

# THE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1176045

## Details

|             |                                                         |
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| Other names | THE BPT, THE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST                   |
| Status      | Registered                                              |
| Legal form  | CIO                                                     |
| Registered  | 2017-12-01                                              |
| Register    | <a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a> |

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## Activities

**Objects:** TO ADVANCE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE AS A FORM OF CULTURAL HERITAGE THAT PROMOTES HOLISTIC WELLBEING, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT.

**Activities:** The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO ('The BPT') aims to re-establish and refresh the practice of Britain's distinctive pilgrimage tradition. Through this, the BPT works to strengthen British cultural heritage, improve holistic wellbeing, and enhance public engagement with the natural environment.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Ireland
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

| Period end | Income   | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £242,986 | £263,595    | -      | -         |
| 2023-12-31 | £174,507 | £209,705    | -      | -         |
| 2022-12-31 | £160,748 | £195,212    | -      | -         |
| 2021-12-31 | £136,949 | £91,833     | -      | -         |
| 2020-12-31 | £151,162 | £145,045    | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                      | Role  | Appointed  |
|---------------------------|-------|------------|
| Simon Angus Guild         | Chair | 2022-05-09 |
| Adaeze AGHAJI             |       | 2024-12-17 |
| Alice Clare Lankester     |       | 2024-04-17 |
| Sarah Louise Sands        |       | 2025-04-08 |
| WILLIAM MICHAEL DE WINTON |       | 2022-01-20 |

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# Accounts

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**Charity Number: 1176045**

**THE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST CIO**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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# 2024 Impact Report

## British Pilgrimage Trust





# Our Impact in 2024



A year of purpose, growth and connection

*In 2024, the British Pilgrimage Trust made significant strides in reconnecting people with the land, with each other, and with themselves through the transformative power of pilgrimage.*



## Our 2024 Expanded Programme

We saw a sharp rise in guided pilgrimage events, e.g. the Aldous Huxley pilgrimage at Halloween and the Green King pilgrimage in Windsor.



New routes specifically designed for bereaved parents and for people navigating emotional challenges were piloted with great success and will be developed further in 2025.



## Our 2024 Wellbeing Impact

All guided pilgrims in 2024 were invited to complete wellbeing surveys.

Average scores across physical, emotional, spiritual, and social measures ranged between **8.4 and 8.9 out of 10**, evidencing the significant personal benefits of pilgrimage.

# Pilgrimages for the Bereaved

Our bereavement pilgrimage, led by Dawn Champion with support from Helena Grace and Julia Sands, gave grieving parents a gentle space for healing and consoling each other.

Participants shared profound emotional experiences and reported an enduring sense of connection, support, and peace.





# Pilgrimages for the Bereaved



*“It was never a case of trying to fix anything... but we all left some things behind that needed leaving. Everyone helped each other take a few more steps along their grief journey.”*

*— Dawn Champion,  
pilgrimage leader*

*“Time to reflect, to find meaning in the land, forming connections with others who share my loss. I feel I know how to draw upon walking to help me in the future.” —*

*Bereavement pilgrimage participant*

*“It was an extraordinary three days. I found it profound and powerful. To be guided, have companionship and support in the gentle and strong practice of walking with intent meant I was able to explore, learn about, feel and leave behind parts of my grief.”*

*— Bereavement pilgrimage participant*

*“Being able to share my grief in an empathetic environment was very valuable. A pilgrimage is a very appropriate environment for sharing your emotions.”*

*— Bereavement pilgrimage participant*

# ‘Reset Yourself’ Pilgrimages

Our ‘Reset Yourself’ programme helped participants process major life transitions and emotional trauma.

These two-day pilgrimages included overnight stays in Sanctuary accommodation and provided an immersive environment for deep personal reflection and healing.



– Pilgrims sleep overnight in Sanctuary accommodation on the Reset Yourself pilgrimage

# ‘Reset Yourself’ Pilgrimages

*“Incredible release. Felt like three weeks away in two days. Genuinely transformational. Profound without the bullshit.”*

*— Reset Yourself pilgrimage participant*

*“My favourite part was the walking/land connection. Peter Owen-Jones’ spiritual guidance was so focusing and deeply moving. We laughed and cried and felt like we had been away a LONG time.”*

*“My favourite parts were the quiet parts — to see what bubbles up. Also, the guide’s enthusiasm and knowledge, being able to orientate myself not just physically but emotionally as well.”*

*— Reset Yourself pilgrimage participant*

*“Listening to what the wind was telling us via the oak trees... the flowingness of the walk, not too restricted by timings. It really felt connected, and I enjoyed the silence.”*

*— Reset Yourself pilgrimage participant*



# YHA Pilgrimages for Low-Income Communities



We partnered with the Youth Hostel Association to offer free, guided pilgrimages as part of their Festival of Walking in Cambridge, Lewes, and York.

Dozens of new pilgrims took their first steps, with many sharing how the experience brought new understanding, invigoration, and a sense of community.

*“Guy gave us such a fascinating insight into a very familiar location... interesting and invigorating ` along the way. Opportunities to reflect.”*

*“I didn’t really know what to expect... but once the group took up the intention with gusto it really worked. I genuinely felt like part of a group with a shared purpose.”*

*“The whole pilgrimage was special and so informative. I learnt about folklore concerning various plants, stood and reflected by bowl barrows, and was moved by the realisation that we were walking on ancient land in the footsteps of our ancestors.”*  
— YHA pilgrimage participant



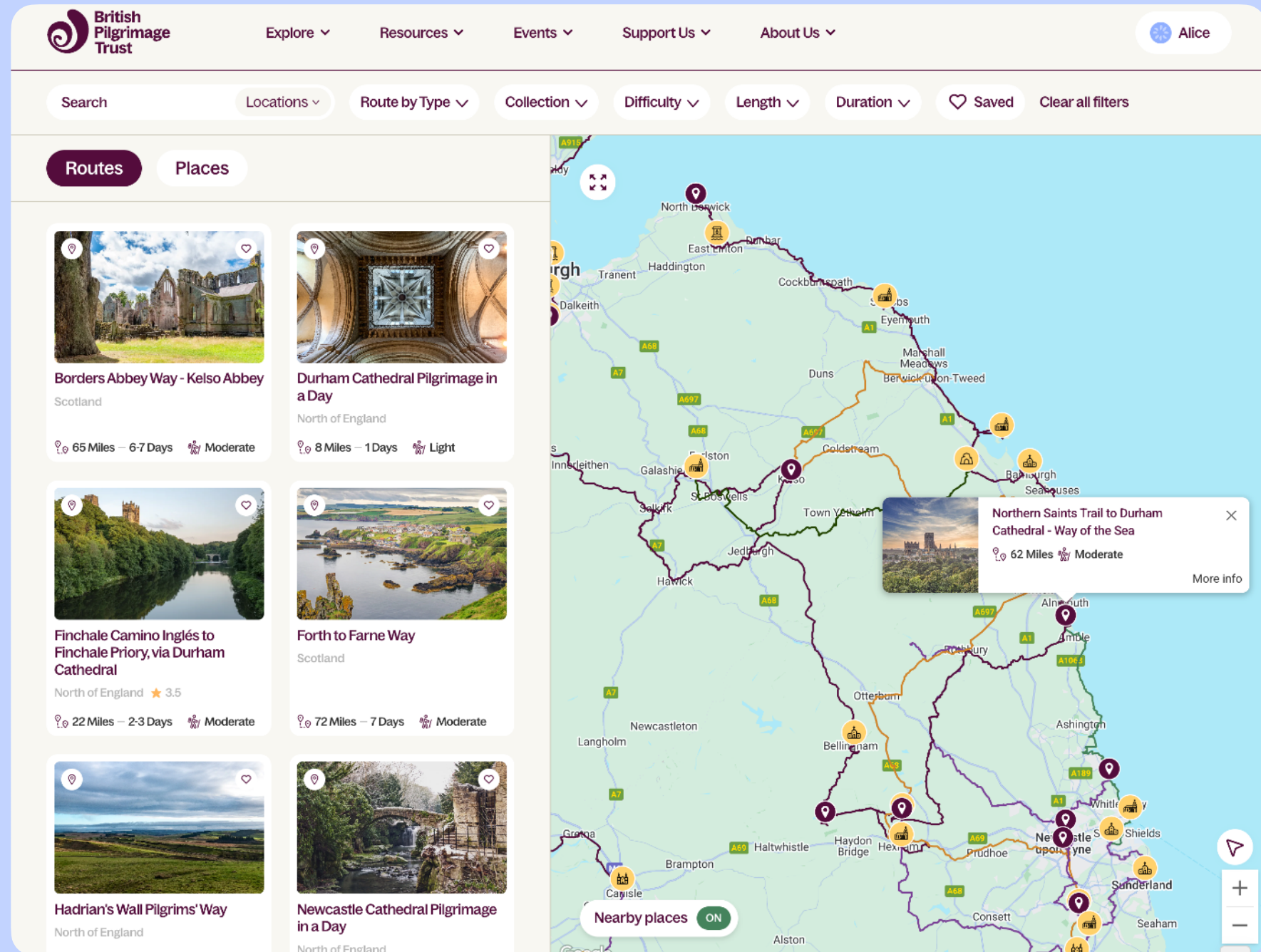
# 2024 Digital Impact



We launched a new digital presence in Q1 2024, centred around a pilgrimage library and interactive map.

The British Pilgrimage Trust website is now home to the largest searchable digital library of pilgrimage routes and sacred places in Britain.

Expansion and improvement of the digital product continues, to improve searchability, map performance, and pilgrim engagement.

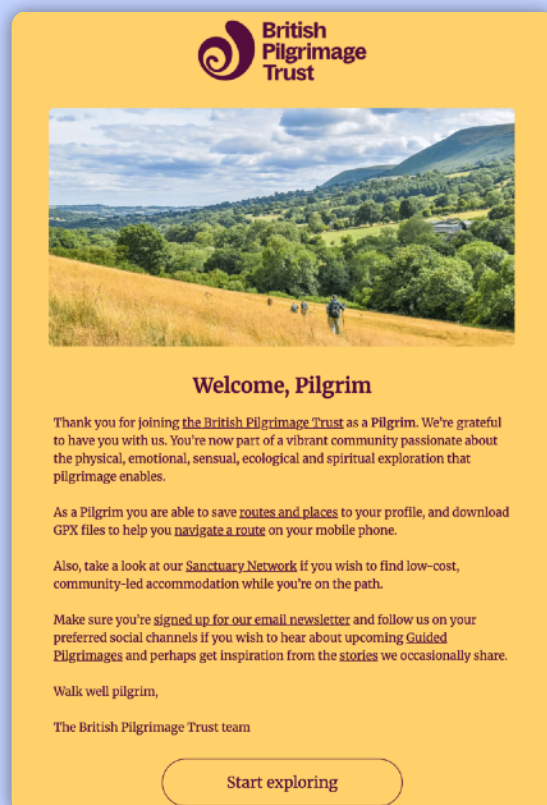




# 2024 Digital Impact



In concert with the website, we have continued investment in social presence, and expanded our email nurture and engagement campaigns, to improve the likelihood of those who visit our website to actually walk the path.



280,000 people visited our website at [www.britishpilgrimage.org](http://www.britishpilgrimage.org) in 2024



11,500 new people joined our newsletter list in 2024, expanding our community of engaged followers to over 33,000, with our newsletters receiving an average open rate of 45% — 2x industry average.



250 routes and 335 places were added to our new website, all fully documented, with route maps, photographs and links to guidebooks.



Hundreds of route files are downloaded every month, to assist pilgrims follow a route.



>48,000 fans follow us on social media allowing us to reach over half a million people with inspiration, stories and songs, reading recommendations and seasonal celebrations such as Michaelmas, Imbolc, Spring and Candlemas.

## New Pilgrimage Collaborations

Meeting held with consultants for the Glastonbury World Heritage Site bid to explore how pilgrimage could support their proposal.

Delivered talks across the country, including the St Olav's Ways conference in Norwich and the Welsh Places of Worship forum establishing national and international links with St Olav's Ways and other British stakeholders.

Opened a collaborative dialogue with the Scottish Pilgrim Routes Forum, laying the groundwork for future cross-border efforts.

## International Collaborations

Talks were delivered at Pilgrimskonferensen in Sweden, and the Securitizing the Sacred Symposium in Canada, helping to spread the word about the modern revival of British pilgrimage.

## Pilgrimage Advisory Support

This support includes best practice guidance, business case evidence, and connecting local leads to useful networks.

- 🌀 Norfolk (route to Walsingham)
- 🌀 Bury St Edmunds (Heritage Fund project)
- 🌀 Chichester (950th anniversary events)
- 🌀 Devon (potential sanctuary at Lundy Island)
- 🌀 Farnham (new heritage pilgrimage initiative)



# Partnerships & Outreach



## National Trust

A growing partnership focused on youth outreach, holistic education, volunteer engagement, and wellbeing evaluation.

## Vivobarefoot

A £10K partnership and co-created pilgrim walking shoe launched in tandem with public events.

## Youth Hostel Association

Pilgrimage opportunities for new and low-income audiences nationwide.

Ongoing engagement with creative formats to reach ethnic minorities and underserved groups such as:

- 🌀 Youth Beyond Borders
- 🌀 Gloves Not Gunz.



Pilgrims ascending Pendle Hill on our Vivobarefoot retreat.

# Holistic Education



## New Training Programme for Educators

Our new training sessions for teachers and youth group leaders are now live, providing digital resources and immersive in-the-field experiences.

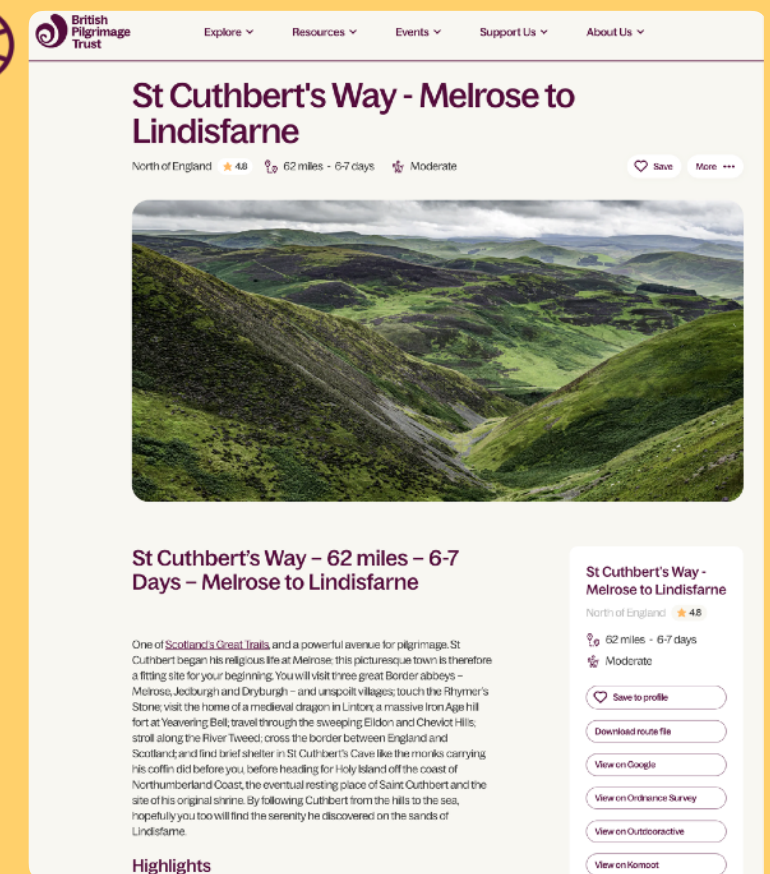
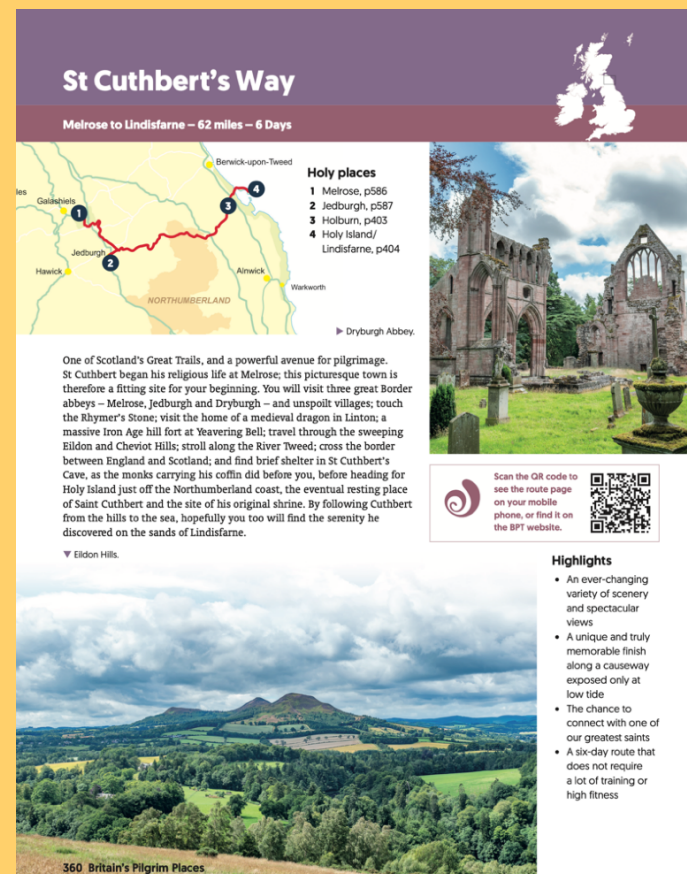
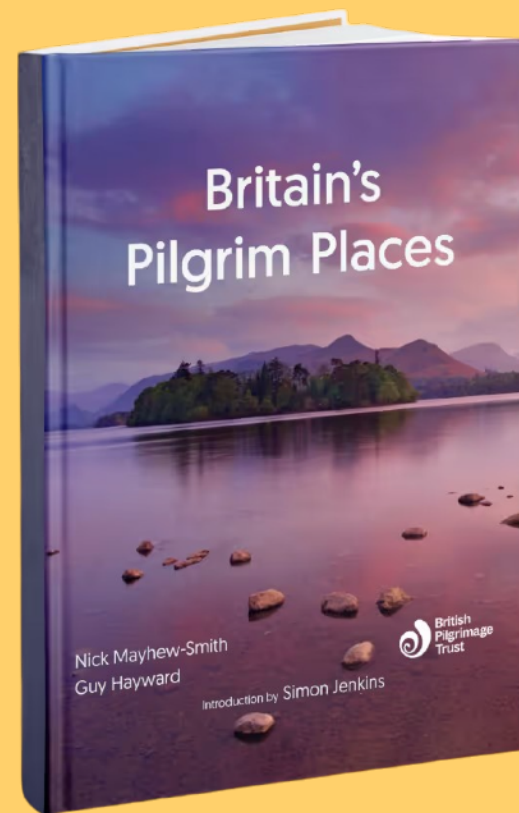
The programme blends spiritual, sensory and cultural learning with national curriculum links.

