmes including social wellbeing, work with families, and refugees.

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3 Themes for 2022

3.1 New challenges & developments:

Coming straight off the back of the COVID-19 crisis, volunteers and staff have had to prepare and deliver project interventions for the looming Cost of Living crisis. This started to show itself early in 2022 in our feedback from clients and Foodbank statistics. It was then escalated by the war in Ukraine and the UK Government's budget in September of the year.

This led to two challenges, an increase in the number of people asking for help from our programmes and a reduction in the amount of food donations as fewer people could afford to donate. We responded to this by communicating effectively with partner churches and organisations, who were still able to donate and by diversifying our food supply chain, using some reserves to buy food where needed. This proactive communication resulted in increased donations and food stocks being replenished.

With the planned arrival of refugees from Ukraine the charity set up a Ukraine Welcome Centre, with information and support available in two venues for the majority of 2022. This has also included support for hosts and informal networking.

In October 2022 we opened 4 warm spaces to supplement the existing warm space provided by Compassion Acts. This has provided opportunities for more local community involvement within our programmes and volunteers.

Despite being agile enough to respond to these emerging trend and pressures, the charity remained focused on its strategic framework 'Going Upstream' to plan creative and thoughtful interventions in the poverty cycle that reduced the need for emergency Foodbank use at all.

An experimental 'Community Hub' was opened in Summer 2022 in Cambridge Walks in the town centre of Southport. This innovation as part of our Pathfinder Foodbank programme with Trussell Trust and in a short space of time had over 400 contacts with members of the public at our own and 3rd party drop-in events, with 31 referrals into our other services.

3.2 Strengthening what we do

In 2022 the charity looked to strengthen its operations and how we do what we do. The charity invested in a new CharityLog client management system to improve effectiveness and efficiency of administrative functions.

We reviewed the school holiday programme and number of programmes and looked for areas to strengthen management and governance across staff and volunteers.

We invested in staff and volunteers through training particularly in Safeguarding which has been rolled out across the organisation. This has been very well received. A volunteer WhatsApp group has

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kept volunteers informed and engaged. Some service users have been recruited to become volunteers which has brought an added bonus to our work.

Compassion Acts has committed to being a real living wage employer and awarded staff a pay increase in line with the cost of living. Information collation and reporting arrangements have been strengthened as outlined later in the section on governance.

We invested in shops for the Banks and Formby Pantries to strengthen customer choice which has been well received and grown our member and volunteer base as a result.

We have undertaken a survey of clients as part of a Trussell Trust Organising and Mobilisation pilot. This has provided useful feedback from service users on their experience and will be used to improve our services and work with partner organisations on the issues emerging.

As a Christian charity, our practical and tangible work with clients speaks publicly of our faith in a simple yet profound way. Additionally, we also take seriously our remit to bring the churches together in prayer, action and conversation on the issues of poverty, injustice and wellbeing, so prevalent in our society. We have done this throughout the year and plan for more events in 2023.

3.3 Working in partnership

Communications and partnership have also been key themes in 2022. Through the Trussell Trust pathfinder programme we have actively sought to share best practice and learn from other organisations. We have strengthened links with local supporter organisations including churches.

During 2022 we developed a programme to deliver welfare advice and support to a foodbank in a neighbouring area. This makes the best use of skills and provides a more resilient service and economies of scale across a broader area. The programme will be fully rolled out in 2023.

Good communication with funder and referral partners has ensured effective work and enough resources to address the growing needs in the local area. Throughout 2022 we were happy to support a small grassroots food project Place2Be, in Woodvale, with just over 3 Tonnes of staple food items.

4 Financial information

The income for the year amounted to £642,556, which was a significant increase from previous years. Grants income was significantly higher than budget and reflects some funding for activity in 2023. Donations were also improved greatly over previous years. We are very grateful to all the individuals and organisations who have donated food and funding. A list of the major donors is outlined at the end of the report.

Expenditure was higher than in previous years due to planned increased staffing, expanded programmes and higher premises and utility costs. The charity made a surplus of £68,906 against a planned deficit due to grants received in advance. With overall reserves of £461,414 the charity remains in a strong and sustainable financial position.

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The reserves policy is to hold general unrestricted reserves to cover six months' expenditure in the event that there is a significant reduction in income. The general unrestricted reserves held at the end of the year of £284,723 would amount to approximately 6 months of expenditure including the monetary value of the donated goods.

5 Governance and Management

The charity is overseen by a board of trustees who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law. The foodbanks are provided within the Trussell Trust guidelines and the debt advice within the Community Money Advice guidelines both of which provide some external governance support. We are also regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

The trustees meet formally on a quarterly basis and additionally at the annual general meeting.

A new chair of trustees was appointed at the AGM in March 2022. Over the year the board has undertaken development to understand and strengthen governance. A scheme of delegation has been developed and agreed to clarify decision making and different levels within the organisation.

Development of board members has included a skills audit to identify any gaps which has led to planned trustee recruitment in 2023. The board has also undertaken an audit and training on safeguarding adults and children.

The board reviews its balance of skills periodically and seeks to appoint new trustees when skills gaps are identified. Appointment of trustees would first be considered through an application process and interview, followed by a majority board vote. Induction is provided by the current board and the chief executive and ongoing training is undertaken as an "as and when" basis.

The number of staff and volunteers have both grown in line with the expansion of programme. By the end of 2022 the charity had 180 volunteers supported by 11 part time staff (7.3 full time equivalent staff). Management was strengthened through additional management roles which enabled the Chief Executive Officer to focus on more strategic developments.

The board has revised its performance and financial reporting and now has a clearer overview of the diverse programmes and services of the organisation. This has been demonstrated in decisions made about current and future programmes of work which have been assessed against our agreed strategic framework.

One trustee retired towards the end of 2022, due to taking up a paid post within the organisation.

6 Pay setting policy

During 2021 a remuneration policy was drafted and approved and implemented in 2022. This policy benchmarks pay rates with a view to be able to provide at least the living wage and all paid staff are remunerated in accordance with this policy.

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7 Related parties

During each trustee meeting a register of interests is taken to ensure that all possible related parties are known. Throughout the year there were no known related party transactions.

8 Plans for future periods

The charity operates on preparing a 5 year plan and is currently in the third year of the current plan. Over the coming year it is intended that a thorough review of how well the charity compares to this plan is undertaken and a new 5 year plan be drafted based on this. Whilst this process takes place the charity will continue to aim to fulfil its charitable objectives as fully as it is able.

9 Trustees during the year 2022 include:

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the accounts were:

Patrick Evans	
Allan Salisbury	
Tracey Illingsworth	- resigned 31 December 2022
Vivian Cupit	
Alex Holdsworth	
Marlyn Banham	
Michael Perrett	- resigned 17 April 2023
William Harrison	
Dympna Edwards	
Gordon Montgomery	- appointed 17 April 2023
David Oliver	- appointed 17 April 2023
Graham Turner	- appointed 17 April 2023
Margaret Leonard	- appointed 17 April 2023, resigned 22 May 2023

Company Secretary: Richard Owens

7 Thank you to our donors, referral partners and volunteers

We thank everyone who has donated time, food and funding. We would like to acknowledge the funding of those who donated £1,000 or more in 2022 including:

- Southport Lions
- Sefton MBC
- Living Well Sefton
- Macmillan Cancer Centre, Southport
- Canning Road Evangelical Chapel
- Our Lady of Compassion Church, Formby
- Tesco Neighbourhood Fund
- Sefton CVS

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- Knights of St Columba
- St James Church, Birkdale
- Trussell Trust
- Formby Parish Council
- Ludlow Wealth
- Isothermal Tech
- PMC 4 Europe
- Lancashire Council
- Sainsburys
- ASDA Foundation
- Liverpool Crown Court Forfeiture Fund

What our beneficiaries say:

"I want to say how lovely, welcoming and practical the volunteers are. My husband has terminal cancer and I'm his carer so we are finding times very difficult but we are so fortunate to be able to come here. We don't get out socially apart from this" *A Warm Space visitor.*

"Thank you very much for what you do for us Ukrainians. Your support is very important to us in such a difficult time. Your support gives us strength and hope." *A young Ukrainian woman.*

"I came into the very comfortable community hub after seeing it passing. My wife had heard that I might be eligible for Attendance Allowance but I wasn't sure how it all worked and was anxious. Your team made me a face to face appointment at the Victoria Centre in just a few weeks. The application was successful and I awarded £61.85 per week to assist with my wife's care" *Mr J, a client.*

"I just want to say a huge thank you for the food you gave me today. I've instantly gone from trying to work out what I have left to give my daughter, to looking in the cupboard and having so much to choose from. We've each had a biscuit when we got home and that was the first thing I've eaten in almost 48 hours." *A Foodbank guest.*

"Really friendly staff and appreciate all the help and advice provided. I was scared the first few times but had a very warm welcome and myself and children are really grateful." *A Food Pantry member.*

This trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 24 July 2023.

