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Chair 2024

(Financial review by Linda Belsham, Treasurer)

	2023	2024
Balance from Previous Year	1,693.47	5,367.06
Support from churches	4,850.00	3,478.86
Parent Donations	8,725.07	8,655.34
Other Donations	9,588.91	7,408.01
Gift Aid	2,555.63	3,118.41
Quiz Sheets	672.61	470.10
Quiz Night	1,096.00	1,248.00
Craft Fayre	0.00	830.00
Church Collections	459.80	536.70
Grants	3,250.00	1,850.00
Sales	209.83	255.00
Other Income	18.41	11.25
Café Income	757.89	1,014.61
Basket Collection	138.00	62.00
Total Income	32,322.15	28,938.28
Expenditure:		
Tents & Toilets	15,340.12	15,782.16
Electrics, PA, Music	8,428.00	8,714.80
Other Site Costs	1,851.21	3,800.04
Insurance	608.54	430.34
Shop	315.75	0.00
First Aid	777.00	650.00
Admin	418.80	3,116.50
Activities:		
Craft	552.47	287.00
Mainstage	257.14	404.72
Sport	0.00	0.00
Café	99.53	0.00
Little Lighthouse	0.00	0.00
Materials/Printing	0.00	0.00
Evenings	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditure	28,648.56	33,185.56
From reserve account		6,000.00
Final Balance at 30.9.24	5,367.06	7,119.78
P/L for the year	3,673.59	-4,247.28

Contingency /Reserve Account	Balance at 1.10.23	17,734.88
	Interest	247.12
	To current account	-6,000.00
	Balance at 30.09.24	11,982.00

Assets @ 30.9.2024	7,119.78
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Total Assets @ 30.9.2024	19,101.78

I have tested the accounts with the records kept, with the bank statements and the vouchers for the year and find them, and the balances, to be in accordance with these accounts.

Signed: 

Date: 10/6/25



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