## Ambassador Talks

We trialled a modular talk format to equip volunteers with compelling, accessible presentations to spread the message of pilgrimage more widely.



# Publications



## Pilgrim Places by Nick Mayhew-Smith and Dr Guy Hayward

5,000 reprinted copies were delivered in 2024, with over 2,500 sold during the year.

Website integration now links book content directly to live pilgrimage routes, reinforcing its use as a practical and inspiring tool.





# What's ahead for 2025



## More Guided Journeys

- 🌀 Expanded emotional needs pilgrimages
- 🌀 Bereavement pilgrimages
- 🌀 Seasonal 'public gathering' following heritage traditions

## Volunteer Training to Scale Impact & Grow our National Network

- 🌀 In-person guide training
- 🌀 Route "champion" training



**TRUSTEES' REPORT**

*for the year ended 31 December 2024*

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Mission and aims**

The British Pilgrimage Trust (BPT) is dedicated to reviving the ancient practice of pilgrimage in Britain, making it accessible and relevant to people of all beliefs and backgrounds. Over the past year, our efforts have catalysed a significant increase in interest and participation in British pilgrimage, with our free resources and guided routes enabling thousands to reconnect with nature, their communities, and themselves. This annual report highlights our key achievements, the impact of our work on individuals and communities, and outlines our future goals.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW:**

### **Financial position**

We made a net loss for the year of £20,609 ( 2023 net loss - £35,198). This is accounted for by a £20,627 of book costs in the year through the reprint of a publication, together with nearly £22,000 of website redevelopment costs. These costs were planned and in our 2024 forecasts. Our unrestricted reserves on 31 December 2024 were £40,312 (2023 - £74,936) and restricted reserves were £14,015 (2023 - £nil).

### **Reserves policy**

In 2023 the Board of Trustees reviewed our reserves policy in the light of the ongoing cost of living crisis. The free reserves fund was amended to a minimum of 4 months of essential expenditure and will rise again in 2024 to six months.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing Document**

The British Pilgrimage Trust is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is governed by its Constitution.

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are recruited and appointed in accordance with the terms of the Constitution. Apart from the first trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment, the trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1176045

**Principal address**

27 Upper Montagu Street  
London  
W1H 1SB

**Trustees**

|                   |                              |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Simon Guild       |                              |
| Abigail Rowe      |                              |
| Simon Hillson     | (left 17 December 2024)      |
| William De Winton |                              |
| Alice Lankester   | (appointed 17 April 2024)    |
| Adaaze Aghaji     | (appointed 17 December 2024) |
| Sarah Sands       | (appointed 8 April 2025)     |

**Independent Examiner**

C&GB Associates  
37-39 Westgate  
Thirsk  
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YO7 1QR

**Bankers**

Wise Payments Ltd  
6th Floor, The Tea Building  
56 Shoreditch High Street  
London  
E1 6JJ

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

*Simon Guild*

[Simon Guild \(Oct 29, 2025 13:32:56 GMT+1\)](#)

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S Guild - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

*for the year ended 31 December 2024*

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no 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.

Signed:



Dated: 28 October 2025

Guy Baragwanath FCA

**C & G B Associates**

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**THE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST (CIO)**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (incorporating the income and expenditure account)**  
*for the year ended 31 December 2024*

|                                        |      | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>2024</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>funds<br/>2024</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2024</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2023</b> |
|----------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                        | Note | £                                      | £                                    | £                               | £                               |
| <b>Income and endowments from:</b>     |      |                                        |                                      |                                 |                                 |
| Donations and legacies                 | 2    | <b>44,202</b>                          | -                                    | <b>44,202</b>                   | 48,792                          |
| Investment Income                      | 3    | <b>2,551</b>                           | -                                    | <b>2,551</b>                    | 2,264                           |
| Charitable activities                  | 4    | <b>151,258</b>                         | <b>40,000</b>                        | <b>191,258</b>                  | 120,789                         |
| Other Income                           |      | <b>4,975</b>                           | -                                    | <b>4,975</b>                    | 2,662                           |
| <b>Total income and endowments</b>     |      | <b>202,986</b>                         | <b>40,000</b>                        | <b>242,986</b>                  | 174,507                         |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                 |      |                                        |                                      |                                 |                                 |
| Generating Funds                       | 5    | <b>24,740</b>                          | <b>300</b>                           | <b>25,040</b>                   | 52,077                          |
| Charitable activities                  | 6    | <b>212,870</b>                         | <b>25,685</b>                        | <b>238,555</b>                  | 157,628                         |
| Other Expenditure                      |      | -                                      | -                                    | -                               | -                               |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>               |      | <b>237,610</b>                         | <b>25,985</b>                        | <b>263,595</b>                  | 209,705                         |
| Net Income/(expenditure)               |      | <b>(34,624)</b>                        | <b>14,015</b>                        | <b>(20,609)</b>                 | (35,198)                        |
| Transfer between funds                 |      | -                                      | -                                    | -                               | -                               |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>           |      | <b>(34,624)</b>                        | <b>14,015</b>                        | <b>(20,609)</b>                 | (35,198)                        |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>        |      |                                        |                                      |                                 |                                 |
| Total funds at 1 January 2024          | 14   | <b>74,936</b>                          | -                                    | <b>74,936</b>                   | 110,134                         |
| <b>Total funds at 31 December 2024</b> | 14   | <b>40,312</b>                          | <b>14,015</b>                        | <b>54,327</b>                   | 74,936                          |

The notes on pages 20 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

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

**THE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST (CIO)**

REGISTERED NUMBER: 1176045

**BALANCE SHEET**

as at 31 December 2024

|                                                       | Note | £               | 2024<br>£     | £              | 2023<br>£     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                                   |      |                 |               |                |               |
| Tangible assets                                       | 10   |                 | -             |                | 1,355         |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |      |                 |               |                |               |
| Stocks                                                | 11   | 20,258          |               | 17,205         |               |
| Debtors                                               | 12   | 5,212           |               | 9,156          |               |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |      | 44,813          |               | 48,997         |               |
|                                                       |      | <b>70,283</b>   |               | <b>75,358</b>  |               |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> | 13   | <b>(15,956)</b> |               | <b>(1,777)</b> |               |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |      |                 | <b>54,327</b> |                | 73,581        |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                     |      |                 | <b>54,327</b> |                | <b>74,936</b> |
| <b>Charity funds</b>                                  |      |                 |               |                |               |
| Restricted funds                                      | 14   |                 | 14,015        |                | -             |
| Unrestricted funds - general                          | 14   |                 | 40,312        |                | 74,936        |
| <b>Total charity funds</b>                            |      |                 | <b>54,327</b> |                | <b>74,936</b> |

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 28 October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



[Simon Guild \(Oct 29, 2025 13:32:56 GMT+1\)](#)

S Guild - Trustee



[William de Winton \(Oct 29, 2025 11:45:44 GMT\)](#)

William de Winton - Trustee

**1 Accounting policies**

**Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The British Pilgrimage Trust is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) registered in England and Wales.

The address of the principal office is given in the charity information on page 10 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are to re-establish and refresh the practice of Britain's distinctive pilgrimage tradition.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

**Income**

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

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

**1 Accounting policies (continued)**

**Expenditure**

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

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which the expenditure arose.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

|                       |                              |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Fixtures and fittings | 15% on a straight line basis |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|

**Stocks**

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

**Taxation**

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

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

**1 Accounting policies (continued)****Cash**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**Debtors**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

**Financial instruments**

The charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. Trade debtors, trade creditors and accruals are held at amortised cost as detailed in notes 10 and 11. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Cash is measured at face value.

**Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

**2 Income from donations and legacies**

|                           | <b>2024</b>         | <b>2024</b>       | <b>2024</b>   | <b>2023</b>   |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                           | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>  |               |
|                           | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>      | <b>£</b>      |
| Donations and gifts       | <b>40,974</b>       | -                 | <b>40,974</b> | 41,754        |
| Gift aid                  | <b>3,228</b>        | -                 | <b>3,228</b>  | 7,039         |
|                           | <b>44,202</b>       | -                 | <b>44,202</b> | 48,792        |
| <i>For the year ended</i> |                     |                   |               |               |
| <i>31 December 2023</i>   | <b>47,145</b>       | -                 |               | <b>47,145</b> |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)  
for the year ended 31 December 2024

|                                                      |                     |                   |                |                |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>3 Income from investments</b>                     |                     |                   |                |                |
|                                                      | <b>2024</b>         | <b>2024</b>       | <b>2024</b>    | <b>2023</b>    |
|                                                      | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>   |                |
|                                                      | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| Deposit account interest                             | 2,551               | -                 | 2,551          | 2,264          |
|                                                      | <u>2,551</u>        | <u>-</u>          | <u>2,551</u>   | <u>2,264</u>   |
| <i>For the year ended</i>                            |                     |                   |                |                |
| <i>31 December 2023</i>                              | <u>2,264</u>        | <u>-</u>          |                | <u>2,264</u>   |
| <b>4 Income from charitable activities</b>           |                     |                   |                |                |
|                                                      | <b>2024</b>         | <b>2024</b>       | <b>2024</b>    | <b>2023</b>    |
|                                                      | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>   |                |
|                                                      | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| <b>TO ADVANCE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE</b>                 |                     |                   |                |                |
| Book Sales                                           | 17,229              | -                 | 17,229         | 18,347         |
| Pilgrimages                                          | 102,261             | -                 | 102,261        | 29,398         |
| Vivobarefoot                                         | 10,000              | -                 | 10,000         | -              |
| Ancient Connections                                  | -                   | -                 | -              | 44,754         |
| CHK Foundation                                       | 10,000              | -                 | 10,000         | 10,000         |
| Tedworth Charitable                                  | -                   | 15,000            | 15,000         | 15,000         |
| Foundation Salvia                                    | -                   | 25,000            | 25,000         | -              |
| Charity Film Screening                               | 5,995               | -                 | 5,995          | 3,289          |
| Symposium                                            | 5,773               | -                 | 5,773          | -              |
|                                                      | <u>151,258</u>      | <u>40,000</u>     | <u>191,258</u> | <u>120,789</u> |
| <i>For the year ended</i>                            |                     |                   |                |                |
| <i>31 December 2023</i>                              | <u>95,789</u>       | <u>25,000</u>     |                | <u>120,789</u> |
| <b>5 Analysis of expenditure on generating funds</b> |                     |                   |                |                |
|                                                      | <b>2024</b>         | <b>2024</b>       | <b>2024</b>    | <b>2023</b>    |
|                                                      | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>   |                |
|                                                      | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| <b>TO ADVANCE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE</b>                 |                     |                   |                |                |
| Fundraising                                          | 1,609               | -                 | 1,609          | 49             |
| Advertising & publicity                              | 16,396              | 300               | 16,696         | 19,983         |
| Digital Project                                      | 6,735               | -                 | 6,735          | 32,045         |
|                                                      | <u>24,740</u>       | <u>300</u>        | <u>25,040</u>  | <u>52,077</u>  |
| <i>For the year ended</i>                            |                     |                   |                |                |
| <i>31 December 2023</i>                              | <u>20,032</u>       | <u>32,045</u>     |                | <u>52,077</u>  |

**6 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities**

|                                                | 2024<br>Unrestricted<br>£ | 2024<br>Restricted<br>£ | 2024<br>TOTAL<br>£ | 2023<br>£      |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| <b>TO ADVANCE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE</b>           |                           |                         |                    |                |
| Book Costs                                     | 20,627                    | -                       | 20,627             | 997            |
| Pilgrimages                                    | 90,343                    | -                       | 90,343             | 6,502          |
| Ancient Connections                            | 18                        | -                       | 18                 | 36,322         |
| CCPR                                           | -                         | -                       | -                  | 4,524          |
| Support Costs                                  | 101,062                   | 25,685                  | 126,747            | 108,483        |
| Governance Costs                               | 820                       | -                       | 820                | 800            |
|                                                | <u>212,870</u>            | <u>25,685</u>           | <u>238,555</u>     | <u>157,628</u> |
| <i>For the year ended<br/>31 December 2023</i> | <u>153,104</u>            | <u>4,524</u>            |                    | <u>157,628</u> |

**Analysis of expenditure by expenditure type**

|                                                | 2024<br>Unrestricted<br>£ | 2024<br>Restricted<br>£ | 2024<br>TOTAL<br>£ | 2023<br>£      |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Staff costs                                    | 7 82,755                  | 10,000                  | 92,755             | 105,615        |
| Freelance staff costs                          | -                         | -                       | -                  | 20,304         |
| Travel & expenses                              | 6,342                     | 564                     | 6,906              | 10,598         |
| Guided pilgrimages                             | 90,343                    | -                       | 90,343             | 6,502          |
| Website development                            | 6,968                     | 15,000                  | 21,968             | 6,622          |
| Insurance                                      | 1,472                     | -                       | 1,472              | 647            |
| Independent examiner fee                       | 820                       | -                       | 820                | 800            |
| Postage & stationery                           | 18                        | 121                     | 139                | 566            |
| Equipment                                      | 1,236                     | -                       | 1,236              | 1,705          |
| Software                                       | 537                       | -                       | 537                | 511            |
| Book sale fees                                 | 1,723                     | -                       | 1,723              | 1,835          |
| Movement in stock of books                     | (3,052)                   | -                       | (3,052)            | (838)          |
| Book printing costs                            | 21,956                    | -                       | 21,956             | -              |
| Bank charges                                   | 406                       | -                       | 406                | 601            |
| Currency gains/losses                          | (8)                       | -                       | (8)                | 134            |
| Depreciation                                   | 1,355                     | -                       | 1,355              | 2,027          |
|                                                | <u>212,870</u>            | <u>25,685</u>           | <u>238,555</u>     | <u>157,628</u> |
| <i>For the year ended<br/>31 December 2023</i> | <u>154,104</u>            | <u>4,524</u>            |                    | <u>158,628</u> |

**7 Staff Costs**

|                       | 2024<br>£     | 2023<br>£      |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Wages & salaries      | 87,400        | 99,130         |
| Social security costs | 3,295         | 4,182          |
| Other pension costs   | 2,060         | 2,303          |
|                       | <u>92,755</u> | <u>105,615</u> |

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

|                     |          |          |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| Charitable activity | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> |
|---------------------|----------|----------|

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

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the senior management personnel.

**8 Governance costs**

|                                    | 2024<br>£  | 2023<br>£  |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Independent examiners remuneration | 820        | 800        |
|                                    | <u>820</u> | <u>800</u> |

The independent examiners remuneration is for accounts preparation, independent examination and other work.

**9 Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

The Trustees had expenses reimbursed during the year totalling £Nil (2023: £Nil).

| 10 | Tangible fixed assets | Fixtures &<br>Fittings | Total  |
|----|-----------------------|------------------------|--------|
|    |                       | £                      | £      |
|    | <b>Cost</b>           |                        |        |
|    | At 1 January 2024     | 13,521                 | 13,521 |
|    | At 31 December 2024   | 13,521                 | 13,521 |
|    | <b>Depreciation</b>   |                        |        |
|    | At 1 January 2024     | 12,166                 | 12,166 |
|    | Charge for year       | 1,355                  | 1,355  |
|    | At 31 December 2024   | 13,521                 | 13,521 |
|    | <b>Net book value</b> |                        |        |
|    | At 31 December 2024   | -                      | -      |
|    | At 31 December 2023   | 1,355                  | 1,355  |
|    |                       |                        |        |
| 11 | Stocks                | 2024                   | 2023   |
|    |                       | £                      | £      |
|    | Books for sale        | 20,258                 | 17,205 |
|    |                       | 20,258                 | 17,205 |
|    |                       |                        |        |
| 12 | Debtors               | 2024                   | 2023   |
|    |                       | £                      | £      |
|    | Trade debtors         | 805                    | 1,110  |
|    | Other debtors         | 3,020                  | 6,228  |
|    | Gift aid receivable   | 1,387                  | 1,818  |
|    |                       | 5,212                  | 9,156  |

**13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

|                 | 2024<br>£     | 2023<br>£    |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Trade Creditors | 15,000        | 185          |
| Other creditors | 956           | 1,592        |
|                 | <u>15,956</u> | <u>1,777</u> |

**14 Fund reconciliation**

|                           | Balance at<br>1 Jan 2024<br>£ | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | Transfers<br>between<br>funds<br>£ | Balance at<br>31 Dec 2024<br>£ |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                               |                                  |                                    |                                |
| General fund              | 74,936                        | (34,624)                         | -                                  | 40,312                         |
|                           | <u>74,936</u>                 | <u>(34,624)</u>                  | <u>-</u>                           | <u>40,312</u>                  |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>   |                               |                                  |                                    |                                |
| Tedworth Charitable Trust | -                             | -                                | -                                  | -                              |
| Salvia Trust              | -                             | 14,015                           | -                                  | 14,015                         |
|                           | <u>-</u>                      | <u>14,015</u>                    | <u>-</u>                           | <u>14,015</u>                  |
| <b>Total funds</b>        | <u>74,936</u>                 | <u>(20,609)</u>                  | <u>-</u>                           | <u>54,327</u>                  |

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

|                           | Income<br>£    | Expenditure<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                |                  |                           |
| General fund              | 202,986        | (237,610)        | (34,624)                  |
|                           | <u>202,986</u> | <u>(237,610)</u> | <u>(34,624)</u>           |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>   |                |                  |                           |
| Tedworth Charitable Trust | 15,000         | (15,000)         | -                         |
| Salvia Trust              | 25,000         | (10,985)         | 14,015                    |
|                           | <u>40,000</u>  | <u>(25,985)</u>  | <u>14,015</u>             |
| <b>Total funds</b>        | <u>242,986</u> | <u>(263,595)</u> | <u>(20,609)</u>           |

The Tedworth Charitable Trust fund is a grant towards the development of the website.