D. Edwards

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Dympna Edwards, Chair

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Compassion Acts Limited (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act 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 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

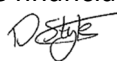
Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 2006 Act; or
- 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 2006 Act 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; 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 accounts 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.



Daniel Styles FCA

For and on behalf of Lifestyles Accountancy Limited, 39 Kirklees Road, Southport, PR8 4RB

Dated: 31 July 2023

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	423,262	197,262	620,524	487,366
Charitable activities	2(b)	21,047	-	21,047	8,534
Other income	2(c)	-	-	-	50
Investment income	2(c)	985	-	985	16
Total income		445,294	197,262	642,556	495,966
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3	328,775	244,875	573,650	407,143
Total expenditure		328,775	244,875	573,650	407,143
Net income/Net movement in funds		116,519	(47,613)	68,906	88,823
Total funds brought forward		258,204	134,304	392,508	303,686
Total funds carried forward		374,723	86,691	461,414	392,508

The Statement of Financial Activities includes gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The Statement of Financial Activities also complies with the requirements for an Income and Expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the comparative year can be found in Note 14.

The notes on pages 14 - 22 form part of these financial statements.

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £ <i>Restated</i>
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	8,657	5,431
Current assets			
Stocks	8	33,321	24,010
Debtors	9	2,865	2,225
Cash at bank and in hand		419,812	370,211
		455,998	396,446
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(3,241)	(9,369)
Net current assets		452,758	387,077
Net assets		461,414	392,508
Reserves			
Restricted funds	13	86,691	134,304
Designated funds	12	90,000	85,000
Unrestricted funds	12	284,723	173,204
Total funds		461,414	392,508

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

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 notes on pages 14 - 22 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24 July 2023.



Dympna Edwards

Chair of Trustees

Company Registration No. 10457781

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Charity information

Compassion Acts Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Victoria Centre, 197A Sussex Road, Southport, PR8 6DG.

1.2 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 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, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.3 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.

1.4 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors 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.

Designated funds are those unrestricted funds set aside by the Trustees for specific purposes.

1.5 Incoming resources

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.

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Office equipment	25% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Stocks

Stocks represent food and consumables held by the Foodbank & Food Pantry. Food stocks are stated at an average value provided by the Trussell Trust. Other stocks are stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

1.9 Cash or cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

1.11 Restatement of prior year

The restricted funds for the prior year have been restated in order to reclassify a grant which had previously been classified as restricted to unrestricted since the grantee did not impose any conditions on the use of the funds.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
2 Income				
(a) Donations and gifts	150,447	-	150,447	99,216
Grants	100,120	197,262	297,382	268,924
Donated goods and services	172,695	-	172,695	119,226
	<u>423,262</u>	<u>197,262</u>	<u>620,524</u>	<u>487,366</u>
(b) Charitable activities				
Food Pantry - Members' contributions	<u>21,047</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,047</u>	<u>8,534</u>
(c) Other				
Events	-	-	-	50
Bank interest	985	-	985	16
	<u>985</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>985</u>	<u>66</u>
Total Income	<u>445,294</u>	<u>197,262</u>	<u>642,556</u>	<u>495,966</u>

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3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Advice Services	Foodbank	Pantry	Social Wellbeing	Total	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Advertising/awareness	1,741	1,142	1,835	2,360	7,078	3,862
Direct project expenses	2,495	-	-	26,965	29,460	29,221
Donated foodstock	-	172,510	13,447	-	185,957	153,002
Premises costs	10,277	14,926	22,305	19,684	67,192	-
Sundry expenses	2,007	529	2,881	881	6,298	7,173
Travel and motor	552	3,127	3,569	609	7,857	356
Wages and staff costs (inc training)	58,286	52,114	44,546	54,219	209,165	137,122
Winter assistance	5,403	5,403	5,402	5,401	21,609	-
Total charitable costs	80,761	249,751	93,985	110,119	534,616	330,736
Share of support costs (see note 4)	5,896	18,235	6,862	8,041	39,034	76,407
	86,657	267,986	100,847	118,160	573,650	407,143
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted Fund	46,201	212,148	47,130	23,296	328,775	118,575
Restricted Fund	40,456	55,838	53,717	94,864	244,875	288,568
	86,657	267,986	100,847	118,160	573,650	407,143

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

4 Support Costs

	Support Costs		2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted		
	£	£	£	£
Premises costs	15,393	-	15,393	36,813
Depreciation	2,254	-	2,254	1,663
Motor and travel	-	-	-	4,480
Printing and postage and sundry	58	2,301	2,359	3,057
Telephone, computer and office equipment	5,937	10,431	16,368	18,799
Legal and Professional	500	1,050	1,550	3,300
Project development and OLM Project	432	-	432	6,549
Governance Costs				
Independent Examiners fee	-	678	678	1,746
Totals	24,574	14,460	39,034	76,407

Support costs includes the Independent examiners fee payable to Lifestyles Accountancy of £678.

In the current year, costs in respect of rent and utilities, motor expenses and project costs have been allocated directly to the relevant charitable activities.

5 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year (2021 - none).

6 Employees

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
The average monthly number of employees during the year.		
Number (full time equivalent)	11 (7.3)	8 (3.6)
Employment Costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	186,294	126,375
Social security costs	8,290	2,622
Pension costs	10,093	6,289
	204,677	135,286

No employee earned more than £60,000 throughout the year (2021 - none).

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7 Fixed Assets

	Fixtures and Fittings £	Office Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2022	1,143	2,326	10,944	14,413
Additions	5,479	-	-	5,479
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	6,622	2,326	10,944	19,892
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2022	1,143	2,145	5,694	8,982
Charge for the year	572	181	1,500	2,253
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	1,715	2,326	7,194	11,235
Net book value				
At 31 December 2022	4,907	-	3,750	8,657
At 31 December 2021	-	181	5,250	5,431

	2022 £	2021 £
8 Stocks		
Food stock and consumables	33,321	24,010

	2022 £	2021 £
9 Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year		
Gift aid receivable	1,618	2,225
PAYE repayable from HMRC	1,247	-
	2,865	2,225

	2022 £	2021 £
10 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
Other creditors	1,241	925
HMRC	-	6,944
Accruals and deferred income	2,000	1,500
	3,241	9,369

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

11 Analysis of Net Assets		Restricted 2022 £	Unrestricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £	
Tangible fixed assets		-	8,657	8,657	5,431	
Current assets		86,691	369,307	455,998	396,446	
Current liabilities		-	(3,241)	(3,241)	(9,369)	
		86,691	374,723	461,414	392,508	
12 Unrestricted Funds		Balance at 01.01.22 £	Transfers in year £	Received in year £	Expended in year £	Balance at 31.12.22 £
General Funds		173,204	(15,000)	445,294	(318,775)	284,723
<u>Designated Funds:</u>						
Renewable Energy Fund		20,000	-	-	-	20,000
Van replacement fund		15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Project Development Fund		20,000	15,000	-	(10,000)	25,000
Additional Storage fund		10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Contingency Fund		20,000	-	-	-	20,000
		258,204	-	445,294	(328,775)	374,723
Unrestricted Funds prior year		Balance at 01.01.21 £	Transfers in year	Received in year £	Expended in year £	Balance at 31.12.21 £
General Funds		100,391	(65,000)	233,508	(95,694)	173,204
<u>Designated Funds:</u>						
Renewable Energy Fund		-	20,000	-	-	20,000
Van replacement fund		-	15,000	-	-	15,000
Project Development Fund		-	20,000	-	-	20,000
Additional Storage fund		-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Contingency Fund		42,881	-	-	(22,881)	20,000
		143,272	-	233,508	(118,575)	258,204

The designated funds are for the following purposes:

- Renewable Energy Fund - Towards the cost of replacing the current heating system with a renewable energy alternative.
- Van Replacement Fund - Towards the cost of replacing the charity's existing vans with modern EV and charging points accordingly.
- Project Development Fund - to provide funding to explore and start new projects during the coming years as the charity grows.
- Additional Storage Fund - to provide for additional cost of storage of the growing stock held by the charity as more of the usable space is used for office rather than storage.
- The Contingency Fund is provided as a contribution towards three months running costs in the event of any downturn in income received.

