
MESSENGER OF SAINT ANTHONY UK
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Trustees

Mario Conte, Trustee
Kevin Roy Grant, Trustee
Giorgia Sartori, Trustee
Giancarlo Zamengo, Trustee
Gerard Thomas Mary Hanley, Trustee
Liam Patrick Redmond, Trustee
Kate Elizabeth Castellani, Trustee

Company registered number 11201248

Charity registered number 1180228

Registered office

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2023. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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

a. Policies and objectives

The company is established as a charitable company to promote and advance the Christian faith in sympathy with the ethics and teachings of saint Anthony of Padua and to further such other purposes which may be charitable according to the law of England and Wales as the trustees see fit from time to time.

b. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

The company will achieve its objectives by distributing educational material, specifically a magazine, and making grants to charitable projects particularly in England and Wales but also in the rest of the world with the aim of relieving poverty and advancing health, education and community development.

Achievements and performance

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

b. Income and expenditure

The Company received income from donations which, including Gift Aid, amounted to £465,704 (2022: £428,806). During the year the company spent £275,753 (2022: £285,152) on charitable activities and £117,386 (2022: £111,295) on governance costs. Including investment income of £Nil (2022: £Nil) the net income of the company was £72,565 (2022: £32,359). The Trustees will consider how best to apply these funds for charitable purposes.

In 2023 charitable expenditure on specific projects was £190,000 (2022: £195,000). The expenditure comprised: £50,000 grant to the Pisap FMC Accoglienza Pellegrini for the Sr. Anthony Basilica Pilgrim reception program, £20,000 to the Cardinal Hume Centre Immigration Advice Service, payments to Caritas Sant'Antonio of £100,000 for medical equipment and housing and education in India and Kenya and £20,000 to FMC Messaggero di Sant' Antonio Editrice to fund the St. Anthony's life exhibition.

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c. Financial position

At 31 December 2023 the Company had cash at bank of £619,144 (2022: £609,278) and debtors of £23,788 (2022: £22,434) giving a total of gross assets of £642,932 (2022: £631,712). Against this the Company had liabilities of £67,025 (2022: £128,370). The net assets at 31 December 2023 was £575,907 (2022: £503,342).

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

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 12 February 2018. On 8 October 2018 it was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1180228.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the Company's Articles of Association.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The company is managed by its Trustees who are responsible for all strategic decisions and oversee its operations. Day to day operations are delegated to an administrative team.

Funds held as custodian

No funds are currently held by the Company.

Trustees

The trustees, who are also directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year were:

Mario Conte
Kevin Roy Grant
Giorgia Sartori
Giancarlo Zamengo
Gerard Thomas Mary Hanley
Liam Patrick Redmond
Kate Elizabeth Castellani

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 10 May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:


.....
Giancarlo Zamengo
(Trustee)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Messenger of Saint Anthony UK ('the company')

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination based on income of more than £25,000 but less than £1,000,000 and gross assets of less than £3,260,000; I report in respect of my examination of the company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

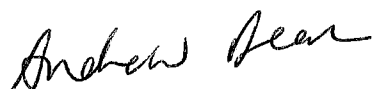
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

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.

This report is made solely to the company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:



Dated: 10 May 2024

Andrew Dean LLB ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	461,468	4,236	465,704	428,806
Total income		<u>461,468</u>	<u>4,236</u>	<u>465,704</u>	<u>428,806</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		275,753	-	275,753	285,152
Governance costs		117,386	-	117,386	111,295
Total expenditure	3	<u>393,139</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>393,139</u>	<u>396,447</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>68,329</u>	<u>4,236</u>	<u>72,565</u>	<u>32,359</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		499,342	4,000	503,342	470,983
Net movement in funds		68,329	4,236	72,565	32,359
Total funds carried forward		<u>567,671</u>	<u>8,236</u>	<u>575,907</u>	<u>503,342</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

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

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 11201248

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

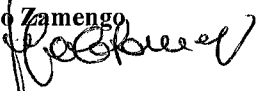
	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Debtors	6	23,788	22,434
Cash at bank and in hand		619,144	609,278
		<u>642,932</u>	<u>631,712</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(67,025)	(128,370)
Net current assets		<u>575,907</u>	<u>503,342</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>575,907</u>	<u>503,342</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>575,907</u>	<u>503,342</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>575,907</u></u>	<u><u>503,342</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	8	8,236	4,000
Unrestricted funds	8	567,671	499,342
Total funds		<u><u>575,907</u></u>	<u><u>503,342</u></u>

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 10 May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Giancarlo Zamengo
(Trustee)



The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Messenger of Saint Anthony UK meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is a functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted as set out below.

1.2 Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The sole member of the Company is Provincia Padovana Frati Minori Conventuali. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1.

1.3 Going concern

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

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the company is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the company has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the company, or the company is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the company of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised. Refer to the Trustees' Report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the company which is the amount the company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and 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.

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.9 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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

2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations	461,468	4,236	465,704	428,806

3. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Charitable expenditure 2023 £	Governance costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Expenditure	275,753	117,386	393,139	396,447

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3. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Printing and publications	81,223	83,708
Promotional expenses	4,530	6,444
Grant - financial projects	190,000	195,000
	<u>275,753</u>	<u>285,152</u>

Analysis of support costs

Governance costs

	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Legal and professional fees	45,390	45,600
Administrative expenses	13,900	19,469
Sundry expenses	6,027	5,238
Communication costs	52,069	40,988
	<u>117,386</u>	<u>111,295</u>

4. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 December 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022 - £NIL).

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5. Staff costs

There were no employees during the year.

6. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within one year		
Gift Aid Tax recoverable	23,788	22,434
	<u>23,788</u>	<u>22,434</u>
	<u><u>23,788</u></u>	<u><u>22,434</u></u>

7. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	11,346	-
Other creditors	-	70,000
Accruals and deferred income	55,679	58,370
	<u>67,025</u>	<u>128,370</u>
	<u><u>67,025</u></u>	<u><u>128,370</u></u>

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8. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	499,342	461,468	(393,139)	567,671
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds - all funds	4,000	4,236	-	8,236
Total of funds	503,342	465,704	(393,139)	575,907

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	466,983	428,806	(396,447)	499,342
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds - all funds	4,000	-	-	4,000
Total of funds	470,983	428,806	(396,447)	503,342

The restricted income relates to building houses in Sri Lanka.

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9. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Current assets	634,696	8,236	642,932
Creditors due within one year	(67,025)	-	(67,025)
Total	<u>567,671</u>	<u>8,236</u>	<u>575,907</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Current assets	627,712	4,000	631,712
Creditors due within one year	(128,370)	-	(128,370)
Total	<u>499,342</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>503,342</u>

10. Related party transactions

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