The Salvia Trust fund is a grant towards a three year project providing training and resources to bring pilgrimage to schools.

**14 Fund reconciliation - prior year**

|                           | Balance at<br>1 Jan 2023<br>£ | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | Transfers<br>between<br>funds<br>£ | Balance at<br>31 Dec 2023<br>£ |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                               |                                  |                                    |                                |
| General fund              | 105,610                       | (23,629)                         | (7,045)                            | 74,936                         |
|                           | <u>105,610</u>                | <u>(23,629)</u>                  | <u>(7,045)</u>                     | <u>74,936</u>                  |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>   |                               |                                  |                                    |                                |
| CCPR                      | 4,524                         | (4,524)                          | -                                  | -                              |
| CHK Foundation            | -                             | -                                | -                                  | -                              |
| Tedworth Charitable Trust | -                             | (7,045)                          | 7,045                              | -                              |
|                           | <u>4,524</u>                  | <u>(11,569)</u>                  | <u>7,045</u>                       | <u>-</u>                       |
| <b>Total funds</b>        | <u>110,134</u>                | <u>(35,198)</u>                  | <u>-</u>                           | <u>74,936</u>                  |

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

|                           | Income<br>£    | Expenditure<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                |                  |                           |
| General fund              | 149,507        | (173,136)        | (23,629)                  |
|                           | <u>149,507</u> | <u>(173,136)</u> | <u>(23,629)</u>           |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>   |                |                  |                           |
| CCPR                      | -              | (4,524)          | (4,524)                   |
| CHK Foundation            | 10,000         | (10,000)         | -                         |
| Tedworth Charitable Trust | 15,000         | (22,045)         | (7,045)                   |
|                           | <u>25,000</u>  | <u>(36,569)</u>  | <u>(11,569)</u>           |
| <b>Total funds</b>        | <u>174,507</u> | <u>(209,705)</u> | <u>(35,198)</u>           |

**15 Analysis of net assets**

|                                  | 2024<br>Unrestricted<br>£ | 2024<br>Restricted<br>£ | 2024<br>TOTAL<br>£ |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Fixed assets                     | -                         | -                       | -                  |
| Cash and current investments     | 19,881                    | 24,932                  | 44,813             |
| Other current assets/liabilities | 9,514                     | -                       | 9,514              |
|                                  | <u>29,395</u>             | <u>24,932</u>           | <u>54,327</u>      |

**16 Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions during the period (2023: £nil).

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# Accounts

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**Charity Number: 1176045**

**THE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST CIO**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Mission and aims

The British Pilgrimage Trust (BPT) is dedicated to reviving the ancient practice of pilgrimage in Britain, making it accessible and relevant to people of all beliefs and backgrounds. Over the past year, our efforts have catalysed a significant increase in interest and participation in British pilgrimage, with our free resources and guided routes enabling thousands to reconnect with nature, their communities, and themselves. This annual report highlights our key achievements, the impact of our work on individuals and communities, and outlines our future goals.

### Our 2023 in numbers:

- **700,000** website visits and **300,000** unique visitors, reflecting growing interest in British pilgrimage.
- **20,000** total e-newsletter signups, expanding our community of engaged followers.
- **28 new routes** added to our website, bringing our total offerings to over 100.
- **9 new sanctuaries** added to our directory, providing low-cost accommodation.
- **27 partnerships** created, enhancing our reach and community engagement.
- **15,000 copies** of "Britain's Pilgrim Places" have now been sold, spreading knowledge about pilgrimage.
- **36 guided pilgrimage events** delivered, fostering on-the-ground engagement.
- **540 Friends of the British Pilgrimage Trust**, supporting our ongoing work.

### Projects & Developments:

We successfully delivered a cross-border pilgrimage route project, the *Wexford-Pembrokeshire Pilgrim Way*, working with Pembrokeshire and Wexford's county councils and national park authorities. The project was delivered to quality, cost and time parameters and the route has now been handed over for management by the relevant local communities.

We delivered thirty-six guided pilgrimages including project and festival pilgrimages, generating much needed funds for our charitable work. Private bookings were delivered for the Bank of England, Progressive Pilgrimage (USA) (and next year, RAW travel (AUS)).

We created and produced a series of passport stamps, one for each section along the Old Way. These are now being distributed to enable pilgrims to mark their progress and achievement.

We signed up several Route Champions to act as local representatives at a number of locations including cathedrals at Canterbury, St Davids, Rochester, Southwark, Hereford, Chichester, St Edmundsbury and Bradford. Other non-Cathedral Champions include Devon Pilgrim, Kent Downs AONB, High Weald AONB, Dover District Council, Canterbury City Council, the Bishop of Wrexham, and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Sussex.

We promoted Cathedral Cycle Champions events with Carlisle, Newcastle, Durham, Portsmouth, Peterborough, Rochester, Bradford, and Southwark Cathedrals.

We now plan to set up a communication platform for networking these champions and volunteers, and to work with our professional researcher with a grant from British Academy/Leverhulme in order to explore data gathering opportunities amongst the pilgrimage network in Britain. This will provide us with some means of establishing how many people undertake pilgrimage in Britain on the ground, a question we are often asked but which is currently impossible to answer without commitment from pilgrimage destinations.

## OUR IMPACT IN 2023:

### Revitalising Pilgrimage in Britain by...

- **Expanding Access and Awareness:**

We provide free routes and information through our website, allowing anyone interested in British pilgrimage to easily access resources and plan their journeys. This year, 65% of users who downloaded routes were new to pilgrimage, showing that our efforts are successfully attracting fresh audiences. Our commitment to revitalising British pilgrimage is further supported by high-profile media engagement, including our contribution to the BBC series *Pilgrimage: The Road through North Wales*, which led to a spike of over 50,000 new user interactions on our website during the series' airing.

- **Reaching New Audiences:**

Our broader outreach and strategic partnerships resulted in over 164,000 new users visiting our website in the past eight months, primarily through organic searches for British pilgrimage. This reflects a growing national interest, with our recent YouGov survey indicating that 5.5% of people have undertaken a pilgrimage in Britain, and 19% are considering it. These findings underscore the relevance of pilgrimage today and our pivotal role in its resurgence. Nearly 8 million people aged 18-64 want to undertake pilgrimage in Britain.

- **Grassroots Engagement:**

We empower communities to create their own pilgrimage routes, encouraging a grassroots revival of this ancient practice; we added 28 new routes this year, many of which were directly initiated by locals. Local initiatives and user-generated routes expand our reach and diversify the experiences available, ensuring that pilgrimage remains a dynamic and evolving tradition.

*"Pilgrimage is a reminder that life is a journey with a destination, not just an accumulation of time."* — Pilgrim Testimonial

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**Making Pilgrimage Accessible to Everyone by...**

- **Inclusive Pilgrimage Experiences:**

BPT is committed to making pilgrimage accessible to people of all abilities, ages, and backgrounds. This year we have ensured that our routes cater to a wide range of needs, from shorter, manageable distances for those with limited time or mobility to more extensive journeys for experienced walkers. We provide clear guidance and detailed route information to ensure that all participants can find a pilgrimage experience that suits them.

- **Addressing Safety and Accessibility Concerns:**

Through ongoing research, including user feedback, we identified specific needs, such as the safety concerns expressed by women. In response, we developed comprehensive safety guidelines available on our website, helping to make pilgrimage a safer and more inclusive activity for everyone.

*"I'm autistic and need to plan ahead rather than join a walking group." — Pilgrim Testimonial*

- **Enhanced Access to Routes:**

This year, we expanded our route offerings, adding new paths across the UK to ensure greater geographic coverage. By tailoring our routes to be more accessible, we allow individuals to integrate pilgrimage into their lives more easily, whether they are seeking a spiritual journey, a personal challenge, or a quiet escape.

*"I walked the Camino eight years ago, and this [BPT route] gives me a similar experience on a smaller scale—making it more achievable for me." — Pilgrim Testimonial*

**Improving Wellbeing: Providing A Path to Health and Healing by...**

- **Addressing Wellbeing Deficits:**

Pilgrimage offers a holistic approach to wellbeing, engaging the body, mind, and spirit in a harmonious journey. We surveyed pilgrims to understand deficits in their spiritual, emotional, and physical health. Nearly 47% of respondents reported a lack of spiritual fulfillment, while about 40% noted physical and emotional health challenges.

*"I love the peace and tranquillity of the walk, meeting occasional pilgrims and locals along the way, sharing experiences, advice and warm wishes. The mindfulness it helps me achieve I don't experience anywhere else in my life."*

*"Everything is stripped back. All the stresses of day to day life are washed away." — Pilgrim Testimonials*

- **Promoting Mental Health:**

Many pilgrims report that walking our routes helps them manage the stress and demands of modern life. The simplicity of walking, combined with the restorative power of nature, offers a unique form of healing that is accessible, affordable, complementary to other forms of therapy, and deeply resonant.

*"The St Winefride's pilgrimage, and bathing in the well of St Winefride, was a wonderful, healing experience for me."*

*"When I walk I think about my future and past, how to make the biggest difference in the world, what path I should be treading." — Pilgrim Testimonials*

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**Providing Public Benefit: Strengthening Communities and Educating Generations by...**

- **Building Social Connections:**

Pilgrimage naturally brings people together, fostering new friendships and strengthening community bonds. Our survey revealed that many participants are seeking a greater sense of belonging and community, with 44% expressing a desire for deeper social connections.

- **Educational Impact:**

Our routes have been used as educational tools in schools and universities, inspiring creative projects and academic research. Over 20% of users downloaded our routes for learning and research purposes, highlighting the broader cultural and educational value of our work.

- **Supporting Carers and Volunteers:**

Our mission helps people do good work - whether that's within families, communities or society. A tangible portion of our pilgrims work or volunteer in caring roles or professions, such as healthcare, social care, and chaplaincy. These individuals use pilgrimage to recharge and regain the energy needed to continue their vital work in supporting others.

*"Taking time to reflect and be in the present refills my inner 'tank of resources', helping my own and other people's mental health. ..."*

*"Walking pilgrimage helps me think about how present I am and available to others, to their concerns."* Pilgrim Testimonials

- **Encouraging other charitable works:**

As a charity, our work creates ripple effects across the charity sector. People use our routes for fundraising activity for a range of different good causes. This year, our pilgrims have raised money for education, combating cancer, caring for local heritage, or supporting victims of war overseas.

- **Building and supporting communities:**

The Sanctuary scheme, which brings pilgrims through rural villages, enriches communities as well as pilgrims. Our Sanctuary hosts report that in 2023 the scheme fostered a sense of community and built positive community relationships in rural areas. Welcoming pilgrims has brought joy to these places, increasing residents' gratitude for their local area and heritage. Villagers have enjoyed sharing their history, their way of life, and even their food with the pilgrims that Sanctuary brings through their areas. We signed up nine new churches and village halls as sanctuaries in 2023.

*"Pilgrims coming to see us - young pilgrims coming to see us - has created massively good morale in the villages. People love their village and want to open it up for people and welcome them; [the Sanctuary scheme] has helped build community and link these villages together".* – Sanctuary Host Testimonial

#### FUNDRAISING:

**Big Give:** we participated in the 'Christmas Challenge', giving our individual donor community the opportunity to double their donations. We raised £12,046, a 50% increase on our 2022 performance.

**Guided Pilgrimages:** we guided pilgrimages in London (including special Coronation Pilgrimages on the Royal Route), Sussex, Somerset, Yorkshire, Herefordshire, Cornwall, Kent, Lancashire. Total charitable funds raised: £29.3K from Jan-Dec 23.

**Major donors:** we are very grateful to all our donors for their generous support over the year.

#### OUR PATH FORWARDS IN 2024:

We are a small team with 2 full-time and 1 part-time employees, but our ambition is big: we want to normalise pilgrimage in British culture and across the world. To achieve this, given our constraints, we must leverage digital technology as best we can. Hundreds of thousands of people per year reach our website, but it is now 9 years old, and website design and digital mapping has moved on so much since we first built it. So now our focus is on giving our website visitors the best experience we can, so they go from being interested to actually stepping out onto the footpath.

This year, one of our expert volunteers designed the full scoping deck for our new website (launching Spring 2024) and guided us through a competitive procedure to find a suitable agency. Vovi Studio were selected from a field of 15 agencies, and the contract was signed in October.

We have also decided to start uploading our pilgrimage routes to external walking map apps rather than develop a separate BPT app. This is in order to leverage these apps' pre-existing audiences of millions of users, and to reduce the digital friction of getting pilgrims onto the footpath. We have hired someone to start this work of uploading our 250+ routes. Progress will be dependent on available funding.

We are developing the pilot for a specific bereavement pilgrimage and other new forms of guided events such as dream incubation and silent pilgrimages.

Our other exciting development is that we have secured funding to develop a programme for introducing pilgrimage into Holistic Education. We will achieve this through collaboration with teachers, priests and chaplains in schools, and by working with adult volunteers who will educate those outside of the school system by becoming route developers, guides and speakers/ambassadors. Schools in Britain have legal obligations which require them to promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and of society, and pilgrimage is well placed to support that.

The Trustees of the BPT are grateful to everyone who has donated to us, and volunteered for us, as well as those who use our services and inspire us to keep on going, as we cannot achieve any of this without you.

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## **FINANCIAL REVIEW:**

### **Financial position**

We made a net loss for the year of £35,198 (2022 net profit - £1,030). This is accounted for by a 60% reduction in Ancient Connections income following successful delivery of the project. This was in our forecast for 2023. We have also seen a fourfold increase in digital and marketing expenditure, again planned, and which reflects a key objective of expanding the footprint of the British Pilgrimage Trust. Our unrestricted reserves on 31 December 2022 were £74,936 (2022 - £105,610) and restricted reserves were £nil (2022 - £4,524).

### **Reserves policy**

In 2023 the Board of Trustees reviewed our reserves policy in the light of the ongoing cost of living crisis. The free reserves fund was amended to a minimum of 4 months of essential expenditure and will rise again in 2024 to six months.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing Document**

The British Pilgrimage Trust is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is governed by its Constitution.

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are recruited and appointed in accordance with the terms of the Constitution. Apart from the first trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment, the trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

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S Guild                      - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

*for the year ended 31 December 2023*

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no 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.

Signed:

Dated:

Guy Baragwanath FCA

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**THE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST (CIO)**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (incorporating the income and expenditure account)  
for the year ended 31 December 2023

|                                        |             | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>2023<br/>£</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>funds<br/>2023<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2023<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2022<br/>£</b> |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                        | <b>Note</b> |                                              |                                            |                                       |                                       |
| <b>Income and endowments from:</b>     |             |                                              |                                            |                                       |                                       |
| Donations and legacies                 | 2           | <b>48,792</b>                                | -                                          | <b>48,792</b>                         | 47,145                                |
| Investment Income                      | 3           | <b>2,264</b>                                 | -                                          | <b>2,264</b>                          | 72                                    |
| Charitable activities                  | 4           | <b>95,789</b>                                | <b>25,000</b>                              | <b>120,789</b>                        | 160,748                               |
| Other Income                           |             | <b>2,662</b>                                 | -                                          | <b>2,662</b>                          | 350                                   |
| <b>Total income and endowments</b>     |             | <b>149,507</b>                               | <b>25,000</b>                              | <b>174,507</b>                        | 208,315                               |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                 |             |                                              |                                            |                                       |                                       |
| Generating Funds                       | 5           | <b>20,032</b>                                | <b>32,045</b>                              | <b>52,077</b>                         | 12,073                                |
| Charitable activities                  | 6           | <b>153,104</b>                               | <b>4,524</b>                               | <b>157,628</b>                        | 195,212                               |
| Other Expenditure                      |             | -                                            | -                                          | -                                     | -                                     |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>               |             | <b>173,136</b>                               | <b>36,569</b>                              | <b>209,705</b>                        | 207,285                               |
| Net Income/(expenditure)               |             | <b>(23,629)</b>                              | <b>(11,569)</b>                            | <b>(35,198)</b>                       | 1,030                                 |
| Transfer between funds                 |             | <b>(7,045)</b>                               | <b>7,045</b>                               | -                                     | -                                     |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>           |             | <b>(30,674)</b>                              | <b>(4,524)</b>                             | <b>(35,198)</b>                       | 1,030                                 |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>        |             |                                              |                                            |                                       |                                       |
| Total funds at 1 January 2023          | 14          | <b>105,610</b>                               | <b>4,524</b>                               | <b>110,134</b>                        | 109,104                               |
| <b>Total funds at 31 December 2023</b> | 14          | <b>74,936</b>                                | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>74,936</b>                         | 110,134                               |

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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

**THE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST (CIO)**

REGISTERED NUMBER: 1176045

**BALANCE SHEET***as at 31 December 2023*

|                                                       | Note | £              | 2023<br>£     | £        | 2022<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------|---------------|----------|-----------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                                   |      |                |               |          |           |
| Tangible assets                                       | 10   |                | <b>1,355</b>  |          | 3,382     |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |      |                |               |          |           |
| Stocks                                                | 11   | <b>17,205</b>  |               | 16,367   |           |
| Debtors                                               | 12   | <b>9,156</b>   |               | 1,316    |           |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |      | <b>48,997</b>  |               | 103,233  |           |
|                                                       |      |                | <b>75,358</b> | 120,916  |           |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> | 13   | <b>(1,777)</b> |               | (14,164) |           |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |      |                | <b>73,581</b> |          | 106,752   |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                     |      |                | <b>74,936</b> |          | 110,134   |
| <b>Charity funds</b>                                  |      |                |               |          |           |
| Restricted funds                                      | 14   |                | <b>0</b>      |          | 4,524     |
| Unrestricted funds - general                          | 14   |                | <b>74,936</b> |          | 105,610   |
| <b>Total charity funds</b>                            |      |                | <b>74,936</b> |          | 110,134   |

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

S Guild - Trustee

William de Winton - Trustee

**1 Accounting policies**

**Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The British Pilgrimage Trust is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) registered in England and Wales.