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13 Restricted Funds	Balance at 01.01.22 £	Transfers in year	Income in year £	Expenditure in year £	Balance at 31.12.22 £
Restricted Funds	134,304	-	197,262	(244,875)	86,691
	Balance at 01.01.21 £	Transfers in year	Income in year £	Expenditure in year £	Balance at 31.12.21 £
<i>Restricted Funds (restated)</i>	160,415	-	262,458	(288,568)	134,304

Restricted funds include grants and donations received by the charity during the year with specified expenditure areas on which these funds can be used. As the charity has grown and additional departments have been created relating to the charitable activities, in order to aid understanding of the financial statements, these charitable activities and their associated expenditures from restricted and unrestricted funds can be seen in detail in Note 3.

As the funding sources have specified restrictions on the income both in terms relating to the departments used internally, and also to the type of expenditure, which can then go across charitable activity categories and also support costs, the classification of restricted funds by charitable activity is no longer appropriate.

The restricted funds for the prior year have been restated in order to reclassify a grant which had previously been classified as restricted as unrestricted as the grantee did not impose any conditions on the use of the funds.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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14 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £ RESTATED	Restricted Funds 2021 £ RESTATED	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	233,442	253,924	487,366
Charitable activities	-	8,534	8,534
Other income	50	-	50
Investment income	16	-	16
Total income	233,508	262,458	495,966
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	118,575	288,568	407,143
Total expenditure	118,575	288,568	407,143
Net income/Net movement in funds	114,933	(26,110)	88,823
Total funds brought forward	143,272	160,413	303,685
Total funds carried forward	258,205	134,303	392,508

Compassion Acts

England & Wales - Charity number 1172948

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1172948

Company Registration No. 10457781 (England and Wales)

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Patrick Evans Allan Salisbury Tracey Illingsworth Vivian Cupit Alex Holdsworth Marlyn Banham Michael Perrett William Harrison (Appointed 5 th February 2021)
Chief Executive	Richard Owens
Charity number	1172948
Company number	10457781
Registered office	40 Hoghton Street Southport PR9 0PQ
Business Address	Victoria Centre, 197A Sussex Road Southport PR8 6DG
Independent examiner	J A Fell & Company 40 Hoghton Street Southport PR9 0PQ
Bankers	HSBC Plc, 160 Lord Street, Southport PR8 1NJ

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COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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 [governing document], 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Objectives and activities

The objects of Compassion Acts Limited are for the public benefit namely:

A) THE RELIEF OF POVERTY FOR PERSONS IN AND AROUND SOUTHPORT AND FORMBY WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS BY REASON OF THEIR SOCIAL AND OR ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES BY PROVIDING AND PROMOTING THE PROVISION OF ADVICE AND OTHER SERVICES AS THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHARITY MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT;

B) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC LIVING IN AND AROUND SOUTHPORT AND FORMBY IN ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE MANAGEMENT OF THEIR PERSONAL FINANCES;

C) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND DOCTRINE IN THE UK.

We currently do this principally by providing:

(a) Emergency food for adults and children within Trussell Trust's guidelines.

(b) Debt advice through auspices of Community Money Advice.

(c) Debt management

(d) Food pantries for those on low incomes.

(e) Benefits advice and acting as advocates at tribunals.

(f) Locations in Churches and Community Centres & helping anyone regardless of their religious beliefs or none.

In this fourth year of operation as a combined charity the focus has been to manage the united charity in a sustainable and financially secure way. The Trustees have developed working relationships and the appropriate policies and procedures necessary for stability going forward. The trustees met regularly during the year to gather reports from the projects, consider corporate risks along with other financial/strategic matters.

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

Our geographic footprint stretches in an operating area from Tarleton in Lancashire to Hightown in Sefton, taking in some of the West Lancashire villages closest to the Southport boundary. This twenty-mile length of operating area presents a number of logistical and strategic challenges when considering supply lines, useful locations of projects and the loyalties felt to diverse local neighbourhoods.

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

2021 : At a glance

During the year the charity received total income of £495,966 (2020 - £475,600) and recorded expenditure of £407,143 (2020 - £261,318).

This led to a surplus for the year of £88,823 (2020 - £214,282) which led to total funds at the year-end of £392,509 (2020- £303,685).

- Meals provided through Foodbank: 59,760 (2020 - 58,680)
- Shopping visits to Food Pantry: 1,693 (2020 - 1536)
- Donated food stock: 64.6 Tonnes (2020 - 90 Tonnes)
- Client seen by Welfare Benefits Advisers: 976 (2020 - 396)
- Reclaimed for clients by our welfare benefits advisers: £1,109,567 (2020 - £632k)

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee.

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:

Rev Patrick Evans

Mr Allan Salisbury

Ms Tracey Illingsworth

Ms Vivian Cupit

Mr Alex Holdsworth

Ms Marlyn Banham

Mr Michael Perrett

Mr William Harrison from 5th February 2021

Company Secretary: Richard Owens from 4th July 2021.

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

A growing charity to meet significant need in our area – COVID-19 and beyond.

In the second year of the extraordinary times which the world is living through, Compassion Acts was able to sustainably grow and introduce a range of new services. The Trustees are mindful that much of the charity's funding has come from grants paid in advance of expenditure and a significant proportion of funds are to be carried forward for projects in 2022.

The effects of lockdowns and COVID-19 restrictions were mainly felt in the sense that the usual opportunities for refreshments and conversations between service users and volunteer teams at the two food projects and volunteer teams were restricted.

The year can be summed up in key 4 areas:

1. Service delivery that changes lives

In 2021 we continued to provide a Foodbank service for those in crisis situations whilst simultaneously introducing interventions to reduce the need for Foodbanks at all. Our Foodbank centres were opened in locations close to where people live including new centres at Canning Road Evangelical Church in High Park, Southport on a Monday and we continued the Foodbank session at St Peter's Birkdale even after we relocated our headquarters out of there in July.

Our welfare benefits advice team, alongside operating at Foodbank and Food Pantry sessions, have seen clients referred directly by partners including Southport Macmillan Cancer Centre, Sefton Veterans and Brighter Living Partnership. The service is free of charge and operates with comparably short waiting times for clients. In 2021 having the new premises at Victoria Centre is a significant step forward. There are four distinct meeting spaces to have consultations with clients and team meetings for the advisers.

We offer debt advice and money management courses under the Community Money Advice franchise. We saw 90 clients for general debt advice and 40 clients through the more detailed Community Money Advice process of becoming debt-free.

In 2021 we partnered with the 'Fuel Bank Foundation', making 12 referrals during the year- although we expect that figure to rise substantially during the year ahead with all the focus on fuel poverty.

Our new monthly community market for Next Steps clients really gained a loyal following during 2021 with its focus on social time and meeting between Next Steps members and their mentors, there is also opportunity to purchase staple food items at low prices. Next Steps members can avail themselves for blocks of counselling which we fund through our partner Philippi Counselling in Southport.

Despite the changes of COVID-19 restrictions, we have developed our Food Pantries to include a new Pantry in Formby (supported by Churches Together in Formby, Hightown and Great Altcar). Our school Pantry at Bishop David Shepperd Primary School in High Park is now into its second year of operations and serves on average 10 people per week. The biggest growth has come from our 'Village Food Hub' in Banks. By the end of the year there were around 14 regular shoppers at the Village Food Hub with a membership of 29.

As a way of reaching families at an earlier stage and cutting through some of the anxieties and stigmas around the association with 'Foodbank' in the Spring of 2021 we innovated supplying those in need with 431 recipe and sample bags distributed through Southport schools.

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

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We also ran a school summer holiday club, thanks to funding from Sefton Council/UK Government Holiday Activity Fund. While predominately for free school meal families, we welcomed others who were just about managing. The focus was on high quality activities from professional providers and some excellent quality food.



2. Uniting around a strategy

Our new strategy 'Going Upstream' was adopted by the Trustees in Spring 2021 and all decisions on funding, resources and the necessary staffing required have been built around this. We are also fortunate to have been one of the first Foodbanks in the country to be awarded Pathfinder status under the Trussell Trust.

As a Pathfinder Foodbank we have access to training, staff development, trustee insights and data analysis that allows us to develop our core strategy to reduce the need for Foodbanks and to introduce innovative projects towards this aim.

Our relationships with Sefton Council and Sefton CVS continue to offer us a positive framework for growth.

We are determined to be good stewards of the food resources we have received and to make strides towards a position of zero waste across the organisation. We pass on stock that is surplus to requirements to neighbouring foodbanks, including South Sefton Foodbank and those not in the Trussell Trust network (eg Chorley Living Waters and others). This year in 2021 we launched our own zero waste weekly event. Called Make a Difference Drop In – every Wednesday there is a stall with an open donation policy so that people can give as the feel. Items which are slightly damaged, a little past their best before date or simply surplus to requirements are made available. It has allowed us to reach a slightly different cohort of people.

During 2021 we welcomed 70 new volunteers into the charity. Our meeting for supporters was held in September 2021 and we were able to hold our first in-person volunteer training and 'thank you' events in the autumn of 2021.

3. Equipping ourselves for the tasks ahead

Most importantly the charity managed to mitigate one of its biggest risks- namely that Compassion Acts had been operating from temporary premises at St Peter's Parish Centre in Birkdale and was in the vulnerable position of not having any premises from which to operate.

In July 2021 we were able to move into our own premises at the former Victoria Methodist Church on Sussex Road in Southport. Now under the name "Victoria Centre" we have entered into a seven year lease with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (the national Methodist Church body which owns its assets).

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We have subsequently formed a Partnership Steering Committee with the local Methodist representatives to ensure the smooth running of the premises.

An additional, larger van was purchased in spring 2021 and this has been a huge help with the bulk deliveries of ready made up supplies to locations such as our busiest Foodbank sessions at the Salvation Army and Lakeside Church.

Our position as a Pathfinder Foodbank has given us the scope, and the additional funding to explore new areas of work which meet our objectives. In addition to the three year Influencing/Local Mobilisation Pilot project we have also received funding to extend the hours of staff and to look more strategically at the effectiveness of our Foodbank sessions and the referral pathways that feed into them. There is also funding for us to innovate to reduce poverty overall in the area.



4: Generosity and supply

Overall food donated in 2021 for use in Foodbank or Food Pantry amounted to 64.61 Tonnes (compared with the exceptional 90 tonnes in 2021, of which 18% was specifically bulk donations so does not offer a realistic comparison for previous years.

The generosity of our financial donors has been remarkable and the number of people giving on a monthly basis has remained stable despite the challenges economically. Successful funding bids to grant funders have provided the charity with a strategic opportunity to maintain an appropriate level of reserves and to grow the number of paid staff in a sustainable way. The charity committed itself to the highest standards of employment practice and became a "Living Wage Employer" during the year.

Specifically, we are grateful to the following donors who gave £1,000 or more during the year:

- Sefton Council
- Sefton CVS
- The Trussell Trust
- Southport Links Rotary Club
- Paymentsshield Ltd
- Brighter Living Partnership
- St James Church, Birkdale
- Southport Knights of St Columba
- NFU Mutual
- Canning Road Evangelical Church
- TJ Morris Ltd
- The All Churches Trust

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- Funny Girl Productions Ltd
- Methodist Mission in Britain Fund
- Plus 15 individual or personal donations greater than £1k
- We had 51 regular monthly donors during the year and we would like to thank these people for being so faithful.

At the end of the year, the charity was able to motivate and encourage our very generous supporters into a specific shared project. Through early advertising from late October, over 135 boxes and shopping lists were picked up from Victoria Centre and then returned filled with the gift items we requested for individuals and families. These 'hampers' were then distributed through our projects in the week before Christmas. We continued to partner with Southport Salvation Army and their Christmas Toy Appeal with 150 of our families benefitting from this kindness.

Governance

New Trustees are introduced to the charity's procedures through conversations with the chair and meeting others. We have benefitted from a training provider giving collective and individual support during the year. Several of our trustees have attended Webinar training through Trussell Trust. Financial procedures are introduced by the Treasurer. A corporate risk register was created and maintained throughout the year. All appropriate policies and procedures are brought to the attention of the Board.

The trustees approved a more detailed budget for 2022 and an outline budget for 2023 as befits a growing organisation. The Trustees approved a number of 'Designated Funds' as a prudent financial planning tool in the context of risk management, staff retention/structure, new project contingency and capital expenditure items.

There are eight trustees drawn from across a range of churches in the area to provide a balance of skills and backgrounds to enrich the governance of the charity. Efforts have been made to recruit new trustees through networking and church contacts locally, including better representation from the southern part of our operating area namely Formby.

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.

There were 10 paid part time staff during this period and over 150 volunteers. The latter of whom do the vast majority of work within the charity.

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



Allan Salisbury MBE, Chair

Dated: 11th March 2022

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Compassion Acts Limited (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act 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 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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 2006 Act; or
- 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 2006 Act 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; 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 accounts 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.



O J Grills FCA
J A Fell & Company
Chartered Accountants
40 Hoghton Street
Southport
PR9 0PQ

Dated: 11th March 2022

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 as restated £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	218,442	268,924	487,366	467,163
Charitable activities	3		8,534	8,534	6,461
Other trading activities	4	66		66	1,976
Total income		218,508	277,458	495,966	475,600
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	118,575	288,568	407,143	261,318
Net Income for the year/ Net movement in funds		99,933	(11,110)	88,823	214,282
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		143,272	160,413	303,685	89,403
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		243,205	149,303	392,508	303,685

The statement of financial activities includes gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		5,431		1,095
Current assets					
Stocks	10	24,010		57,780	
Debtors	11	2,225		2,378	
Cash at bank and in hand		370,210		244,493	
		396,445		304,651	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(9,369)		(2,061)	
Net current assets			387,076		302,590
Total assets less current liabilities			392,507		303,685
Income funds					
Restricted funds	16		149,303		160,413
Designated funds	15		85,000		42,881
Unrestricted funds	15		158,204		100,391
			392,507		303,685

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2021

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

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 2022.



Allan Salisbury, MBE
Chair of Trustees

Company Registration No. 10457781

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Compassion Acts Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 40 Hoghton Street, Southport, PR9 0PQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). 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, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. 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 unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors 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 Incoming resources

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.

Donated goods received are recognised at the average value per kilogramme price as provided by the Trussell Trust.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Computers	25% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.6 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment annually, and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired.

1.7 Stocks

Stocks represent food held by the Foodbank & Food Pantry. Stocks are stated at an average value provided by the Trussell Trust.

1.8 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.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

1.9 Restatement of prior year

The figures shown for the financial activities in the year to 31 December 2020 have been restated to take account of the goods donated which were not previously recognised within the financial statements. The reserves at the end of the year have not changed.