The address of the principal office is given in the charity information on page 10 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are to re-establish and refresh the practice of Britain's distinctive pilgrimage tradition.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

**Income**

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

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

**1 Accounting policies (continued)**

**Expenditure**

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

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which the expenditure arose.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

|                       |                              |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Fixtures and fittings | 15% on a straight line basis |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|

**Stocks**

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

**Taxation**

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

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

**1 Accounting policies (continued)****Cash**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**Debtors**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

**Financial instruments**

The charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. Trade debtors, trade creditors and accruals are held at amortised cost as detailed in notes 10 and 11. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Cash is measured at face value.

**Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

**2 Income from donations and legacies**

|                           | <b>2023</b>         | <b>2023</b>       | <b>2023</b>   | <b>2022</b>   |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                           | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>  |               |
|                           | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>      | <b>£</b>      |
| Donations and gifts       | <b>41,754</b>       | -                 | <b>41,754</b> | 46,694        |
| Gift aid                  | <b>7,039</b>        | -                 | <b>7,039</b>  | 451           |
|                           | <b>48,792</b>       | -                 | <b>48,792</b> | 47,145        |
| <i>For the year ended</i> |                     |                   |               |               |
| <i>31 December 2022</i>   | <b>47,145</b>       | -                 |               | <b>47,145</b> |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)  
for the year ended 31 December 2023

|                                                      |                     |                   |                |             |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|
| <b>3 Income from investments</b>                     |                     |                   |                |             |
|                                                      | <b>2023</b>         | <b>2023</b>       | <b>2023</b>    | <b>2022</b> |
|                                                      | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>   |             |
|                                                      | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>    |
| Deposit account interest                             | <b>2,264</b>        | -                 | <b>2,264</b>   | 72          |
|                                                      | <b>2,264</b>        | -                 | <b>2,264</b>   | 72          |
| <i>For the year ended</i>                            |                     |                   |                |             |
| <i>31 December 2022</i>                              | 72                  | -                 |                | 72          |
| <b>4 Income from charitable activities</b>           |                     |                   |                |             |
|                                                      | <b>2023</b>         | <b>2023</b>       | <b>2023</b>    | <b>2022</b> |
|                                                      | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>   |             |
|                                                      | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>    |
| <b>TO ADVANCE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE</b>                 |                     |                   |                |             |
| Book Sales                                           | <b>18,347</b>       | -                 | <b>18,347</b>  | 20,435      |
| Pilgrimages                                          | <b>29,398</b>       | -                 | <b>29,398</b>  | 27,190      |
| Ancient Connections                                  | <b>44,754</b>       | -                 | <b>44,754</b>  | 106,868     |
| CHK Foundation                                       | -                   | <b>10,000</b>     | <b>10,000</b>  | -           |
| Tedworth Charitable                                  | -                   | <b>15,000</b>     | <b>15,000</b>  | -           |
| Charity Film Screening                               | <b>3,289</b>        | -                 | <b>3,289</b>   | -           |
| CCPR                                                 | -                   | -                 | -              | 6,255       |
|                                                      | <b>95,789</b>       | <b>25,000</b>     | <b>120,789</b> | 160,748     |
| <i>For the year ended</i>                            |                     |                   |                |             |
| <i>31 December 2022</i>                              | 154,493             | 6,255             |                | 160,748     |
| <b>5 Analysis of expenditure on generating funds</b> |                     |                   |                |             |
|                                                      | <b>2023</b>         | <b>2023</b>       | <b>2023</b>    | <b>2022</b> |
|                                                      | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>   |             |
|                                                      | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>    |
| <b>TO ADVANCE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE</b>                 |                     |                   |                |             |
| Fundraising                                          | <b>49</b>           |                   | <b>49</b>      | 6,319       |
| Advertising & publicity                              | <b>19,983</b>       | -                 | <b>19,983</b>  | 5,754       |
| Digital Project                                      | -                   | <b>32,045</b>     | <b>32,045</b>  | -           |
|                                                      | <b>20,032</b>       | <b>32,045</b>     | <b>52,077</b>  | 12,073      |
| <i>For the year ended</i>                            |                     |                   |                |             |
| <i>31 December 2022</i>                              | 12,073              | -                 |                | 12,073      |

**6 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities**

|                                                | 2023<br>Unrestricted<br>£ | 2023<br>Restricted<br>£ | 2023<br>TOTAL<br>£ | 2022<br>£      |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| <b>TO ADVANCE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE</b>           |                           |                         |                    |                |
| Book Costs                                     | 997                       | -                       | 997                | 32,094         |
| Pilgrimages                                    | 6,502                     | -                       | 6,502              | 8,399          |
| Ancient Connections                            | 36,322                    | -                       | 36,322             | 71,771         |
| CCPR                                           | -                         | 4,524                   | 4,524              | 1,731          |
| Support Costs                                  | 108,483                   | -                       | 108,483            | 81,127         |
| Governance Costs                               | 800                       | -                       | 800                | 90             |
|                                                | <u>153,104</u>            | <u>4,524</u>            | <u>157,628</u>     | <u>195,212</u> |
| <i>For the year ended<br/>31 December 2022</i> | <u>193,481</u>            | <u>1,731</u>            |                    | <u>195,212</u> |

**Analysis of expenditure by expenditure type**

|                                                | 2023<br>Unrestricted<br>£ | 2023<br>Restricted<br>£ | 2023<br>TOTAL<br>£ | 2022<br>£      |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Staff costs                                    | 7 105,615                 | -                       | 105,615            | 107,675        |
| Freelance staff costs                          | 20,304                    | -                       | 20,304             | 26,019         |
| Travel & expenses                              | 7,323                     | 3,274                   | 10,598             | 12,898         |
| Guided pilgrimages                             | 6,502                     | -                       | 6,502              | 7,799          |
| Website development                            | 5,372                     | 1,250                   | 6,622              | 4,460          |
| Insurance                                      | 647                       | -                       | 647                | 1,096          |
| Independent examiner fee                       | 800                       | -                       | 800                | 90             |
| Postage & stationery                           | 566                       | -                       | 566                | -              |
| Equipment                                      | 1,705                     | -                       | 1,705              | 537            |
| Software                                       | 511                       | -                       | 511                | 334            |
| Book sale fees                                 | 1,835                     | -                       | 1,835              | 2,043          |
| Movement in stock of books                     | (838)                     | -                       | (838)              | 30,051         |
| Bank charges                                   | 601                       | -                       | 601                | 183            |
| Currency gains/losses                          | 134                       | -                       | 134                | -              |
| Depreciation                                   | 2,027                     | -                       | 2,027              | 2,027          |
|                                                | <u>153,104</u>            | <u>4,524</u>            | <u>157,628</u>     | <u>195,212</u> |
| <i>For the year ended<br/>31 December 2022</i> | <u>193,481</u>            | <u>1,731</u>            |                    | <u>195,212</u> |

**7 Staff Costs**

|                       | <b>2023</b>    | <b>2022</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|
|                       | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>    |
| Wages & salaries      | <b>99,130</b>  | 102,596     |
| Social security costs | <b>4,182</b>   | 3,124       |
| Other pension costs   | <b>2,303</b>   | 1,955       |
|                       | <b>105,615</b> | 107,675     |

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

|                     |          |   |
|---------------------|----------|---|
| Charitable activity | <b>4</b> | 5 |
|---------------------|----------|---|

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

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the senior management personnel.

**8 Governance costs**

|                                    | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                    | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Independent examiners remuneration | <b>800</b>  | 1,000       |
|                                    | <b>800</b>  | 1,000       |

The independent examiners remuneration is for accounts preparation, independent examination and other work.

**9 Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

The Trustees had expenses reimbursed during the year totalling £Nil (2022: £Nil).

| 10 | Tangible fixed assets | Fixtures &<br>Fittings<br>£ | Total<br>£    |
|----|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
|    | <b>Cost</b>           |                             |               |
|    | At 1 January 2023     | 13,521                      | 13,521        |
|    |                       | <u>13,521</u>               | <u>13,521</u> |
|    | <b>Depreciation</b>   |                             |               |
|    | At 1 January 2022     | 10,139                      | 10,139        |
|    | Charge for year       | 2,027                       | 2,027         |
|    |                       | <u>12,166</u>               | <u>12,166</u> |
|    | <b>Net book value</b> |                             |               |
|    | At 31 December 2023   | 1,355                       | 1,355         |
|    | At 31 December 2022   | <u>3,382</u>                | <u>3,382</u>  |
| 11 | Stocks                | 2023<br>£                   | 2022<br>£     |
|    | Books for sale        | 17,205                      | 16,367        |
|    |                       | <u>17,205</u>               | <u>16,367</u> |
| 12 | Debtors               | 2023<br>£                   | 2022<br>£     |
|    | Trade debtors         | 1,110                       | 815           |
|    | Other debtors         | 6,228                       | -             |
|    | Gift aid receivable   | 1,818                       | 501           |
|    |                       | <u>9,156</u>                | <u>1,316</u>  |

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2023

**13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

|                 | 2023<br>£    | 2022<br>£     |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Trade Creditors | 185          | 2,192         |
| Other creditors | 1,592        | 11,972        |
|                 | <u>1,777</u> | <u>14,164</u> |

**14 Fund reconciliation**

|                           | Balance at<br>1 Jan 2023<br>£ | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | Transfers<br>between<br>funds<br>£ | Balance at<br>31 Dec 2023<br>£ |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                               |                                  |                                    |                                |
| General fund              | 105,610                       | (23,629)                         | (7,045)                            | 74,936                         |
|                           | <u>105,610</u>                | <u>(23,629)</u>                  | <u>(7,045)</u>                     | <u>74,936</u>                  |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>   |                               |                                  |                                    |                                |
| CCPR                      | 4,524                         | (4,524)                          | -                                  | -                              |
| CHK Foundation            | -                             | -                                | -                                  | -                              |
| Tedworth Charitable Trust | -                             | (7,045)                          | 7,045                              | -                              |
|                           | <u>4,524</u>                  | <u>(11,569)</u>                  | <u>7,045</u>                       | <u>-</u>                       |
| <b>Total funds</b>        | <u>110,134</u>                | <u>(35,198)</u>                  | <u>-</u>                           | <u>74,936</u>                  |

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

|                           | Income<br>£    | Expenditure<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                |                  |                           |
| General fund              | 149,507        | (173,136)        | (23,629)                  |
|                           | <u>149,507</u> | <u>(173,136)</u> | <u>(23,629)</u>           |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>   |                |                  |                           |
| CCPR                      | -              | (4,524)          | (4,524)                   |
| CHK Foundation            | 10,000         | (10,000)         | -                         |
| Tedworth Charitable Trust | 15,000         | (22,045)         | (7,045)                   |
|                           | <u>25,000</u>  | <u>(36,569)</u>  | <u>(11,569)</u>           |
| <b>Total funds</b>        | <u>174,507</u> | <u>(209,705)</u> | <u>(35,198)</u>           |

The CCPR Fund is a grant from the Sisters of the Holy Cross Charitable Trust to develop Catholic Cathedral pilgrimage routes.

The CHK Foundation fund is a grant to help bring pilgrimage in Britain to a wider audience.

The Tedworth Charitable Trust fund is a grant towards the development of the website.

**14 Fund reconciliation - prior year**

|                           | Balance at<br>1 Jan 2022<br>£ | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | Transfers<br>between<br>funds<br>£ | Balance at<br>31 Dec 2022<br>£ |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                               |                                  |                                    |                                |
| General fund              | 109,104                       | (3,494)                          | -                                  | 105,610                        |
|                           | 109,104                       | (3,494)                          | -                                  | 105,610                        |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>   |                               |                                  |                                    |                                |
| CCPR                      | -                             | 4,524                            | -                                  | 4,524                          |
|                           | -                             | 4,524                            | -                                  | 4,524                          |
| <b>Total funds</b>        | <b>109,104</b>                | <b>1,030</b>                     | <b>-</b>                           | <b>110,134</b>                 |

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

|                           | Income<br>£    | Expenditure<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                |                  |                           |
| General fund              | 202,060        | (205,554)        | (3,494)                   |
|                           | 202,060        | (205,554)        | (3,494)                   |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>   |                |                  |                           |
| CCPR                      | 6,255          | (1,731)          | 4,524                     |
|                           | 6,255          | (1,731)          | 4,524                     |
| <b>Total funds</b>        | <b>208,315</b> | <b>(207,285)</b> | <b>1,030</b>              |

**15 Analysis of net assets**

|                                  | 2023<br>Unrestricted<br>£ | 2023<br>Restricted<br>£ | 2023<br>TOTAL<br>£ |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Fixed assets                     | 1,355                     | -                       | 1,355              |
| Cash and current investments     | 48,997                    | -                       | 48,997             |
| Other current assets/liabilities | 24,584                    | -                       | 24,584             |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>74,936</b>             | <b>-</b>                | <b>74,936</b>      |

**16 Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions during the period (2022: £nil).

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# Accounts

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**Charity Number: 1176045**

**THE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST CIO**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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## **The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Mission and aims:**

The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO (The BPT) aims to promote pilgrimage in Britain by helping to develop and publicise new and old paths as well as the practice of pilgrimage itself by making it open to all.

The surge in public interest in pilgrimage in recent years gives us an exceptional opportunity to build on this momentum and to encourage more people to discover the benefits of pilgrimage.

We are now at a pivotal point where we need to invest in our physical and digital presence. We will increase our **Physical** presence on the ground through partnering with local organisations and communities to ensure people have opportunities to practice pilgrimage, whoever and wherever they are. Regarding **Digital**, we will give more pilgrims – at no cost to them – the tools they need to make pilgrimage by providing practical tips, access to hundreds of routes and inspiration.

We: provide free access to a pilgrim [route network](#) that currently has over 250 routes across Britain with maps, photos and info; and a Britain-wide [Sanctuary](#) low-cost pilgrim hostel accommodation network;

provide online guides to introduce concepts, logistics and practices to help you make your own pilgrimage;

publish our book [Britain's Pilgrim Places](#) (600 places and 100 routes), and promote other guidebooks;

[communicate](#) the way pilgrimage answers modern needs;

form an [online community](#) of pilgrims and [BPT Friends](#), and also work with local communities on the ground.

##### **Significant activities:**

In 2022 we have been developing our long-term strategy. We have probed how the BPT can add most value to the wonderful pilgrimage work which is now springing up 'grass-roots-style' in many parts of Britain. As a result, we are now focussed on becoming the best platform to promote pilgrimage in Britain, in all its forms.

We have focused in recent years on a hybrid model of being a general promoter of pilgrim routes all over Britain, whilst also establishing specific local routes such as the Old Way from Southampton to Canterbury, and the Wexford-Pembrokeshire Pilgrim Way. We will continue to facilitate the creation of new routes but will shift focus towards improving our overall digital presence.

2022's developments have reflected this new thinking, which is that our objective is to get people out of their homes and onto pilgrim paths so they can be transformed by the pilgrimage experience. Therefore, we aim to:

**Inspire:** redefine pilgrimage to make it appeal to everyone and communicate the benefits to everyone. **Activity:** Redesign website, conduct research on mental and physical health

benefits and monitor pilgrim activity on the ground.

**Inform:** plug people into the world of pilgrimage and show them routes. *Activity:* Build online guides & continue printing our *Britain's Pilgrim Places* book. We pledged in November 2022 to make resources available for free to encourage as many people as possible to make pilgrimage. To this end, we removed the paid subscription barrier to the Old Way Online Guide and the Sanctuary Network.

(We also pledged in November 2022 to make resources available for free to encourage as many people as possible to make pilgrimage, as that is our main goal moving forward. To this end, we removed the paid subscription barrier to the Old Way Online Guide and Sanctuary Network. This will require us to raise funds from other sources.)

**Plan a pilgrimage:** show accommodation, travel logistics and connect to a community.

*Activity:* Grow Sanctuary network offering pilgrims low-cost community-run accommodation in churches, church, and village halls & and partnering with Independent Hostels and Youth Hostel Association.

(From a mass participation perspective, the lack of low-cost walking accommodation across Britain will hold many back from setting out on a path.)

**Make pilgrimage:** create navigation & location-specific content, show guiding options and deliver a passport. *Activity:* upload our routes to smartphone walking apps & invest in the Route Champions network, i.e., regional teams of active pilgrimage promoters, affiliated with the BPT to build pilgrimage participation in their region.

(We also continued to develop a volunteer training programme for those who want to lead guided pilgrimage events around Britain. This is for guides 'under our banner' who learn our methods of leading these events, whilst allowing for freedom of each guide's individual expression. In 2022, several guides led successful pilgrimages as part of our events schedule.)

## **PROJECTS & DEVELOPMENTS in 2022:**

### **Wexford–Pembrokeshire Pilgrim Way**

We completed the design of the route, led a group of artists and musicians along the whole route for the 'Creative Camino', launched the website, hosted, and led various guided pilgrimage and local community events (100+ pilgrims have walked with us), and have created an online guidebook & audio guide. In 2023, we will launch the pilgrim passport, an accommodation accreditation scheme, hold an academic/business/policy conference in Ireland, and help create two new legal entities in Wales and Ireland. The project ends in July 2023.

### **Old Way**

The Online Guide was completely overhauled. Nature content was added earlier in the year, to ensure we are inclusive of those seeking to connect with the land. In the autumn, we restructured the guide, converting thirty-eight sections to fourteen stages, returning to the Gough Map waypoints as guidance and supplying itineraries of various daily distances to accommodate the measured and swift-paced alike. The result is much more mobile-friendly, easier to access logistic information on the move and adaptable to the needs of both planning and spontaneous pilgrims.

The guide is now free to access (formerly it was £10) which should enable even more pilgrims to step out on the path.

We worked with a variety of partners to expand our programme of guided pilgrimages and events. We joined Kent Downs AONB, Hope Walking and Airbnb to deliver a programme of winter half-day pilgrimage experiences, and trialled a sell-out run of silent pilgrimages. We also supported the Kent Pilgrims Festival with some facilitated journeys with bespoke downloadable guides (resulting in 100 new Old Way pilgrims) and the Pilgrimage of the Chough, a two-day guided pilgrimage which brought together the strands of Becket's story, heritage and modern wildlife conservation to inspire a journey of transformation, and collaboration continues with Canterbury Cathedral to monitor pilgrims.

An estimated six to seven hundred pilgrims walked the Old Way this year.

Looking forward, with a new route structure in place, we are rolling out QR coded wayfinding posters along the route in lieu of waymarking, a pilgrim passport and guided pilgrimages including Sanctuary stays.

### **National Sanctuary Network & Pilgrim Accommodation**

After much interest in the Sanctuary scheme from route organisers, accommodation providers and pilgrims planning to walk a variety of routes, we seized the opportunity to roll out the Old Way model on a national basis, presented with a new website feature that displays an Airbnb-like set of listings.

We have added a further three routes to the scheme as well as Old Way (12 sanctuaries): the Cornish Celtic Way (22), the Golden Valley (Herefordshire; nine, including the first Cathedral Sanctuary at Hereford Cathedral), and the Northern Saints Trail (to Durham; 5). Additionally, over eighty other potential locations have approached us for guidance regarding setting up their own Sanctuary, either from custodians themselves, parishioners seeking to engage their own church, or pilgrims wishing to encourage locations along their preferred routes. To meet this demand, we created our 'Sanctuary Starter Pack'.

We are delighted to have made Sanctuary open to all by extending access outside of Friends of BPT and Old Way subscribers free of charge this year. We look forward to cultivating Sanctuary across Britain next year and will be actively encouraging the provision of Sanctuary on several routes which rely on traditional tourist accommodation.

To further tackle the challenges of low-cost accommodation for pilgrims, we have also collaborated with other hostel providers to include low-cost accommodation information on our routes, with pilgrimage routes being added reciprocally to their collection of long-distance walking routes. Cross-links with low-cost hostels have been applied to fifty-four routes, as identified by Independent Hostels, also adding Youth Hostel Association (YHA), Scottish Hostels, Mountain Bothies and Hostel World. Other forms of accommodation will be added in due course.

### **Volunteer Programme**

- Volunteer guides raised £7.5k
- Training materials created and delivered.

We experimented with a range of volunteer roles this year, exploring how these opportunities could work on a remote basis. Our volunteer guides raised £7.5k to support our wider charitable work. It enabled us to expand our reach with guides volunteering from Cornwall to Cumbria. Pilgrims surveyed gave 4.5\* ratings (out of 5) for their experience.

We created a range of web-based written, podcast and video training materials along with a weekly approach that encouraged guides to get out on the path.

We are expanding the volunteer guide programme next year, fully supported with in-person training and at targeted locations where we can build teams to cater for regular, silent, and pedal pilgrimages. This will ensure we are reaching pilgrims in all parts of Britain, expanding our audience through variety and value for money.

### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE:**

- **'Britain's Pilgrim Places' Book** – 12,000 copies sold.
- **Community Size and Usage** – 20K Facebook followers, 11.5K Instagram followers, 10.2K Twitter followers, 14.7K e-newsletter subscribers. 510,000 website visits in 2022.
- **Emma Bridgewater promotion** – The pottery company launched a *Walk with Purpose* mug to promote British Pilgrimage Trust, promoted in April 2022.
- **'Pilgrimage Today' London Event** – In November we hosted a symposium, evensong, and party for 100+ people in St Bartholomew-the-Great Church, London. Speakers included Sir Simon Jenkins, Dame Fiona Reynolds, Dr Rupert Sheldrake, Peter Owen Jones, Gail Simmons, Dawn Champion (BPT), Christabel Reed (Advaya) and Guy Hayward (BPT).

### **CHARITABLE IMPACT:**

#### **Routes Directory**

These routes were added to our website:

- Gower Pilgrimage Way
- Cuckmere Pilgrim Path
- Oswestry to Pennant Melangell
- St Aldhelm's Way
- Rosslyn Chapel Way
- Friends Way 1
- Porlock Pilgrim's Trail
- Nidderdale Pilgrimage
- Yorkshire Heritage Way
- Golden Valley Pilgrim Way
- Archangel's Way, Devon
- Eden Way, Devon
- Wexford–Pembrokeshire Pilgrim Way

#### **Free Access to Resources Policy**

As above, access to our Sanctuary Network + Old Way Online Guide was made free to all our website visitors. From now on, we endeavour to make all our resources available for free where possible.

#### **Partnerships**

**Eglantyne Books** – we promoted their new book 'Chaucer's Pilgrims' and accompanying prints of the woodcuts.

**Pilgrim Ways for the Catholic Dioceses of England & Wales** – a three-year project to promote walking pilgrimage ways from each cathedral to one or more shrines in the same diocese, welcoming people of all faiths and none. More information can be found at [www.pilgrimways.org.uk](http://www.pilgrimways.org.uk)

### **Schools**

We continue to facilitate the introduction of pilgrimage programmes into schools that request our advice and guidance.

### **MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS:**

#### **Publicity**

- Comedian Ruby Wax featured in Sunday Times Magazine interview with Rev Richard Coles mentioning our London pilgrimage: *"I love seeing the real thing. When people tell you something that's earth-shatteringly interesting, that's my reason for living."*
- FT How to Spend It – Top 5 Walking Holidays
- Guardian on Old Way and Sanctuary
- BBC Radio 4 The Listening Project
- BBC launched Wexford–Pembrokeshire Pilgrim Way
- Country Life feature article by Dame Fiona Reynolds
- Various BBC Local Radio appearances
- Church Times article on our Sanctuary Network
- Tablet on Old Way's Kingley Vale Yews
- Discover Britain magazine
- Article in Danish newspaper 'Kristeligt Dagblad'
- Article in 'Mammut'
- The Conversation UK

#### **Public Talks**

Dr Guy Hayward has given multiple talks on pilgrimage to spread awareness of the charity's work. These included Pilgrimage Festivals in Glastonbury, Bury St Edmunds and Kent, the National Trust's 'Runnymede Conference', the Arundel Festival of Arts and the National Cathedrals Conference

### **FUNDRAISING:**

**Big Give** - we participated in the 'Christmas Challenge' for the first time, giving our individual donor community the opportunity to double their donations. We raised £8,500, exceeding our target of £8,000.

**Guided Pilgrimages** – we guided pilgrimages in London (Royal Route & Greenwich Songs), Sussex, Somerset, Yorkshire, Herefordshire, Cornwall, Kent, Lancashire.  
Total charitable funds raised: £21K from Jan-Dec 22.

**Friends of BPT** – we had 197 active friends in 2022. From now on, we will focus our individual giving efforts on our Friends programme, having decided to make the Old Way guide and other resources free to use.

**Major donors** – we are very grateful to all our donors for their generous support over the year.

## **OUR TEAM:**

### **Fond Farewells**

We said goodbye to our Chair Peter Gangsted, who has helped steer the charity since 2016, overcoming many challenges to become the nationally recognised pilgrimage innovator in Britain today. We thank Peter for his leadership and look forward to seeing him again as a pilgrim on our future events.

Sylvia Perrins also stepped down as a trustee. Sylvia has been a significant source of support, both in her role as the Finance specialist, but also as someone with a deep love for pilgrimage and a passion for ensuring everyone can experience its benefits. We would like to thank her for everything she has done and wish her well with her future projects.

### **Warm Welcomes**

We were delighted to appoint our new Chair, Simon Guild, and new trustee, William de Winton, to the Board.

Simon has 15 years' experience as a non-executive director helping founders build online businesses. He has been a trustee of Blood Cancer UK for 8 years and a fellow of the RSA for 20 years and was previously CEO of MTV Networks Europe.

William has been a valued supporter of the BPT for many years. He spent much of his career following the financial sector. He sits on several charity boards and is a founding Trustee of Unlocking Potential. He is also a founding Trustee of the SpringBoard Bursary Foundation which is the UK's largest boarding school bursary charity.

## **LOOKING FORWARD:**

### **[britishpilgrimage.org](http://britishpilgrimage.org)**

We will be significantly redesigning our online presence to help fulfil our mission of being the best promotional platform for pilgrimage in the UK. By creating a much better user experience through our website, we will attract pilgrims and encourage them to walk a pilgrimage by removing technological barriers to smartphone navigation. We will improve the community functions of the website to facilitate greater contribution from pilgrims who want to share and talk about their journeys with the wider world.

### **Route Champions**

We are establishing a network of volunteers and local stakeholders to champion local routes, working with destinations such as cathedrals, shrines, and landmarks to enable pilgrimage in their area to flourish.

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The initial focus will be cathedrals, consisting of establishing local champion and pilgrimage event guides, delivering guided, silent, and cycling pilgrimages, and working initially with cathedral teams to promote pilgrimage through their networks.

### **Guided Pilgrimages**

We will build a programme of guided pilgrimages across the country, delivering volunteer-led experiences including Silent and Pedal Pilgrimages alongside our usual offering. We are working with an initial ten routes and hope to expand from there.

### **National Sanctuary Network**

After a great start this year, we will continue to build the network, improve our guidance, and support more locations to offer low-cost Sanctuary accommodation on more routes.

### **Between the Chalk and the Sea**

We will be celebrating the publishing of Gail Simmons' new book about the Old Way, *Between the Chalk and the Sea*. It explores pilgrimage past and present as she makes her own discoveries about the route, the land and herself whilst walking the Old Way during the pandemic.

### **Regional Pilgrimage**

We hope to inspire informal or formal teams of active pilgrimage promoters in their region, affiliated with the BPT to build pilgrimage participation in their region. This is a nascent idea, but we will explore it further in 2023.

### **Meet-up Pilgrimage Groups and Societies**

We want more local groups and societies to grow around Britain which should make it easier for groups of strangers who want to make pilgrimage together in their local area. We hope to build a framework for how this might best happen in 2023 to increase engagement.

### **Fundraising Goals**

The delivery of our ambitions in 2023 and beyond will require us to step up our fund-raising activities. We will focus on:

- Delivering paid-for guided pilgrimages
- Developing the Friends programme
- Growing our base of more significant donors (individuals and grant making bodies)

Doing this will ensure that the charity operates from a sustainable base and has the resources required to deliver its mission of promoting the practice of pilgrimage in the UK.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Financial position**

Net income for the year was £1,030 (2021 - £45,116), unrestricted reserves on 31 December 2021 were £105,610 (2021 - £109,104) and restricted reserves were £4,524 (2021 - £nil).

### **Reserves policy**

The reserves policy is a minimum 3 months of expenditure.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The British Pilgrimage Trust is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is governed by its Constitution.

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are recruited and appointed in accordance with the terms of the Constitution. Apart from the first trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment, the trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Registered Charity number: 1176045  
Principal address: 27 Upper Montagu Street, London, W1H 1SB

### **Trustees**

P Gangsted (resigned 12.7.22)  
S Guild (appointed 9.5.22)  
Dr M Sheldrake (resigned 11.10.21)  
A Rowe  
S Hillson  
Ms S Perrins (resigned 31.12.22)  
W de Winton (appointed 20.1.22)

### **Independent Examiner**

C&GB Associates  
8-10 Millgate  
Thirsk  
Y07 1AA

### **Bankers**

CAF Bank Ltd  
25 Kings Hill Avenue  
West Malling  
Kent  
ME19 4JQ

Approved by order of the board of trustees on \_\_\_\_\_ and signed on its behalf by:

Simon Guild

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S Guild - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

for the year ended 31 December 2022

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no 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.

Signed: *Guy Baragwanath*

Dated: 20 October 2023

Guy Baragwanath FCA

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**THE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST (CIO)**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (incorporating the income and expenditure account)**  
*for the year ended 31 December 2022*

|                                        |      | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>2022</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>funds<br/>2022</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2022</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2021</b> |
|----------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                        | Note | £                                      | £                                    | £                               | £                               |
| <b>Income and endowments from:</b>     |      |                                        |                                      |                                 |                                 |
| Donations and legacies                 | 2    | <b>47,145</b>                          | -                                    | <b>47,145</b>                   | 69,697                          |
| Investment Income                      | 3    | <b>72</b>                              | -                                    | <b>72</b>                       | -                               |
| Charitable activities                  | 4    | <b>154,493</b>                         | <b>6,255</b>                         | <b>160,748</b>                  | 66,452                          |
| Other Income                           |      | <b>350</b>                             | -                                    | <b>350</b>                      | 800                             |
| <b>Total income and endowments</b>     |      | <b>202,060</b>                         | <b>6,255</b>                         | <b>208,315</b>                  | 136,949                         |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                 |      |                                        |                                      |                                 |                                 |
| Generating Funds                       | 5    | <b>12,073</b>                          | -                                    | <b>12,073</b>                   | -                               |
| Charitable activities                  | 6    | <b>193,481</b>                         | <b>1,731</b>                         | <b>195,212</b>                  | 91,731                          |
| Other Expenditure                      |      | -                                      | -                                    | -                               | 102                             |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>               |      | <b>205,554</b>                         | <b>1,731</b>                         | <b>207,285</b>                  | 91,833                          |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>           |      | <b>(3,494)</b>                         | <b>4,524</b>                         | <b>1,030</b>                    | 45,116                          |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>        |      |                                        |                                      |                                 |                                 |
| Total funds at 1 January 2022          | 14   | <b>109,104</b>                         | -                                    | <b>109,104</b>                  | 63,988                          |
| <b>Total funds at 31 December 2022</b> | 14   | <b>105,610</b>                         | <b>4,524</b>                         | <b>110,134</b>                  | 109,104                         |

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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

**THE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST (CIO)**

REGISTERED NUMBER: 1176045

**BALANCE SHEET***as at 31 December 2022*

|                                                       | Note | £               | 2022<br>£      | £       | 2021<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------|----------------|---------|-----------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                                   |      |                 |                |         |           |
| Tangible assets                                       | 10   |                 | <b>3,382</b>   |         | 5,409     |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |      |                 |                |         |           |
| Stocks                                                | 11   | <b>16,367</b>   |                | 46,418  |           |
| Debtors                                               | 12   | <b>1,316</b>    |                | 34,506  |           |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |      | <b>103,233</b>  |                | 29,102  |           |
|                                                       |      |                 | <b>120,916</b> | 110,026 |           |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> | 13   | <b>(14,164)</b> |                | (6,331) |           |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |      |                 | <b>106,752</b> |         | 103,695   |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                     |      |                 | <b>110,134</b> |         | 109,104   |
| <b>Charity funds</b>                                  |      |                 |                |         |           |
| Restricted funds                                      | 14   |                 | <b>4,524</b>   |         | -         |
| Unrestricted funds - general                          | 14   |                 | <b>105,610</b> |         | 109,104   |
| <b>Total charity funds</b>                            |      |                 | <b>110,134</b> |         | 109,104   |

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

Simon Guild

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S Guild - Trustee

William de Winton

Simon Guild

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William de Winton - Trustee

**1 Accounting policies**

**Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The British Pilgrimage Trust is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) registered in England and Wales.

The address of the principal office is given in the charity information on page 10 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are to re-establish and refresh the practice of Britain's distinctive pilgrimage tradition.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

**Income**

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

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

**1 Accounting policies (continued)**

**Expenditure**

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

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which the expenditure arose.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

|                       |                              |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Fixtures and fittings | 15% on a straight line basis |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|

**Stocks**

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

**Taxation**

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

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

**1 Accounting policies (continued)****Cash**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**Debtors**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

**Financial instruments**

The charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. Trade debtors, trade creditors and accruals are held at amortised cost as detailed in notes 10 and 11. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Cash is measured at face value.

**Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

**2 Income from donations and legacies**

|                           | <b>2022</b>         | <b>2022</b>       | <b>2022</b>   | <b>2021</b>   |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                           | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>  |               |
|                           | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>      | <b>£</b>      |
| Donations and gifts       | <b>46,694</b>       | -                 | <b>46,694</b> | 69,579        |
| Gift aid                  | <b>451</b>          | -                 | <b>451</b>    | 118           |
|                           | <b>47,145</b>       | -                 | <b>47,145</b> | 69,697        |
| <i>For the year ended</i> |                     |                   |               |               |
| <i>31 December 2021</i>   | <i>69,697</i>       | -                 |               | <i>69,697</i> |

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**3 Income from investments**

|                                                | 2022<br>Unrestricted<br>£ | 2022<br>Restricted<br>£ | 2022<br>TOTAL<br>£ | 2021<br>£ |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Deposit account interest                       | 72                        | -                       | 72                 | -         |
|                                                | <u>72</u>                 | <u>-</u>                | <u>72</u>          | <u>-</u>  |
| <i>For the year ended<br/>31 December 2021</i> | <u>-</u>                  | <u>-</u>                |                    | <u>-</u>  |

**4 Income from charitable activities**

|                                                | 2022<br>Unrestricted<br>£ | 2022<br>Restricted<br>£ | 2022<br>TOTAL<br>£ | 2021<br>£     |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| <b>TO ADVANCE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE</b>           |                           |                         |                    |               |
| Book Sales                                     | 20,435                    | -                       | 20,435             | 25,681        |
| Pilgrimages                                    | 27,190                    | -                       | 27,190             | 9,461         |
| Ancient Connections                            | 106,868                   | -                       | 106,868            | 31,310        |
| CCPR                                           | -                         | 6,255                   | 6,255              | -             |
|                                                | <u>154,493</u>            | <u>6,255</u>            | <u>160,748</u>     | <u>66,452</u> |
| <i>For the year ended<br/>31 December 2021</i> | <u>66,452</u>             | <u>-</u>                |                    | <u>66,452</u> |

**5 Analysis of expenditure on generating funds**

|                                                | 2022<br>Unrestricted<br>£ | 2022<br>Restricted<br>£ | 2022<br>TOTAL<br>£ | 2021<br>£ |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| <b>TO ADVANCE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE</b>           |                           |                         |                    |           |
| Fundraising                                    | 6,319                     | -                       | 6,319              | -         |
| Advertising & publicity                        | 5,754                     | -                       | 5,754              | -         |
|                                                | <u>12,073</u>             | <u>-</u>                | <u>12,073</u>      | <u>-</u>  |
| <i>For the year ended<br/>31 December 2021</i> | <u>-</u>                  | <u>-</u>                |                    | <u>-</u>  |