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 As restated £
Donations and gifts	99,216		99,216	113,955
Grants		268,924	268,924	185,808
Donated goods and services	119,226		119,226	167,400
	<u>218,442</u>	<u>268,924</u>	<u>487,366</u>	<u>467,163</u>

3 Charitable activities

	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £
Food Pantry – Members' Contributions	<u>8,534</u>	<u>6,461</u>

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £
Fundraising events	50	1,958
Bank Interest	16	18
	<u>66</u>	<u>1,976</u>

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5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Foodbank	Pantry	CA	Total	Total as restated
	2021	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff Costs	97,549	11,977	25,760	135,286	76,308
Donated goods given directly	75,931	18,319	6,574	100,824	96,592
Donated goods provided through third party	52,178			52,178	43,038
Fundraising costs			1,490	1,490	320
Health & safety	6	79	271	356	2,215
Subs & fees			1,257	1,257	4,068
Food purchases	3,913	107	715	4,735	1,429
Training	1,231		605	1,836	70
Clothes & signs	1,263	746	567	2,576	1,029
Kitchen				-811	811
Next Steps / Allotment	810	270		1,080	114
Welfare Costs			3,300	3,300	-
Fareshare Admin		3,340		3,340	-
Waste / Bins / sewerage			1,102	1,102	-
Value You			800	800	-
Summer Fest	14,994		4,010	19,004	-
Community Market			146	146	-
PayPal card top up			1,426	1,426	-
	247,875	34,838	48,023	330,736	225,994
Share of support costs (see note 6)	47,471	3,276	25,660	76,407	35,324
	295,346	38,114	73,683	407,143	261,318

Analysis by Fund

Unrestricted Fund	72,055	23,330	23,189	118,575
Restricted Fund	223,291	14,784	50,494	288,568
	295,346	38,114	73,683	407,143

Year ended 31 December 2020

Unrestricted Fund	117,162	23,865	20,032	161,059
Restricted Fund	65,099	6,761	28,399	100,259
	182,261	30,626	48,431	261,318

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Expenditure on charitable activities - 2020 as restated

	Foodbank	Pantry	CA	Total
	2020	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£
Staff Costs	46,099	6,852	23,357	76,308
Donated goods given directly	73,874	16,713	6,005	96,592
Donated goods provided through third party	43,038			43,038
Fundraising costs	320	-	-	320
Health & safety	1,250	363	602	2,215
Subs & fees	360	-	3,708	4,068
Food purchases	453	976	-	1,429
Training	-	70	-	70
Clothes & signs	311	237	481	1,029
Kitchen	-	572	239	811
Next Steps cafe	114	-	-	114
	<u>48,907</u>	<u>9,070</u>	<u>28,387</u>	<u>86,364</u>
Share of support costs (see note 6)	<u>16,442</u>	<u>4,843</u>	<u>14,039</u>	<u>35,324</u>
	<u>65,349</u>	<u>13,913</u>	<u>42,426</u>	<u>121,688</u>

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6 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £	2020 as restated £
Depreciation	1,663		1,663	1,913
Warehouse/office costs	21,839		21,839	18,620
Insurance	1,390		1,390	1,299
Repairs maintenance & cleaning	13,584		13,584	683
Motor/travel	4,480		4,480	3,635
Promotional literature	4,138		4,138	1,639
Printing, postage, stationery	2,453		2,453	1,450
Telephone/Computer software	14,472		14,472	4,204
Office equipment	4,327		4,327	
Sundry	604		604	381
Independent Examiners fee		1,746	1,746	1,500
Legal & Professional fees	3,300		3,300	
Project developments	2,411		2,411	
	<u>74,661</u>	<u>1,746</u>	<u>76,407</u>	<u>35,324</u>
Analysed between				
Charitable activities	<u>74,661</u>	<u>1,746</u>	<u>76,407</u>	<u>35,324</u>

Governance costs includes an accrual to J A Fell & Co of £1,746 for independent examiners fees and payroll costs.

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

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees (all part-time) during the year was

	2021 Number	2020 Number
	<u>8(3.6)</u>	<u>7(3.2)</u>

Employment costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	<u>135,286</u>	<u>76,308</u>

No employee earned over £60,000 throughout the year. All employees were part time.

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9 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2021	18,696	2,326	4,944	25,966
Less : Scrapped in year	(17,553)			(17,553)
Add : Ford Transit Van			6,000	6000
At 31 December 2021	1,143	2,326	10,944	14,413
Depreciation and Scrapped				
At 1 January 2021	18,676	1,871	4,326	24,873
Depreciation charged in the year	20	273	1,368	1,663
Less : Scrapped in year	(17,553)			(17,553)
At 31 December 2021	1,143	2,145	5,694	8,982
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2021	-	181	5,250	5,431
At 31 December 2020	20	455	618	1,093

10 Stocks

	2021 £	2020 £
Raw materials and consumables	24,010	57,780

11 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	2,225	2,378

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12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other creditors	7,869	561
Accruals and deferred income	1,500	1,500
	<u>9,369</u>	<u>2,061</u>

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	5,431		5,431	1,095
Current Assets	148,904	247,541	396,445	304,651
Current Liabilities		(9,369)	(9,369)	(2,061)
	<u>154,335</u>	<u>238,172</u>	<u>392,567</u>	<u>303,685</u>

14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable party related transactions during the year

15 Unrestricted Funds

	At 1 Jan	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec
	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	100,391	218,508	(95,694)	(65,000)	158,205
<u>Designated Funds:</u>					
Renewable Energy Fund				20,000	20,000
Small van replacement fund				15,000	15,000
New Project Launch Fund				10,000	10,000
Overflow accommodation fund				10,000	10,000
Staff restructure fund				10,000	10,000
Contingency fund	42,881	-	(22,881)		20,000
	<u>143,272</u>	<u>218,508</u>	<u>(118,575)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>243,205</u>

	At 1 Jan	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec
	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020
	£	as restated	as restated	£	£
General Fund	-	304,331	(161,059)	(42,881)	100,391
Contingency fund	-	-	-	42,881	42,881
	<u>-</u>	<u>304,331</u>	<u>(161,059)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143,272</u>

The designated funds are for the following purposes:

- Renewable Energy Fund – Towards the cost of replacing the current heating system with a renewable energy alternative.
- Small Van Replacement – Towards the cost of replacing the small van used by the charity.
- New Project Launch fund – to provide funding to explore and start new projects during the coming years as the charity grows
- Overflow accommodation fund – to provide for additional cost of storage of the growing stock held by the charity as more of the usable space is used for office rather than storage
- Staff Restructure – As the charity is growing substantially this is to provide for the recruitment and training where additional roles are required to keep pace with the growth.
- The contingency fund is provided as a contribution towards three months running costs in the event of any downturn in income received.

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16 Restricted funds	At 1 Jan 2021 £	Income Expenditure 2021 £		Transfers 2021 £	At 31 Dec 2021 £
Compassion Acts	28,111	21,957	(50,494)		13,574
Foodbank	132,054	240,967	(223,291)		135,730
Pantry	250	14,534	(14,784)		-
	160,415	277,458	(288,569)	-	149,303

	At 1 Jan 2020 £	Income Expenditure 2020 £		Transfers 2020 £	At 31 Dec 2020 £
Compassion Acts	10,616	45,894	(28,399)		28,111
Foodbank	78,787	118,366	(65,099)		132,054
Pantry		7,011	(6,761)		250
	89,403	171,269	(100,259)	-	160,415

The restricted funds in respect of the foodbank contains funds totalling £94,308 which were received near the end of 2021 for use in 2022. The remaining funds are allocated to specific projects for which the funds were given.

Compassion Acts

England & Wales - Charity number 1172948

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1172948

Company Registration No. 10457781 (England and Wales)

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Patrick Evans	
	Allan Salisbury	
	Tracey Illingsworth	
	Vivian Cupit	
	Alex Holdsworth	(Appointed 05/06/2020)
	Marlyn Banham	(Appointed 05/06/2020)
	Michael Perrett	(Appointed 06/11/2020)
	John Attwater	(Resigned 31/12/2020)
	Richard Vernon	(Resigned 05/06/2020)

Chief Executive Richard Owens

Charity number 1172948

Company number 10457781

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COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December

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 [governing document], 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Objectives and activities

The objects of Compassion Acts Limited are for the public benefit:

- (a) Provide emergency food for adults and children within Trussell Trust's guidelines.
- (b) Debt advice through auspices of community money advice.
- (c) Debt management through auspices of Christians Against Poverty.
- (d) Food pantries for those on low incomes.
- (e) Benefits advice and act as advocates at tribunals.
- (f) Operate in Churches and Community Centres & help anyone regardless of their religious beliefs or none.