**6 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities**

|                                                | 2022<br>Unrestricted<br>£ | 2022<br>Restricted<br>£ | 2022<br>TOTAL<br>£ | 2021<br>£     |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| <b>TO ADVANCE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE</b>           |                           |                         |                    |               |
| Book Costs                                     | 32,094                    | -                       | 32,094             | 733           |
| Pilgrimages                                    | 8,399                     | -                       | 8,399              | 735           |
| Ancient Connections                            | 71,771                    | -                       | 71,771             | -             |
| CCPR                                           | -                         | 1,731                   | 1,731              | -             |
| Support Costs                                  | 81,127                    | -                       | 81,127             | 88,253        |
| Governance Costs                               | 90                        | -                       | 90                 | 2,010         |
|                                                | <u>193,481</u>            | <u>1,731</u>            | <u>195,212</u>     | <u>91,731</u> |
| <i>For the year ended<br/>31 December 2021</i> | <u>91,731</u>             | <u>-</u>                |                    | <u>91,731</u> |

**Analysis of expenditure by expenditure type**

|                                                | 2022<br>Unrestricted<br>£ | 2022<br>Restricted<br>£ | 2022<br>TOTAL<br>£ | 2021<br>£     |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Staff costs                                    | 7 107,675                 | -                       | 107,675            | 63,084        |
| Advertising & publicity                        | -                         | -                       | -                  | 7,343         |
| Freelance staff costs                          | 26,019                    | -                       | 26,019             | 3,507         |
| Travel & expenses                              | 12,466                    | 433                     | 12,899             | 3,284         |
| Guided pilgrimages                             | 7,799                     | -                       | 7,799              | 735           |
| Communication                                  | -                         | -                       | -                  | 635           |
| Website development                            | 3,162                     | 1,298                   | 4,460              | 2,897         |
| Insurance                                      | 1,096                     | -                       | 1,096              | 530           |
| Independent examiner fee                       | 90                        | -                       | 90                 | 2,010         |
| Legal fees                                     | -                         | -                       | -                  | 3,820         |
| Postage & stationery                           | -                         | -                       | -                  | 540           |
| Equipment                                      | 537                       | -                       | 537                | -             |
| Software                                       | 334                       | -                       | 334                | -             |
| Online guide development                       | -                         | -                       | -                  | 585           |
| Book development costs                         | -                         | -                       | -                  | 23,412        |
| Book sale fees                                 | 2,043                     | -                       | 2,043              | -             |
| Movement in stock of books                     | 30,051                    | -                       | 30,051             | (22,679)      |
| Bank charges                                   | 183                       | -                       | 183                | -             |
| Depreciation                                   | 2,027                     | -                       | 2,027              | 2,028         |
|                                                | <u>193,481</u>            | <u>1,731</u>            | <u>195,212</u>     | <u>91,731</u> |
| <i>For the year ended<br/>31 December 2021</i> | <u>91,731</u>             | <u>-</u>                |                    | <u>91,731</u> |

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**7 Staff Costs**

|                       | 2022<br>£      | 2021<br>£     |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Wages & salaries      | 102,596        | 60,435        |
| Social security costs | 3,124          | 1,279         |
| Other pension costs   | 1,955          | 1,370         |
|                       | <u>107,675</u> | <u>63,084</u> |

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

|                     |          |          |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| Charitable activity | <u>5</u> | <u>2</u> |
|---------------------|----------|----------|

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

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the senior management personnel. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were:

|  |               |               |
|--|---------------|---------------|
|  | <u>32,773</u> | <u>35,955</u> |
|--|---------------|---------------|

**8 Governance costs**

|                                    | 2022<br>£    | 2021<br>£    |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Independent examiners remuneration | 1,000        | 2,010        |
|                                    | <u>1,000</u> | <u>2,010</u> |

The independent examiners remuneration is for accounts preparation, independent examination and other work.

**9 Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

The Trustees had expenses reimbursed during the year totalling £Nil (2021: £Nil).

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| <b>10 Tangible fixed assets</b> |  | <b>Fixtures &amp; Fittings<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>£</b> |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>                     |  |                                      |                    |
| At 1 January 2022               |  | <b>13,521</b>                        | <b>13,521</b>      |
|                                 |  | <b>13,521</b>                        | <b>13,521</b>      |
| <b>Depreciation</b>             |  |                                      |                    |
| At 1 January 2022               |  | <b>8,112</b>                         | <b>8,112</b>       |
| Charge for year                 |  | <b>2,027</b>                         | <b>2,027</b>       |
|                                 |  | <b>10,139</b>                        | <b>10,139</b>      |
| <b>Net book value</b>           |  |                                      |                    |
| At 31 December 2022             |  | <b>3,382</b>                         | <b>3,382</b>       |
| At 31 December 2021             |  | <b>5,409</b>                         | <b>5,409</b>       |
| <b>11 Stocks</b>                |  | <b>2022<br/>£</b>                    | <b>2021<br/>£</b>  |
| Books for sale                  |  | <b>16,367</b>                        | 46,418             |
|                                 |  | <b>16,367</b>                        | 46,418             |
| <b>12 Debtors</b>               |  | <b>2022<br/>£</b>                    | <b>2021<br/>£</b>  |
| Trade debtors                   |  | <b>815</b>                           | 32,457             |
| Other debtors                   |  | -                                    | 1,999              |
| Gift aid receivable             |  | <b>501</b>                           | 50                 |
|                                 |  | <b>1,316</b>                         | 34,506             |

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**13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

|                 | 2022<br>£     | 2021<br>£    |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Trade Creditors | 2,192         | -            |
| Other creditors | 11,972        | 6,331        |
|                 | <u>14,164</u> | <u>6,331</u> |

**14 Fund reconciliation**

|                           | Balance at<br>1 Jan 2022<br>£ | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | Transfers<br>between<br>funds<br>£ | Balance at<br>31 Dec 2022<br>£ |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                               |                                  |                                    |                                |
| General fund              | 109,104                       | (3,494)                          | -                                  | 105,610                        |
|                           | <u>109,104</u>                | <u>(3,494)</u>                   | <u>-</u>                           | <u>105,610</u>                 |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>   |                               |                                  |                                    |                                |
| CCPR                      | -                             | 4,524                            | -                                  | 4,524                          |
|                           | <u>-</u>                      | <u>4,524</u>                     | <u>-</u>                           | <u>4,524</u>                   |
| <b>Total funds</b>        | <u>109,104</u>                | <u>1,030</u>                     | <u>-</u>                           | <u>110,134</u>                 |

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

|                           | Income<br>£    | Expenditure<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                |                  |                           |
| General fund              | 202,060        | (205,554)        | (3,494)                   |
|                           | <u>202,060</u> | <u>(205,554)</u> | <u>(3,494)</u>            |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>   |                |                  |                           |
| CCPR                      | 6,255          | (1,731)          | 4,524                     |
|                           | <u>6,255</u>   | <u>(1,731)</u>   | <u>4,524</u>              |
| <b>Total funds</b>        | <u>208,315</u> | <u>(207,285)</u> | <u>1,030</u>              |

The CCPR Fund is a grant from the Sisters of the Holy Cross Charitable Trust to develop Catholic Cathedral pilgrimage routes.

**14 Fund reconciliation - prior year**

|                           | Balance at<br>1 Jan 2021<br>£ | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | Transfers<br>between<br>funds<br>£ | Balance at<br>31 Dec 2021<br>£ |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                               |                                  |                                    |                                |
| General fund              | 63,988                        | 45,116                           | -                                  | 109,104                        |
|                           | <u>63,988</u>                 | <u>45,116</u>                    | <u>-</u>                           | <u>109,104</u>                 |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>   |                               |                                  |                                    |                                |
| CCPR                      | -                             | -                                | -                                  | -                              |
|                           | <u>-</u>                      | <u>-</u>                         | <u>-</u>                           | <u>-</u>                       |
| <b>Total funds</b>        | <u>63,988</u>                 | <u>45,116</u>                    | <u>-</u>                           | <u>109,104</u>                 |

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

|                           | Income<br>£    | Expenditure<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                |                  |                           |
| General fund              | 136,949        | (91,833)         | 45,116                    |
|                           | <u>136,949</u> | <u>(91,833)</u>  | <u>45,116</u>             |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>   |                |                  |                           |
| CCPR                      | -              | -                | -                         |
|                           | <u>-</u>       | <u>-</u>         | <u>-</u>                  |
| <b>Total funds</b>        | <u>136,949</u> | <u>(91,833)</u>  | <u>45,116</u>             |

**15 Analysis of net assets**

|                                  | 2022<br>Unrestricted<br>£ | 2022<br>Restricted<br>£ | 2022<br>TOTAL<br>£ |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Fixed assets                     | 3,382                     | -                       | 3,382              |
| Cash and current investments     | 98,709                    | 4,524                   | 103,233            |
| Other current assets/liabilities | 3,519                     | -                       | 3,519              |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <u>105,610</u>            | <u>4,524</u>            | <u>110,134</u>     |

**16 Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions during the period (2021: £nil).

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**THE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST CIO**

England & Wales - Charity number 1176045

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# Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**  
**for**  
**The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

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**The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

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**The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO (The BPT) aims to promote pilgrimage in Britain by helping to develop and publicise new and old paths as well as the practice of pilgrimage itself by making it open to all.

**Significant activities**

**Summary of our 2021**

2021 has been a significant growth year for the British Pilgrimage Trust as we have attempted to capitalise on the recent global trend towards domestic and meaningful travel. Two particularly strong growth areas were partnerships and volunteers. Our website received 150,000 visitors who visited it 540,000 times over the year.

Our mission is to help **build routes, infrastructure and support** for pilgrimage all around Britain; create a **community** to support the work of the BPT and other organisations across the country by supporting them in return; **communicate** to create understanding, awareness and involvement; and **thereby make the practice of** pilgrimage popular, with strong participation across Britain.

We continue to create new resources for pilgrims, some of which are free of charge to use, i.e. our routes directory, and some of which are available for purchase, i.e. Old Way Online Guide and our Britain's Pilgrim Places book.

**Publicity**

2021 was another strong year for press coverage of the BPT. Pilgrimage seems to be a source of endless angles and stories for journalists, who find that there are as many reasons for making pilgrimage as there are pilgrims.

**The press articles were:**

Guardian (UK Overview, Ley Lines and Silent Pilgrimage articles), Telegraph, Independent, Catholic Herald (article 1/3), Money Week, Nat Geo Traveller, Simple Things magazine, Magnificence, iNews (+ another), Religion News Service, Church Times, Idler magazine, Hijaz Shrine in Coventry Telegraph, South West Londoner, School House, Peter Stanford - Cathedral Cycle Routes Project - BBC Midlands TV on Ley line pilgrimage, 2chill, Old Way featured in top 15 list and Kent Life - Worcestershire News - BBC Songs of Praise - Sight Magazine - St Peter's Way in Telegraph - BBC1 TV Sunday Morning Live - Sacred Steps Podcast Pilgrim Pioneers campaign launch - ArteTV- National Trust.

**Old Way**

This year has been remarkable; amongst all the challenges presented by Covid-19, and uncertainty around restrictions, we've found a real groundswell of support for pilgrimage on the Old Way.

Lockdown made everyone aware of the value of the various elements of pilgrimage, and it has opened the door to working with a number of organisations that share our goals, whether that is in conservation of churches, promoting being in nature, walking or improving social cohesion. Whilst we may have needed to adjust our ambitions for the year due to the unusual circumstances, we've achieved a lot.

This year, our Old Way Project Leader Dawn...

Walked 254 miles

Engaged 93 churches and pilgrim places

Guided 10 Pilgrimages

Updated 22 guide maps and 44 guide entries

Raised £6.5k income

Established relationships with 9 key stakeholders

Established a new volunteering programme with 20 volunteers

Supported 15 Sanctuary locations

The focus for the first part of the year was developing a fresh strategy for the Old Way, building on the expertise of the new Project Leader, Dawn Champion, and revising our approach against the dynamic circumstances of Covid-19.

## **The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

#### Community Engagement

- Identified key locations for engagement, contacting stakeholders to identify how pilgrimage on the Old Way could support their community
- Completed key pieces of research, including the benefits of pilgrimage for communities and the rural economy.
- Put contact with local schools on hold, due to the capacity issues caused by the extraordinary circumstances schools found themselves in.
- Established relationships with Canterbury Cathedral, Chichester Cathedral, Explore Kent, Great Sussex Way, English Heritage, Kent Downs AONB among others, and in addition to our Director leading on nationally important relationships with CPRE, LDWA, SDNPA, Woodland Trust, Ramblers, and NCT.
- We also formed a partnership with Kent Downs AONB and Green Pilgrimage to deliver 10 half day AirBnB Experiences. Although the winter months have not yielded a great number of bookings, this has been a useful learning exercise in alternative platforms and helped to cement relationships with some important key stakeholders.

#### Waymarking

- Carried out route and waymarking surveys, starting with the Battle to Canterbury stretch to avoid lengthy travel during lockdown.
- Explored innovative options for waymarking from creative designers.
- Made contact with the Local Authorities to establish the process for waymarking the route. This brought to light a key risk area as one authority was unlikely to support a scheme, pushing this work back until we have been able to embed pilgrimage with the communities. An alternative approach was worked up involving orientation panels at churches, which act as the obvious natural navigation points, but this will require project funding.

#### Sanctuary

- Liaised with existing Sanctuaries and arranged post-lockdown visits to understand their approach, challenges, opportunities and how to support them
- Created promotional materials to sell the benefits of signing up as a sanctuary, aimed at secular and church locations
- Created a guidance document to replace the FAQs. Designed to be more supportive in outlook, signpost new and potential sanctuary locations to necessary information and provide reassurance of a network of peer-level advice.
- Set up individual 'brochure' pages for Sanctuaries on the website for launch in 2022.

#### Passbook and Stamps

- Pursued some new options to elevate the Passbook beyond the ordinary generic ones available elsewhere
- Created a new strategy for stamp creation as an engagement tool, getting communities to explore local themes and stories to inspire their stamp's design. This will be taken forward with project funding.

#### Online Guide

- Updated the guide with route refinements, linked waypoints, and a range of waypoint markers. The Google maps now have an assortment of colour-coded symbols, making them much more engaging and easier to use.
- Updated and improved the guide entries to ensure accuracy and quality, removing erroneous content, adding recent discoveries and more up-to-date interpretations.
- Began to add a layer of nature content for every stage of the guide, highlighting flora and fauna which has associations or meaning for the pilgrim.

#### Old Way Fundraising

We successfully closed off the funding from Salvia with a well-received report that has garnered their support for future applications, once we become eligible again.

- Offered an unrestricted £1k grant from the Arnold Clarke foundation
- Generated over £1k in donations from various online talks and lectures
- Earned £4.5k from the general guided pilgrimage programme.

We were successful in stage 1 of an application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund, and are yet to hear back on an Expression of Interest with the Arts Council.

#### Looking Forward on Old Way

In 2022 we will be relaunching an enhanced Online Guide, with a new layer of nature based content for every stage of the route. This will help pilgrims find inspiration and connection with the wildlife they find on the paths, hills, woods, rivers and churchyards. We will also launch Sanctuary, providing detailed information and linked access to various sanctuaries along the route. Plans involve getting more people making pilgrimage on the Old Way, building momentum and generating lots of media. We'll aim to add more Sanctuaries, more stamps, and with project funding deliver a range of events.

## **The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

#### Volunteering

- Set up a complete volunteering programme to support key areas.
- Pilgrimage Guides have expanded our reach across the country and will increase income generated through this activity in 2022. Dawn and Guy have been creating and delivering a range of 'How to lead a guided pilgrimage' training materials to support ongoing recruitment and expansion.
- Admin volunteers will increase our capacity to deliver work such as social media engagements, support the volunteer team and update and enhance the national resource of route maps.
- Some individuals have come forward with specialist skills, and will act as a point of guidance or delivery for specific projects.
- Old Way Champions, who act as local coordinators and mouthpieces for their section of the route, will come on line with project funding.

#### Britain's Pilgrim Places Book

We have now sold over 10,000 copies, and have printed a third print run. The book continues to inspire pilgrims all over Britain, who perhaps want to leave the weighty 608-page tome in their glovebox in order that they can find a pilgrim place wherever they go in Britain, or indeed plan a pilgrimage from their armchair.

#### Wexford-Pembrokeshire Pilgrim Way

Perhaps the most significant step for our charity was to be awarded a large €210,000 contract to deliver a new pilgrimage route between Ireland and Wales in a project ending July 2023. We have partnered with Pilgrim Paths Ireland and two Welsh organisations, Guided Pilgrimage and Journeying, to establish the Wexford-Pembrokeshire Pilgrim Way which will become one of Europe's leading pilgrimage routes. From Nov 2021 we met the marketing and branding agency, all the key stakeholders, the team who will evaluate us, and put out a project launch press release, and hired two new employees.

#### Golden Valley Ley Lines, Herefordshire

Visit Herefordshire commissioned us to create a 4-day legacy route, and also a 2-day route for a guided event we organised to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Alfred Watkins' 'discovering' ley lines in Blackwardine on 30 June 1921. Our Director Guy devised routes on the ground, took photos, drew a map of all the ley points and lines in Herefordshire mentioned in Alfred Watkins' The Old Straight Track, wrote historical blurbs, and published a route map of the Twin Valley Pilgrim Trail. With the associated Golden Valley Pilgrim Trail he worked with local vicar Simon Lockett, who has taken the initiative of developing another 7-day route with Night Sanctuary options in churches administered by the local Deanery.

#### Way of Saints Cybi and Seiriol, Anglesey

The Llan Project commissioned Guy to create a route in Anglesey that joins Holyhead with Penmon. We designed a route with all of the key pilgrim places having been visited and photographed.

#### Guided Pilgrimages

We took 150 pilgrims on 14 guided pilgrimage fundraising events organised for the general public, led by BPT's Guy, Dawn and trustee Abigail. These were: Old Way (x3): Nutbourne to Chichester, Lewes to Firle, Icklesham to Rye, Patricbourne to Canterbury (x4) Glastonbury (x2), London, Herefordshire. The Guided Pilgrimages generated income of £8.6k.

#### Public benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in planning and undertaking activities.

## **The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

###### **Website Improvements**

We redesigned our new homepage map and routes directory page in February. There is now functionality for leaving comments on our pilgrim route pages, and a route feedback form is now in place on each route page. This will allow us to keep our route directory as up-to-date as possible.

###### **School Pilgrimages**

We continue to explore the potential for working with school children. To this end, Guy wrote a piece for School House magazine. One fruitful avenue would be to explore the creation of pilgrimage summer schools. Guy released a podcast with Fr Graeme Rowlands who takes children in different year groups to Walsingham, St Paul's Cathedral, St Albans Cathedral and Westminster Abbey each year - Fr Graeme's insights are illuminating.

###### **Changes to Our Team**

Merlin Sheldrake stood down as a Trustee in October 2021 owing to increasing external commitments. The operations team welcomed three new members in November 2021 to launch the Wexford-Pembrokeshire Pilgrim Way. John G O'Dwyer is providing expert advice on the Wexford end with Christine Smith and Iain Tweedale supporting in Pembrokeshire.

###### **Partnerships**

This year we have been exploring partnerships with various organisations and individuals. In terms of academic research, Eleanor O'Keeffe, used the BPT as a case study for a report on ritual innovation under Covid in Britain. We are also now working with Swansea University researcher, Jaeyeon Choe, to provide data on how pilgrimage tourism can help post COVID recovery in Wales. We provided photos of pilgrim places for the Cambridge University Divinity Faculty Shared Sacred Landscapes Photo exhibition. We will be working with Rurallure over the next year, a company working to improve the cultural and digital infrastructure for rural heritage on European pilgrimage routes. We worked to promote the 'Listening to the Land' pilgrimage to Glasgow - a group of 20 artists and performers walking nine weeks up the 'Spine of Albion' from Southampton to the Glasgow COP26 conference. They produced a theatrical performance of their journey that gets to the heart of what long-duration pilgrimages do.

Our work with English Heritage continues and they will be promoting pilgrim routes across England in their 2022-23 Annual Handbook.

Thanks to a supporter of BPT, William Cash, in September Guy met with senior government ministers, Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden and Conservative Party Chairman Ben Elliott (Levelling Up minister Michael Gove also saw the papers), to persuade them to focus more funding on improving walking infrastructure in Britain, most notably low-cost walkers' accommodation. They recognise the importance of walking for the health of the nation in so many ways - physical, mental, economic - and understandably wanted to focus attention on Levelling Up areas, such as Preston, Bolton, Stoke and Bradford. We are yet to see what will come from this, and our ideas are now in the hands of the Tourism department.

Emma Bridgewater has joined our team as a Patron, planning to walk the Old Way in 2022.

###### **Routes Directory**

New routes developed by local communities:

Northern Pilgrims Way

Edith of Wilton Way

Glastonbury Way Day Pilgrimage

St Morrell's Round

St Thomas Way

Cathedral Cycle Route

York Minster City Circular Pilgrimage (thanks to BPT volunteers Anthony Skeels and Micki McNie)

Gower Pilgrimage Way

Devised by BPT:

Aeron River Pilgrimage

Ways to Whitchurch Canoniconum

Herefordshire Twin River Valleys Pilgrimage

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

Net income for the year was £45,116 (2020 - £6,117), unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2021 were £109,104 (2020 - £63,988).

##### **Reserves policy**

The reserves policy is 3 months of expenditure.

## **The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

We will continue to develop our partnerships with a view to connect with a more diverse range of sectors, such as nature conservation, heritage and mental health. Dawn will shift the Old Way project's focus towards community engagement, both through the Sanctuary scheme and a broader spectrum of ways the community can engage with promoting and managing the route. We also aim to expand a National Sanctuary Network across Britain in addition to Old Way. With the uplift in interest in pilgrimage as a result of Covid it is also now time to expand our capacity. Therefore, we will be launching our volunteer scheme to widen our offerings of guided pilgrimages across Britain, and further develop and update our extensive routes directory with test walkers and admin supporters. We will also explore our long-term strategy for a Britain-wide school pilgrimage scheme.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The British Pilgrimage Trust is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is governed by its Constitution.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are recruited and appointed in accordance with the terms of the Constitution. Apart from the first trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment, the trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

1176045

##### **Principal address**

3 Glenhouse Road  
London  
SE9 1JH

##### **Trustees**

P Gangsted (resigned 12.7.22)  
Dr M Sheldrake (resigned 11.10.21)  
A Rowe  
S Hillson  
Ms S Perrins  
W De Winton (appointed 20.1.22)  
S Guild (appointed 9.5.22)

##### **Independent Examiner**

Monahans  
Chartered Accountants  
Fortescue House  
Court Street  
Trowbridge  
Wiltshire  
BA14 8FA

##### **Bankers**

CAF Bank Ltd  
25 Kings Hill Avenue  
West Malling  
Kent  
ME19 4JQ

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... 13 October 2022 ..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
S Guild - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

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

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



James Gare FCA DChA  
Monahans  
Chartered Accountants  
Fortescue House  
Court Street  
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Date: 14 October 2022 .....

**The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

|                                    | Notes | Unrestricted<br>fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | 2021<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ | 2020<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>  |       |                           |                          |                             |                             |
| Donations and legacies             | 2     | 69,697                    | -                        | 69,697                      | 109,482                     |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>       |       |                           |                          |                             |                             |
| To advance British Pilgrimage      |       | 66,452                    | -                        | 66,452                      | 41,401                      |
| Other income                       |       | 800                       | -                        | 800                         | 279                         |
| <b>Total</b>                       |       | <u>136,949</u>            | <u>-</u>                 | <u>136,949</u>              | <u>151,162</u>              |
| <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>              |       |                           |                          |                             |                             |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>       | 3     |                           |                          |                             |                             |
| To advance British Pilgrimage      |       | 91,731                    | -                        | 91,731                      | 144,962                     |
| Other                              |       | 102                       | -                        | 102                         | 83                          |
| <b>Total</b>                       |       | <u>91,833</u>             | <u>-</u>                 | <u>91,833</u>               | <u>145,045</u>              |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>                  |       | 45,116                    | -                        | 45,116                      | 6,117                       |
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>     |       |                           |                          |                             |                             |
| <b>Total funds brought forward</b> |       | 63,988                    | -                        | 63,988                      | 57,871                      |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b> |       | <u><u>109,104</u></u>     | <u><u>-</u></u>          | <u><u>109,104</u></u>       | <u><u>63,988</u></u>        |

The notes form part of these financial statements

**The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

**Balance Sheet**  
**31 December 2021**

|                                              | Notes | 2021<br>£     | 2020<br>£    |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                          |       |               |              |
| Tangible assets                              | 8     | 5,409         | 7,437        |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |       |               |              |
| Stocks                                       | 9     | 46,418        | 23,739       |
| Debtors                                      | 10    | 34,506        | 17,828       |
| Cash at bank                                 |       | 29,102        | 17,185       |
|                                              |       | <hr/> 110,026 | <hr/> 58,752 |
| <b>CREDITORS</b>                             |       |               |              |
| Amounts falling due within one year          | 11    | (6,331)       | (2,201)      |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                    |       | <hr/> 103,695 | <hr/> 56,551 |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |       | <hr/> 109,104 | <hr/> 63,988 |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                            |       | <hr/> 109,104 | <hr/> 63,988 |
| <b>FUNDS</b>                                 | 13    |               |              |
| Unrestricted funds                           |       | <hr/> 109,104 | <hr/> 63,988 |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                           |       | <hr/> 109,104 | <hr/> 63,988 |

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on  
 .....13 October 2022..... and were signed on its behalf by:



.....  
 S Perrins - Trustee



.....  
 S Guild - Trustee

## **The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements** **for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The British Pilgrimage Trust is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) registered in England and Wales.

The address of the principal office is given in the charity information on page 5 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are the to re-establish and refresh the practice of Britain's distinctive pilgrimage tradition.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

##### **Income**

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

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

##### **Expenditure**

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

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which the expenditure arose.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings                      -    15% on straight line basis

##### **Stocks**

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

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

**The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Fund accounting**

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

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

**Cash**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**Debtors and creditors payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

**Financial instruments**

The charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. Trade debtors, trade creditors and accruals are held at amortised cost as detailed in notes 10 and 11. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Cash is measured at face value.

**Going Concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

|                            | 2021          | 2020           |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|
|                            | £             | £              |
| Donations and gifts        | 69,579        | 86,347         |
| Donation of seconded staff | -             | 22,800         |
| Gift aid                   | 118           | 335            |
|                            | <u>69,697</u> | <u>109,482</u> |

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

|                               | Direct<br>Costs (see<br>note 4)<br>£ |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| To advance British Pilgrimage | <u>91,731</u>                        |

**The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

**4. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

|                                      | 2021          | 2020           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
|                                      | £             | £              |
| Staff costs                          | 63,084        | 39,291         |
| Advertising, marketing and publicity | 7,343         | 7,216          |
| Freelance staff fees                 | 3,507         | -              |
| Donated staff and expenses           | -             | 22,800         |
| Travel and expenses                  | 3,284         | 4,870          |
| Guided pilgrimages                   | 735           | 1,097          |
| Communication                        | 635           | 599            |
| Website development                  | 2,897         | 3,300          |
| Insurance                            | 530           | 424            |
| Independent examiner fee             | 2,010         | 1,850          |
| Legal Fees                           | 3,820         | 3,874          |
| Postage and stationery               | 540           | 1,411          |
| Online guide development             | 585           | 10,840         |
| Book development costs               | 23,412        | 66,838         |
| Movement in stock of books           | (22,679)      | (23,739)       |
| Other costs                          | -             | 2,263          |
| Depreciation                         | 2,028         | 2,028          |
|                                      | <u>91,731</u> | <u>144,962</u> |

**Independent examiner's remuneration**

The independent examiner's remuneration is £2,010 (2020: £1,850). This is for accounts preparation, independent examination and other work.

**5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

**Trustees' expenses**

No trustees were reimbursed for expenses in the current or previous year.

**6. STAFF COSTS**

|                       | 2021          | 2020          |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                       | £             | £             |
| Wages and salaries    | 60,435        | 38,701        |
| Social security costs | 1,279         | -             |
| Other pension costs   | 1,370         | 590           |
|                       | <u>63,084</u> | <u>39,291</u> |

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

|                     | 2021     | 2020     |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| Charitable activity | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> |

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

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the senior management personnel. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £35,955 (2020 - £20,899).

**The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

**7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

|                                    | Unrestricted<br>fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>£  |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>  |                           |                          |                      |
| Donations and legacies             | 109,482                   | -                        | 109,482              |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>       |                           |                          |                      |
| To advance British Pilgrimage      | 41,401                    | -                        | 41,401               |
| Other income                       | 279                       | -                        | 279                  |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <u>151,162</u>            | <u>-</u>                 | <u>151,162</u>       |
| <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>              |                           |                          |                      |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>       |                           |                          |                      |
| To advance British Pilgrimage      | 144,962                   | -                        | 144,962              |
| Other                              | 83                        | -                        | 83                   |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <u>145,045</u>            | <u>-</u>                 | <u>145,045</u>       |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>                  | 6,117                     | -                        | 6,117                |
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>     |                           |                          |                      |
| Total funds brought forward        | 57,871                    | -                        | 57,871               |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b> | <u><u>63,988</u></u>      | <u><u>-</u></u>          | <u><u>63,988</u></u> |

**8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

|                                        | Fixtures<br>and<br>fittings<br>£ |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>COST</b>                            |                                  |
| At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021 | <u>13,521</u>                    |
| <b>DEPRECIATION</b>                    |                                  |
| At 1 January 2021                      | 6,084                            |
| Charge for year                        | <u>2,028</u>                     |
| At 31 December 2021                    | <u>8,112</u>                     |
| <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>                  |                                  |
| At 31 December 2021                    | <u><u>5,409</u></u>              |
| At 31 December 2020                    | <u><u>7,437</u></u>              |

**The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

**9. STOCKS**

|                | 2021<br>£     | 2020<br>£     |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Books for sale | <u>46,418</u> | <u>23,739</u> |

**10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|                     | 2021<br>£     | 2020<br>£     |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Trade debtors       | 32,457        | 16,338        |
| Other debtors       | 1,999         | -             |
| Gift aid receivable | 50            | 1,490         |
|                     | <u>34,506</u> | <u>17,828</u> |

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|                 | 2021<br>£    | 2020<br>£    |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Other creditors | <u>6,331</u> | <u>2,201</u> |

**12. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

|                     | Unrestricted<br>fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | 2021<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ | 2020<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fixed assets        | 5,409                     | -                        | 5,409                       | 7,437                       |
| Current assets      | 110,026                   | -                        | 110,026                     | 58,752                      |
| Current liabilities | (6,331)                   | -                        | (6,331)                     | (2,201)                     |
|                     | <u>109,104</u>            | <u>-</u>                 | <u>109,104</u>              | <u>63,988</u>               |

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

|                           | At 1.1.21<br>£ | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | At<br>31.12.21<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                |                                  |                     |
| General fund              | 63,988         | 45,116                           | 109,104             |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>        | <u>63,988</u>  | <u>45,116</u>                    | <u>109,104</u>      |

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

|                           | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                            |                            |                           |
| General fund              | 136,949                    | (91,833)                   | 45,116                    |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>        | <u>136,949</u>             | <u>(91,833)</u>            | <u>45,116</u>             |

**The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

|                           | At 1.1.20<br>£ | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | At<br>31.12.20<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                |                                  |                     |
| General fund              | 57,871         | 6,117                            | 63,988              |
|                           | <hr/>          | <hr/>                            | <hr/>               |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>        | <u>57,871</u>  | <u>6,117</u>                     | <u>63,988</u>       |

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

|                           | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                            |                            |                           |
| General fund              | 151,162                    | (145,045)                  | 6,117                     |
|                           | <hr/>                      | <hr/>                      | <hr/>                     |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>        | <u>151,162</u>             | <u>(145,045)</u>           | <u>6,117</u>              |

**14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the years ended 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020.

**The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

|                                      | 2021<br>£ | 2020<br>£ |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>         |           |           |
| <b>Donations and legacies</b>        |           |           |
| Donations and gifts                  | 69,579    | 86,347    |
| Donation of seconded staff           | -         | 22,800    |
| Gift aid                             | 118       | 335       |
|                                      | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
|                                      | 69,697    | 109,482   |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>         |           |           |
| Income from guided pilgrimages       | 7,263     | 10,578    |
| Old Ways income                      | 1,581     | -         |
| Sales of books                       | 23,628    | 30,823    |
| Project income                       | 33,980    | -         |
|                                      | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
|                                      | 66,452    | 41,401    |
| <b>Other income</b>                  |           |           |
| Sundry income                        | 800       | 279       |
|                                      | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>      | 136,949   | 151,162   |
| <br><b>EXPENDITURE</b>               |           |           |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>         |           |           |
| Wages                                | 60,435    | 38,701    |
| Social security                      | 1,279     | -         |
| Pensions                             | 1,370     | 590       |
| Advertising, marketing and publicity | 7,343     | 7,216     |
| Freelance staff fees                 | 3,507     | -         |
| Donated staff and expenses           | -         | 22,800    |
| Travel and expenses                  | 3,284     | 4,870     |
| Guided pilgrimages                   | 735       | 1,097     |
| Communication                        | 635       | 599       |
| Website development                  | 2,897     | 3,300     |
| Insurance                            | 530       | 424       |
| Independent examiner fee             | 2,010     | 1,850     |
| Legal Fees                           | 3,820     | 3,874     |
| Postage and stationery               | 540       | 1,411     |
| Online guide development             | 585       | 10,840    |
| Book development costs               | 23,412    | 66,838    |
| Movement in stock of books           | (22,679)  | (23,739)  |
| Other costs                          | -         | 2,263     |
| Depreciation of fixtures & fittings  | 2,028     | 2,028     |
|                                      | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
|                                      | 91,731    | 144,962   |
| <b>Other</b>                         |           |           |
| Bank charges                         | 102       | 83        |
|                                      | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>      | 91,833    | 145,045   |
|                                      | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
| <b>Net income</b>                    | 45,116    | 6,117     |
|                                      | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |

**THE BRITISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST CIO**

England & Wales - Charity number 1176045

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# Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**  
**for**  
**The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

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**The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

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## **The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO (The BPT) aims to promote pilgrimage in Britain by helping to develop and publicise new and old paths as well as the practice of pilgrimage itself by making it open to all.

#### **Significant activities**

##### **Our 2020**

2020 has been a challenging year for everyone but here at the British Pilgrimage Trust we have attempted to turn the difficulties of this year into opportunities to support, and connect to, our community and find ways to ensure the sustainability of the BPT for years to come.

We have achieved this by creating new resources for pilgrims, some of which we have given to the community, and some of which we have offered up to our supporters in exchange for a donation or purchase. Our website in the past year received 230,000 visitors who visited it 650,000 times.

##### **Publicity**

2020 has been a good year for press coverage of pilgrimage in Britain. We have appeared in: BBC Radio's 4 Today, BBC News, Financial Times, Times2, Times Luxx, The Independent, Waitrose Weekend, Town & Country, Country Life, Woman's Weekly, Tatler, Guardian (Avebury, Ritual Walk feature). Telegraph (Staycation Top 10, Anglesey as a Top 10, Top 10 World Pilgrimages, Glastonbury Water Way feature), Culture Trip, Catholic Herald, The Tablet, Country Walking, Ramblers Walk magazine, Countryman magazine, Suitcase Magazine, New European, House & Garden.

##### **Britain's Pilgrim Places**

Britain's Pilgrim Places, the BPT's first book, was published in August 2020.

The book has won praise from public figures such as Emma Bridgewater, Diarmaid MacCulloch, Satish Kumar and Fiona Reynolds (to name a few) - and has been featured by Radio 4, the Telegraph, the Guardian, the Times, the Independent and several other publications. Britain's Pilgrim Places is an Amazon Bestseller and Hive Top Ten Monthly Bestseller. We are delighted by how the book has been received and, four months since its launch, we are proud to announce its second print run.

##### **Old Way Online Guide**

In August 2020, the BPT's much-anticipated Old Way Online Guide launched. This is an evolving project that will develop and grow as more pilgrims walk the route and contribute to the guide. It is possible for users to make comments at the bottom of every section, which means that whenever one of our subscribers and Friends wants to tell us something about the route, or suggest an update, they can let us know. In order to continue to nourish this growing pilgrim resource, in December 2020 we completed our first update of the guide since its launch, incorporating user feedback and integrating ideas from the BPT team.

##### **Friends of the BPT**

The third in our trio of launches in August 2020 was our Friends of the BPT project.