In this third year of operation as a combined charity the focus has been to manage the united charity in a sustainable and financially secure way. The Trustees have developed working relationships and the appropriate policies and procedures necessary for stability going forward. The trustees met regularly during the year to gather reports from the five projects and consider financial/strategic matters.

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

Numbers : At a glance

During the year the charity received total income of £335,970 (2019 -£125,418) and recorded expenditure of £121,688 (2019- £106,683). This led to a surplus for the year of £214,282 (2019 - £18,735) which led to total funds at the year-end of £303,685 (2019 - £89,403).

- Meals provided through Foodbank: 58,680 (2019-46,179)

Clients seen by Welfare Benefits Advisers: 396 (2019-254)

- Shopping visits to Food Pantry: 156 2019-1732)
- Donated food stock: 90 Tonnes (2019-53 Tonnes)
- Reclaimed for clients: £632k (2019-£425k)

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee.

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

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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:

Rev Patrick Evans
Mr Allan Salisbury
Ms Tracey Illingsworth
Ms Vivian Cupit
Mr Alex Holdsworth
Ms Marlyn Banham

Resilience and Continuity – 2020 and COVID-19

An extraordinary year and one of magnificent support from volunteers, staff and donors. Throughout the pandemic we have remained open for five days a week supplying emergency food and welfare advice for those in need in the Southport and Formby areas. During the year we were able to:

- donate more food to the public through our services,
- assist other Trussell Trust Foodbanks in South Sefton, Knowsley and Skelmersdale plus local charities dealing with the homeless and Breakfast Clubs for children through surplus food donations,
- work with the Trussell Trust, for which we have received grants, to become one of 19 UK Pathfinder Foodbanks spear-heading new ways of working in tackling poverty,
- from a zero position of only accepting paper referrals to the Foodbank to a process where now 95% of all referrals are processed electronically limiting unnecessary paper contact and as a consequence speeding up data collection,
- from a zero position to implementing an electronic recording and communications operation (called Assemble) to record attendance which assists in track and trace and keeps our 120 plus volunteers aware of what is happening and where to report for duty,
- open up two new food pantries one in a school and another a Food Hub for those living in outlying areas operating through a click and collect approach,
- to process 396 referrals for welfare benefit assistance from the public, and agencies such as the Foodbank, Food Pantry, Home Start, Light of Life, Southport Jobcentre and a number of new partners to us such as Veterans in Sefton,
- through our Welfare Benefit's team ensure £632,000 was obtained for our clients through assistance in completing application forms, mandatory reconsiderations and advocacy at Tribunals.
- with the assistance of our partners in Child Poverty Action Group, we win a judicial review regarding how Universal Credit is calculated in a High Court case in London, and
- as Trustees through monthly meetings to deal with on-going and crisis situations, hold an AGM, a supporters' meeting and undertake training - all conducted on Zoom.

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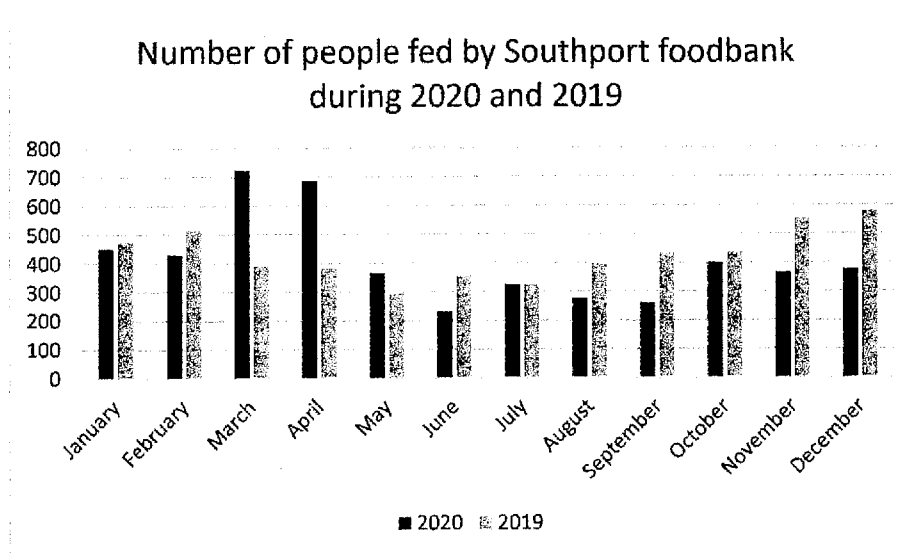
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Southport Foodbank – From January to March we were operating as normal with a reducing food supply. From April we took the decision to close four of our satellite foodbanks to concentrate on our main distribution points at Lakeside Church and Ainsdale Methodist Church. Most of our volunteer work force (75%), most of whom were over 70, were shielded. Our paid staff and welfare advisers took over the delivery of Foodbank services. As people were furloughed from their normal work a new volunteer work force emerged and were inducted into becoming effective operators. Many of the new folk were referred by Sefton Volunteer Agency run by CVS. Food and financial donations to the Foodbank also increased as lock down started.

We were grateful to the leadership at Lakeside Church – social distancing prevented us from using the two small shipping containers where we warehoused food so, the Leadership allowed us to use their squash courts and a large studio in the church for warehousing and office space so that volunteers and staff could work more easily in a socially distanced manner. Ainsdale Methodist was similarly obliging in allowing us to use of a much larger room to store and distribute food. We used grants to buy PPE, screens and other essential equipment such as a gazebo to deal with clients in car parks.

We traditionally provided emergency food for three meals for three days, from April we took the decision to increase the amount of food we distributed to cover five days i.e. fifteen meals, so that clients would be expected to visit us less often and we could reduce the risk to them of leaving their homes unnecessarily. This partly explains why the number of users to the Foodbank declined in 2020. Our welfare advisers were able to assess applications as many of our referral agencies had also closed and an increasing number of clients were coming to us directly.

Table 1



Total people attending Foodbank 2020: 4,890 (2019: 5,131)

Total Meals provided 2020: 58,680 (2019: 46,179)

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To reduce the risk of one of the foodbank team proving positive for COVID and the whole team having to isolate we took the decision to ask volunteers to work one week on and week off requiring double the number of volunteers. As furlough began to end and our volunteer workforce staggered back to their usual employment through to October we were once again short of volunteers. Through social media, the Champion and Visiter newspapers and CVS we put out a call for volunteers and received 130 applications that required interviewing, referencing and inducting. Rather than visiting the Foodbank we were also able to deliver food to many of our clients through the service of British Gas Engineers, Veterans in Sefton and Sefton Council staff.

Towards the latter part of 2020 we were once again able to reopen satellite Foodbanks around the town and open new ones ensuring that our clients did not have to travel any great distance. We moved our headquarters from Lakeside Church to St Peter's in Birkdale in September to give us more space. We are currently negotiating with the Methodist Circuit about a more permanent move to Victoria Methodist church in Blowick.

The **Food Pantry** is a membership club for the just about managing where members pay £5 PW for membership and in return receive support/food to the value of at least £20 PW. The Pantry offers fresh, frozen and ambient food. Many of the members live on their own and/or have chronic issues such as long-term health problems including mental health issues and long term unemployment; the special value of the Pantry comes in talking and signposting to other services in the town. Membership generally lasts a year and then members are encouraged to move on to the Next Steps programme. The Pantry at Grace Baptist Church was able to stay open throughout the year. Most of our volunteers, our cafe staff, chatters and personal shoppers were over 70 and in a few cases over 80 and they had to shelter from an early stage in the pandemic. Consequently, we restricted what we did, keeping in touch with members by text messages. We gave time slots to our members to avoid queues and they were given assigned bags of food at the door based on their usual consumption. Later in the year we used the church hall and members were once again able to choose what food they wanted and we were able to hold limited conversations with members.