Friends receive: year-round access to the Old Way Online Guide; year-round access to the Sanctuary Project; a growing number of discounts at pilgrim-friendly organisations; exclusive BPT e-mailouts; advance access to guided pilgrimage tickets; and discounts or free guided pilgrimages - dependent on which tier to which Friends choose to sign up.

##### **Cathedral Day Routes**

2020 started with an appearance on BBC Radio 4 Today programme talking about the Cathedral Day Pilgrimage Project. For much of 2020 encouraging pilgrims to make long-distance journeys has not been an option. Therefore, this particular focus on creating linear and circular cathedral day-long pilgrimage routes has proved a brilliant opportunity to encourage our supporters to safely continue to make pilgrimage even during the pandemic.

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### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

#### **Virtual Pilgrimage**

Our Virtual Pilgrimages are an opportunity to collectively experience the richness, beauty and spiritual awakening of British pilgrim routes from the comfort of our homes.

We began the initiative in the spring on Instagram before moving the project onto our mailing list, where we were able to provide more detail to the pilgrimages. We made it our mission to take our supporters - virtually - on different pilgrimages across the country, exploring the history and the landmarks found upon the paths. Additionally, we have been suggesting practices influenced by an aspect of the chosen pilgrimage, providing a chance for us to connect, discover and play in these otherwise anxious times.

#### **BPT Recommends**

Alongside our Virtual Pilgrimages, we've been offering our supporters a regular collection of resources, brought together by the BPT Team. We loved sharing the podcasts, articles, films, and other work that inspired us during the difficult months of lockdown – both amongst ourselves as a team, and with our followers on social media and mailing list subscribers. This practice helped us to better understand the myriad ways in which pilgrimage speaks to many other current issues.

#### **Public benefit**

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in planning and undertaking activities.

## **The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

##### **Strategy & vision**

Though the ability to step out onto the pilgrim path with our supporters was greatly missed in 2020, the restrictions on movement did allow the BPT Team to reflect on the charity's work - in the past, present and future. Guided by the trustees, the team worked to produce a cohesive strategy for the next three years, to ensure the sustainability of the BPT for many years to come.

##### **Website Improvements**

With so much content within the website, we felt it was time to update it, to make it easier for pilgrims to use.

One of our most visible changes has been to reorganise our home page. We've produced new content to explain who we are as a charity, and what it means to make pilgrimage in Britain. We've also restructured the order of the page to make navigating through the website simpler.

On practically every page of our website, updates and improvements have been made to ensure that our growing number of website visitors are provided with everything they need to start making pilgrimage.

##### **Pilgrimage Community Tools**

'Tips for the Pilgrim Novice' introduces key practices and ideas that the BPT have found speak to most pilgrims, and also provides a practical kit list for those setting out on the path. We have also updated our 'Holy Places' page this year, to demonstrate the scope and variety of places where pilgrims might feel connection and resonance along the way. We've also included a page with an embedded app for finding local food along pilgrimage routes, as well as a pages to help you create and test pilgrimage routes, and how to guide pilgrimage events. We hope this work will make it easier and more accessible than ever to become a pilgrim in Britain.

##### **School Pilgrimages**

We are building our understanding of introducing pilgrimage to schoolchildren, and are forming a list of partners, such as the Phoenix Academy, London, Truro Cathedral, Salisbury Cathedral, a school in Gloucester and the Woodard schools group.

##### **Changes to Our Team**

Two outstanding new trustees joined the Board in January 2020, Sylvia Perrins with strong financial and charity expertise and Simon Hillson, a seasoned lawyer. Will Parsons left the BPT in March 2020 and Guy Hayward was subsequently appointed Director of the charity whilst stepping down as a trustee. We were also fortunate in 2020 to be able to employ Alice Atlee, working almost entirely on Old Way, and in particular on writing, testing and launching the Old Way Online Guide. Alice left the BPT in Dec 2020, and she will be succeeded by Dawn Champion, who has 20 years experience in community engagement and volunteer management from her previous roles at English Heritage (South East) and Kent Wildlife Trust.

##### **Partnerships**

In addition to our collaboration with the Association of English Cathedrals for the day cathedral pilgrimages project, and eight cathedral partners for the circular routes, we are now working with the Cathedral Cycle Routes project, a group working to plot cycle routes between every cathedral in England.

We continue to work with English Heritage, and will provide 10 routes for their Annual Handbook 2021/22.

One of our most important roles is as a connector hub between various localised pilgrim route creator communities.

##### **New Routes**

St Edward Way – Kentigern Way – St Alkelda's Way – St Winefride Pilgrim Trail – Way of St Hild – Northern Saints Trails – Whitby Way – Anglesey – East & West Peckham Trail – Penrhys Pilgrimage Way – Dorset Catherine & Cernunnos Route – King Arthur Way – Robin Hood Way

New Day Pilgrimage Routes: Glastonbury – Avebury Circular – St David's – Hereford Cathedral – Rochester Cathedral – Guildford Cathedral – St Edmundsbury Cathedral – Edinburgh Cathedral – St Albans Cathedral – Cambridge – Bath Abbey – Anne Lister Pilgrimage – 30 Covid-compliant cathedral circular routes.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

Net income for the year was £6,117 (2019 - net income of £15,515) and unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2020 were £63,988 (2019 - £57,871).

##### **Reserves policy**

The reserves policy is 3 months of expenditure.

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**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

**FUTURE PLANS**

We will continue to develop our partnerships with a view to connect with a more diverse range of sectors, such as nature conservation, heritage and mental health. With our new Old Way project leader we will shift the project's focus towards community engagement. With the uplift in interest in pilgrimage as a result of Covid it is also now time to expand our capacity. Therefore, we will be launching our volunteer scheme to widen our offerings of guided pilgrimages across Britain, and further develop and update our extensive routes directory with test walkers and admin supporters. We will also explore our long-term strategy for a Britain-wide school pilgrimage scheme.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The British Pilgrimage Trust is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is governed by its Constitution.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are recruited and appointed in accordance with the terms of the Constitution. Apart from the first trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment, the trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1176045

**Principal address**

3 Glenhouse Road  
London  
SE9 1JH

**Trustees**

P Gangsted  
Dr M Sheldrake  
A Rowe  
G Hayward (resigned 15.5.20)  
S Hillson  
Ms S Perrins

**Independent Examiner**

MHA Monahans  
Chartered Accountants  
Fortescue House  
Court Street  
Trowbridge  
Wiltshire  
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**Bankers**

CAF Bank Ltd  
25 Kings Hill Avenue  
West Malling  
Kent  
ME19 4JQ

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28 October 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



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P Gangsted - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

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

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



James Gare FCA DChA  
MHA Monahans  
Chartered Accountants  
Fortescue House  
Court Street  
Trowbridge  
Wiltshire  
BA14 8FA

Date: 28 October 2021.....

**The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

|                                    | Notes | Unrestricted<br>fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>fund<br>£ | 2020<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ | 2019<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>  |       |                           |                         |                             |                             |
| Donations and legacies             | 2     | 140,305                   | -                       | 140,305                     | 60,866                      |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>       |       |                           |                         |                             |                             |
| To advance British Pilgrimage      |       | 10,578                    | -                       | 10,578                      | 11,778                      |
| Other income                       |       | 279                       | -                       | 279                         | 33                          |
| <b>Total</b>                       |       | 151,162                   | -                       | 151,162                     | 72,677                      |
| <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>              |       |                           |                         |                             |                             |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>       | 3     |                           |                         |                             |                             |
| To advance British Pilgrimage      |       | 144,962                   | -                       | 144,962                     | 57,096                      |
| Other                              |       | 83                        | -                       | 83                          | 66                          |
| <b>Total</b>                       |       | 145,045                   | -                       | 145,045                     | 57,162                      |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>                  |       | 6,117                     | -                       | 6,117                       | 15,515                      |
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>     |       |                           |                         |                             |                             |
| <b>Total funds brought forward</b> |       | 57,871                    | -                       | 57,871                      | 42,356                      |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b> |       | 63,988                    | -                       | 63,988                      | 57,871                      |

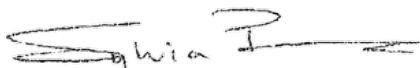
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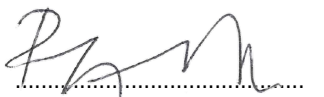
**The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

**Balance Sheet**  
**31 December 2020**

|                                              | Notes | 2020<br>£     | 2019<br>£     |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                          |       |               |               |
| Tangible assets                              | 8     | 7,437         | 9,465         |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |       |               |               |
| Stocks                                       | 9     | 23,739        | -             |
| Debtors                                      | 10    | 17,828        | 3,418         |
| Cash at bank                                 |       | 17,185        | 46,788        |
|                                              |       | <u>58,752</u> | <u>50,206</u> |
| <b>CREDITORS</b>                             |       |               |               |
| Amounts falling due within one year          | 11    | (2,201)       | (1,800)       |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                    |       | <u>56,551</u> | <u>48,406</u> |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |       | <u>63,988</u> | <u>57,871</u> |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                            |       | <u>63,988</u> | <u>57,871</u> |
| <b>FUNDS</b>                                 | 13    |               |               |
| Unrestricted funds                           |       | <u>63,988</u> | <u>57,871</u> |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                           |       | <u>63,988</u> | <u>57,871</u> |

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28 October 2021..... and were signed on its behalf by:

  
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S Perrins - Trustee

  
.....  
P Gangsted - Trustee

## **The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements** **for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The British Pilgrimage Trust is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) registered in England and Wales.

The address of the principal office is given in the charity information on page 4 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are the to re-establish and refresh the practice of Britain's distinctive pilgrimage tradition.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

##### **Income**

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

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

##### **Expenditure**

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

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which the expenditure arose.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings                      -    15% on straight line basis

##### **Stocks**

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

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

**The British Pilgrimage Trust CIO**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Fund accounting**

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

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

**Cash**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**Debtors and creditors payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

**Financial instruments**

The charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. Trade debtors, trade creditors and accruals are held at amortised cost as detailed in notes 10 and 11. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Cash is measured at face value.

**Going Concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

|                            | 2020    | 2019   |
|----------------------------|---------|--------|
|                            | £       | £      |
| Donations and gifts        | 86,347  | 30,382 |
| Donation of seconded staff | 22,800  | 30,000 |
| Gift aid                   | 335     | 484    |
| Book income                | 30,823  | -      |
|                            | <hr/>   | <hr/>  |
|                            | 140,305 | 60,866 |
|                            | <hr/>   | <hr/>  |

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

|                               | Direct<br>Costs (see<br>note 4)<br>£ |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| To advance British Pilgrimage | 144,962                              |
|                               | <hr/>                                |

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**4. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

|                                      | 2020           | 2019          |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
|                                      | £              | £             |
| Staff costs                          | 39,291         | 7,549         |
| Advertising, marketing and publicity | 7,216          | -             |
| Office and storage rental            | -              | 243           |
| Freelance staff fees                 | -              | 4,323         |
| Donated staff and expenses           | 22,800         | 30,000        |
| Travel and expenses                  | 4,870          | 3,188         |
| Guided pilgrimages                   | 1,097          | 2,287         |
| Communication                        | 599            | 846           |
| Website development                  | 3,300          | 1,796         |
| Insurance                            | 424            | 404           |
| Independent examiner fee             | 1,850          | 1,800         |
| Legal Fees                           | 3,874          | 2,294         |
| Postage and stationery               | 1,411          | -             |
| Online guide development             | 10,840         | -             |
| Book development costs               | 66,838         | -             |
| Closing stock of books               | (23,739)       | -             |
| Other costs                          | 2,263          | 338           |
| Depreciation                         | 2,028          | 2,028         |
|                                      | <u>144,962</u> | <u>57,096</u> |

**Independent examiner's remuneration**

The independent examiner's remuneration is £1,850 (2019: £1,800). This is for accounts preparation, independent examination and other work.

**5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

Dr Guy Hayward, a trustee, received remuneration and expenses of £12,825 (2019: £30,000) representing the annual freelance fees and allowable expenses of a post-doctoral research fellow post multiplied by the number of days worked for the British Pilgrimage Trust as a proportion of total days worked. The remuneration was funded through the Scientific and Medical network as is disclosed in the financial statements as a donation of seconded staff.

**Trustees' expenses**

During the year no trustees were reimbursed for travel and other expenses. (2019: £935 for one trustee).

**6. STAFF COSTS**

|                     | 2020          | 2019         |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
|                     | £             | £            |
| Wages and salaries  | 38,701        | 7,549        |
| Other pension costs | 590           | -            |
|                     | <u>39,291</u> | <u>7,549</u> |

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

|                     | 2020     | 2019     |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| Charitable activity | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> |

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

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the senior management personnel. Other than the trustee remuneration disclosed above, the total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £20,899 (2019 - £nil).

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

**7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

|                                    | Unrestricted<br>fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>fund<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>£  |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>  |                           |                         |                      |
| Donations and legacies             | 60,866                    | -                       | 60,866               |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>       |                           |                         |                      |
| To advance British Pilgrimage      | 11,778                    | -                       | 11,778               |
| Other income                       | 33                        | -                       | 33                   |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <u>72,677</u>             | <u>-</u>                | <u>72,677</u>        |
| <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>              |                           |                         |                      |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>       |                           |                         |                      |
| To advance British Pilgrimage      | 57,096                    | -                       | 57,096               |
| Other                              | 66                        | -                       | 66                   |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <u>57,162</u>             | <u>-</u>                | <u>57,162</u>        |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>                  | <u>15,515</u>             | <u>-</u>                | <u>15,515</u>        |
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>     |                           |                         |                      |
| Total funds brought forward        | 42,356                    | -                       | 42,356               |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b> | <u><u>57,871</u></u>      | <u><u>-</u></u>         | <u><u>57,871</u></u> |

**8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

|                                        | Fixtures<br>and<br>fittings<br>£ |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>COST</b>                            |                                  |
| At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020 | <u>13,521</u>                    |
| <b>DEPRECIATION</b>                    |                                  |
| At 1 January 2020                      | 4,056                            |
| Charge for year                        | <u>2,028</u>                     |
| At 31 December 2020                    | <u>6,084</u>                     |
| <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>                  |                                  |
| At 31 December 2020                    | <u>7,437</u>                     |
| At 31 December 2019                    | <u><u>9,465</u></u>              |

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

**9. STOCKS**

|                | 2020<br>£ | 2019<br>£ |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Books for sale | 23,739    | -         |

**10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|                     | 2020<br>£     | 2019<br>£    |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Trade debtors       | 16,338        | -            |
| Gift aid receivable | 1,490         | 3,418        |
|                     | <u>17,828</u> | <u>3,418</u> |

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|                 | 2020<br>£ | 2019<br>£ |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Other creditors | 2,201     | 1,800     |

**12. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

|                     | Unrestricted<br>fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>fund<br>£ | 2020<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ | 2019<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fixed assets        | 7,437                     | -                       | 7,437                       | 9,465                       |
| Current assets      | 58,752                    | -                       | 58,752                      | 50,206                      |
| Current liabilities | (2,201)                   | -                       | (2,201)                     | (1,800)                     |
|                     | <u>63,988</u>             | <u>-</u>                | <u>63,988</u>               | <u>57,871</u>               |

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

|                           | At 1.1.20<br>£ | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | At<br>31.12.20<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                |                                  |                     |
| General fund              | 57,871         | 6,117                            | 63,988              |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>        | <u>57,871</u>  | <u>6,117</u>                     | <u>63,988</u>       |

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

|                           | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                            |                            |                           |
| General fund              | 151,162                    | (145,045)                  | 6,117                     |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>        | <u>151,162</u>             | <u>(145,045)</u>           | <u>6,117</u>              |

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**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

|                           | At 1.1.19<br>£ | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | At<br>31.12.19<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                |                                  |                     |
| General fund              | 42,356         | 15,515                           | 57,871              |
|                           | <hr/>          | <hr/>                            | <hr/>               |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>        | <u>42,356</u>  | <u>15,515</u>                    | <u>57,871</u>       |

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

|                           | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                            |                            |                           |
| General fund              | 72,677                     | (57,162)                   | 15,515                    |
|                           | <hr/>                      | <hr/>                      | <hr/>                     |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>        | <u>72,677</u>              | <u>(57,162)</u>            | <u>15,515</u>             |

**14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

|                                      | 2020<br>£         | 2019<br>£          |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>         |                   |                    |
| <b>Donations and legacies</b>        |                   |                    |
| Donations and gifts                  | 86,347            | 30,382             |
| Donation of seconded staff           | 22,800            | 30,000             |
| Gift aid                             | 335               | 484                |
| Book income                          | 30,823            | -                  |
|                                      | <hr/> 140,305     | <hr/> 60,866       |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>         |                   |                    |
| Income from guided pilgrimages       | 10,578            | 11,778             |
| <b>Other income</b>                  |                   |                    |
| Sundry income                        | 279               | 33                 |
|                                      | <hr/> 151,162     | <hr/> 72,677       |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>      |                   |                    |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                   |                   |                    |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>         |                   |                    |
| Wages                                | 38,701            | 7,549              |
| Pensions                             | 590               | -                  |
| Advertising, marketing and publicity | 7,216             | -                  |
| Office and storage rental            | -                 | 243                |
| Freelance staff fees                 | -                 | 4,323              |
| Donated staff and expenses           | 22,800            | 30,000             |
| Travel and expenses                  | 4,870             | 3,188              |
| Guided pilgrimages                   | 1,097             | 2,287              |
| Communication                        | 599               | 846                |
| Website development                  | 3,300             | 1,796              |
| Insurance                            | 424               | 404                |
| Independent examiner fee             | 1,850             | 1,800              |
| Legal Fees                           | 3,874             | 2,294              |
| Postage and stationery               | 1,411             | -                  |
| Online guide development             | 10,840            | -                  |
| Book development costs               | 66,838            | -                  |
| Closing stock of books               | (23,739)          | -                  |
| Other costs                          | 2,263             | 338                |
| Depreciation of fixtures & fittings  | 2,028             | 2,028              |
|                                      | <hr/> 144,962     | <hr/> 57,096       |
| <b>Other</b>                         |                   |                    |
| Bank charges                         | 83                | 66                 |
|                                      | <hr/> 145,045     | <hr/> 57,162       |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>      |                   |                    |
| <b>Net income</b>                    | <hr/> <hr/> 6,117 | <hr/> <hr/> 15,515 |