Through the keen interest of the Head Teacher and volunteers from SS Simon and Jude's church we launched a new Pantry at Bishop David Sheppard school in the High Park community in January 2020. This Pantry closed only a few weeks after opening as a senior school in the area started distributing food without charge to parents as lockdown started, so the food distribution aspect for this Pantry became surplus to requirements. Towards the end of 2020 the senior school did not have the supply to distribute food to the extent that it did at the beginning of the pandemic and we were able to reopen the Pantry. The conversations about poverty we have been able to have with the senior school has been useful and we are exploring ways with the school of helping families without duplicating provision.

The Village Food Hub started in December from a request from a group called Christians in Banks to help those who were just about managing in the area. Using the same food supply as the Pantry (Fare Share, churches and supermarkets) we developed a click and collect system and distributed food to a small number of members living in Banks village. The system

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operates smoothly. We are now in discussion with Churches Together in Formby, Hightown and Altcar about using this system to launch a Formby Food Pantry.

Compassion Acts continues to work with churches and other partners in Formby. The generosity in terms of food donations for all our projects and financial support from the churches especially in Formby. The generosity of people in the town is outstanding.

A further Food Pantry is being developed in the Birkdale area.

In 2020 a total of 1,536 shopping trips were managed, that is in excess of £30,000 of value in groceries. Although lower than in 2019 (1,732) it was more in line with 2018 (1,519) and given the challenges of the Pandemic is remarkable.

Overall food donated in 2020 for use in Foodbank or Food Pantry amounted to 90 tonnes. (compared to 53 tonnes in 2019). The largest proportion of donations come from the supermarket public collection points (29%) with churches providing 19%.[^] However during 2020 a larger proportion than ever came in bulk supplies (18%) and this is something the charity has had to plan for. The amount of food in stock on 31 December 2020 was 33.5 Tonnes valued at £1.76 per kilo (Trussell Trust rates) totalling £57,780 equivalent.

The generosity of our financial donors has been remarkable and the number of people giving on a monthly basis has increased. Successful funding bids to grant funders have provided the charity with a strategic opportunity to open a reserve account and to invest in an appropriate level of reserves and support staff training and retention. Specifically we are grateful to the following grant-makers who gave £1,000 or more during the year: Morrisons Foundation, Southport Community Link Foundation, The Trussell Trust, Sefton CVS, The Steve Morgan Foundation, The Community Foundation for Merseyside, PH Holt Foundation, One Family Foundation, Methodist Mission In Britain Fund, Trussell Trust -ASDA Partnership, Sefton Council, LFC Foundation, Trussell Trust- Tesco Partnership, WLFC Disbursements.

At the end of the year, the charity was able to create and distribute 170 Christmas hampers for clients and deliver them to home addresses.[^] Through a partnership with local media and a sponsor we produced a calendar for distribution with the images from a Photo competition.[^]

In order to meet our corporate objective of streamlining our financial administration and to provide a tangible impact into the local jobs market for young people – in partnership with Southport College we recruited an Accounting Apprentice in Autumn 2020. The Apprentice is being mentored by our own experienced bookkeeper.

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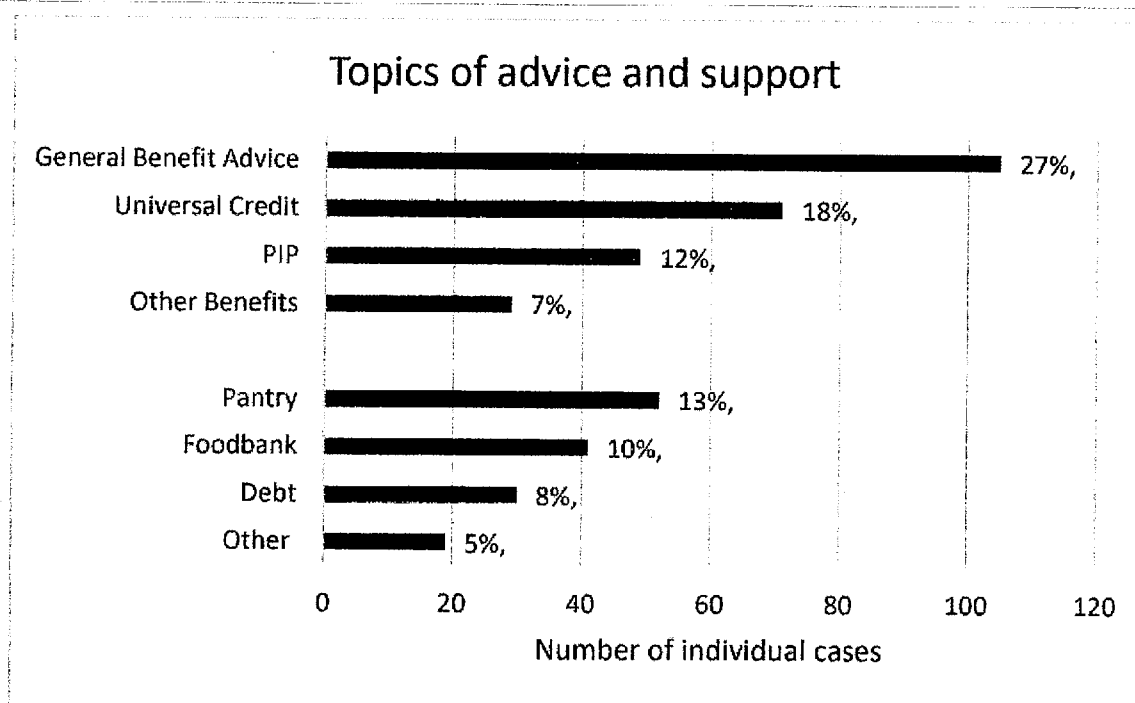
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Table 2



- 396 individual cases
- A total of £632,000 was reclaimed for clients in 2020, an increase of nearly 50% on the 2019 figure of £425,000, reflecting the large rise in new Universal Credit claims caused by the Covid-19 lockdowns.

Welfare Benefits. This service, for which there is no charge, operated five days a week throughout the year. Traditionally this has been a face-to-face service, but it required some imagination to ensure that people received the help that they required, using cards slipped into Foodbank shopping bags with a text and telephone number for the public to contact us if they wanted help with benefits. We receive about three calls a day from people concerned about their benefits. We return the calls within 24 hours. Where clients have to produce evidence, we received paperwork and conducted interview at our HQ as safely as we could. We accompany clients to tribunals and acted as advocates.

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Tribunals and the Courts are currently operating through zoom. The year has resulted in the most money being redeemed in benefits owed to people. We took on casework for 400 people, some were families, others singles including self-employed, and an increasing number were first time claimants for Universal Credit. (See table 3 for amounts recovered in years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020). We have a paid adviser and nine volunteers from diverse backgrounds such as retired bankers, school heads and inspectors and senior civil servants, whom our paid adviser trains and develops. Our volunteers generally give a day's work to the Charity. We have partnered with the Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) whose legal team offer us expert advice on points of law. At Tribunal we won the case for DWP's failure to allow a transition period from legacy payments to Universal Credit and with CPAG's legal team's help we won a judicial review at the High Court against DWP concerning the way Universal Credit is calculated i.e. on a 28 day lunar month basis contrary to the way people would normally be paid namely on a calendar month resulting in our client a single mum with three children of school age losing out on about £486 in one month alone hence the need to use our Foodbank. The DWP has appealed this case to the Court of Appeal and we will be continuing our pursuit for fairness and justice which may have national implications.

Referrals for welfare benefits advice have traditionally come from Foodbank and Pantry clientele but this year we have also partnered up with others during the year. For instance, we are now assisting Veterans in Sefton with soldiers returning from conflicts often with trauma and other serious injuries in their pursuit for welfare benefits to which they are entitled.

Debt – we operated two systems of helping local people who find themselves in debt – the one through Christians against Poverty (CAP) we ended, with mutual agreement, on 31st December 2020; we will continue to promote other CAP activities. The other debt system which allows us to write directly to creditors is operated through Community Money Advice (CMA) as a franchise. During the year we handled a number of enquiries resulting in approximately 6 new full CMA clients and over 27 separate client meetings were held where basic financial reassurance was offered, but without any further debt restructuring required.

Next Steps – this is our programme to help clients move on from our other activities such as Pantry and Debt Advice, to deal with other issues that they may have. For this programme we conduct some activities ourselves but also partner with others such as Philippi Counselling, CAP Job clubs etc. We have not been able to operate this programme to the extent that we would have liked but we have used the time during lockdown to develop ideas and secure partnerships so that when we can relaunch it, it will have a stronger focus.

Governance

New Trustees are introduced to the charity procedures through conversations with the chair and meeting others. Financial procedures are introduced by the Treasurer. A corporate risk register was created and maintained throughout the year. All appropriate policies and procedures are brought to the attention of the Board.

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.

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There are 7 trustees drawn from across a range of churches in the area to provide a balance of skills and backgrounds to enrich the governance of the charity. Efforts have been made to recruit new trustees through advertising.

There were 7 paid part time staff during this period and over 120 volunteers. The latter of whom do the vast majority of work within the charity.

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

Allan Salisbury

Allan Salisbury MBE, Chair

Dated: 4 June 2021

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Compassion Acts Limited (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act 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 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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 2006 Act; or
- 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 2006 Act 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; 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 accounts 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.

O J Grills FCA
J A Fell & Company
Chartered Accountants
40 Hoghton Street
Southport
PR9 0PQ



Dated: 2/2/2021

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
	Notes				
Donations and legacies	2	162,725	164,808	327,533	116,752
Charitable activities	3	-	6,461	6,461	8,565
Other trading activities	4	1,976	-	1,976	101
Total income		<u>164,701</u>	<u>171,269</u>	<u>335,970</u>	<u>125,418</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	<u>21,429</u>	<u>100,259</u>	<u>121,688</u>	<u>106,683</u>
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		143,272	71,010	214,282	18,735
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		-	89,403	89,403	70,668
Fund balances at 31 December 2020		<u>143,272</u>	<u>160,413</u>	<u>303,685</u>	<u>89,403</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		1,095		3,006
Current assets					
Stocks	10	57,780		30,010	
Debtors	11	2,378		1,466	
Cash at bank and in hand		244,493		58,040	
		304,651		89,516	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(2,061)		(3,119)	
Net current assets			302,590		86,397
Total assets less current liabilities			303,685		89,403
Income funds					
Restricted funds	16	160,413		89,403	
Designated funds	15	42,881		-	
Unrestricted funds	15	100,391		-	
		303,685		89,403	

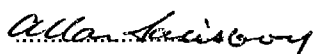
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

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 4th June 2021



Allan Salisbury
Chair of Trustees

Company Registration No. 10457781

COMPASSION ACTS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Compassion Acts Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 40 Hoghton Street, Southport, PR9 0PQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). 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, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. 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 unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors 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 Incoming resources

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.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Computers	25% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.6 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment annually, and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired.

1.7 Stocks

Stocks represent food held by the Foodbank & Food Pantry. Stocks are stated at an average value provided by the Trussell Trust.

1.8 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.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Donations and gifts	113,955	-	113,955	57,804
Grants	21,000	164,808	185,808	53,806
Donated goods and services	27,770	-	27,770	5,142
	<u>162,725</u>	<u>164,808</u>	<u>327,533</u>	<u>116,752</u>

All income in the previous period was restricted funds.

3 Charitable activities

	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2019 £
Food Pantry – Members' Contributions	<u>6,461</u>	<u>8,565</u>

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2019 £
Fundraising events	1,958	101
Bank interest	18	-
	<u>1,976</u>	<u>101</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Foodbank	Pantry	CA	Total	Total
	2020	2020	2020	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff Costs	46,099	6,852	23,357	76,308	66,086
Fundraising costs	320	-	-	320	1,336
Health & safety	1,250	363	602	2,215	-
Subs & fees	360	-	3,708	4,068	7,398
Food purchases	453	976	-	1,429	3,775
Training	-	70	-	70	2,509
Clothes & signs	311	237	481	1,029	629
Kitchen	-	572	239	811	96
Next Steps	114	-	-	114	-
	<u>48,907</u>	<u>9,070</u>	<u>28,387</u>	<u>86,364</u>	<u>81,829</u>
Share of support costs (see note 6)	<u>16,442</u>	<u>4,843</u>	<u>14,039</u>	<u>35,324</u>	<u>24,854</u>
	<u>65,349</u>	<u>13,913</u>	<u>42,426</u>	<u>121,688</u>	<u>106,683</u>

Analysis by fund:

Unrestricted Fund	250	7,152	14,027	21,429
Restricted Fund	65,099	6,761	28,399	100,259
	<u>65,849</u>	<u>13,913</u>	<u>42,426</u>	<u>121,688</u>

For the year ended 31 December 2019

Restricted Fund	64,611	13,235	28,837	<u>106,683</u>
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6 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2020 £	2019 £
Depreciation	1,913	-	1,913	3,316
Warehouse/office costs	18,620	-	18,620	9,420
Insurance	1,299	-	1,299	1,961
Repairs & maintenance	683	-	683	2,544
Motor/travel	3,635	-	3,635	1,822
Promotional literature	1,639	-	1,639	-
Printing, postage, stationery	1,450	-	1,450	1,117
Telephone	192	-	192	1,022
IT costs	4,012	-	4,012	1,904
Sundry	381	-	381	1,658
Trailer sale proceeds	-	-	-	(1,590)
Independent Examiners fee	-	1,500	1,500	1,500
	<u>33,824</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>35,324</u>	<u>24,854</u>
Analysed between				
Charitable activities	<u>33,824</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>35,324</u>	<u>24,854</u>

Governance costs include an accrual to J A Fell of £1,500 for independent examiners fees.

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

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees (all part-time) during the year was

	2020 Number	2019 Number
	<u>7(3.2)</u>	<u>4(2.2)</u>
Employment costs	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	<u>76,308</u>	<u>66,086</u>

No employee earned over £60,000 throughout the year. All employees were part time.

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9	Tangible fixed assets	Fixtures and fittings	Computer equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
		£	£	£	£
	Cost				
	At 1 January and 31 st December 2020	18,696	2,326	4,944	25,966
	Depreciation and impairment				
	At 1 January 2020	18,364	1,506	3,090	22,960
	Depreciation charged in the year	312	365	1,236	1,913
	At 31 December 2020	18,676	1,871	4,326	24,873
	Carrying amount				
	At 31 December 2020	20	455	618	1,093
	At 31 December 2019	332	820	1,854	3,006
10	Stocks			2020	2019
				£	£
	Raw materials and consumables			57,780	30,010
11	Debtors			2020	2019
				£	£
	Amounts falling due within one				
	Trade debtors			2,378	1,466

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12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Other creditors	561	1,619
Accruals and deferred income	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	<u>2,061</u>	<u>3,119</u>

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted 2020	Unrestricted 2020	Total 2020	Total (Restricted) 2019
Fixed Assets	1,095	-	1,095	3,006
Current Assets	159,320	145,331	304,651	89,516
Current Liabilities	-	(2,061)	(2,061)	(3,119)
	<u>160,415</u>	<u>143,270</u>	<u>303,685</u>	<u>89,403</u>

14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.

15 Unrestricted Funds

	At 1 Jan 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2020 £
General Fund	-	164,701	(21,429)	(42,881)	100,391
Designated Fund	-	-	-	42,881	42,881
	<u>-</u>	<u>164,701</u>	<u>(21,429)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143,272</u>

The Designated Fund is provided as a contribution towards three months running costs, a provision to replace the van and anticipated costs to move to new premises.

16 Restricted Funds

	At 1 Jan 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Dec 2020 £
Compassion Acts	10,616	45,894	(28,399)	-	28,111
Foodbank	78,787	118,366	(65,099)	-	132,054
Pantry	-	7,011	(6,761)	-	250
	<u>89,403</u>	<u>164,810</u>	<u>(100,259)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>160,415</u>

