

RISE CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1185375

Details

Other names	Love Blackburn with Darwen
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2019-09-18
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN ACCORDANCE WITH DOCTRINES OUTLINED IN THE NICENE CREED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN AND THE NEARBY AREAS WITHIN EAST LANCASHIRE. IN ACHIEVING ITS PURPOSE, THE CIO WILL CARRY OUT A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, EITHER ON ITS OWN OR WITH OTHERS, WITHIN A CHRISTIAN ETHOS.

Activities: RISE will organise new events and could assume the leadership of any existing inter group or inter church events. This could include joint outreach events, Christian faith action activities such as social projects, including co-ordinating the current faith action network. This may make the projects accessible to those who need it and to other partners including the Council.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£23,302	£24,163	-	-
2024-03-31	£29,428	£34,400	-	-
2023-03-31	£29,790	£21,915	-	-
2022-03-31	£21,566	£17,509	-	-
2021-03-31	£750	£750	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Alastair Murdoch	Chair	2019-09-18
Canon James Lawrence		2024-10-30
IAN FERGUSON		2019-09-18
Janet Murdoch		2019-09-18
Rev Jason Gardner		2024-10-30

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Accounts



RISE

Working name: Love Blackburn with Darwen

(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Registration Date: 18th September 2019

Registered Charity Number 1185375

ACCOUNTS AND TRUSTEES'
REPORT FOR THE YEAR
ENDED

31st March 2025

Reference and administrative information
For the year ended 31st March 2025

Trustees:	Rev Jason Gardner (Appointed 30.10.24) Canon James Lawrence (Appointed 30.10.24) Dr Alastair Murdoch Rev Ian Ferguson Mrs Janet Murdoch Mr Stephen Norcross (resigned 04.11.2024) Rev Adam Mark Woodhouse (Resigned 17.10.2024)
Charity Number:	1185375
RegisteredAddress:	The Exchange 71-73 King William Street Blackburn BB1 7DT
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank plc 25 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7HN
Independent Examiner:	Mrs Valentina Raia
Solicitors:	Mouteney Solicitors Limited 22 The Bramhall Centre Bramhall, Stockport Cheshire SK7 1AW

Trustee's annual report
for the year ended 31st March 2025

Structure, governance and management

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Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Under the constitution, apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of four years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees and members. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. Business, leadership, teaching, medical, entrepreneurial and church leadership skills are well represented in the current trustees.

Trustee induction and training

The charity trustees make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment a copy of the constitution and any amendments made to it and a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts. This is added to by intensive face-to-face meetings.

Organisational structure

There are five trustees from varying professional backgrounds who should meet at least quarterly. They are responsible for the financial and corporate governance of the charity and they take on varying responsibilities for the charity depending on their professional background and skills.

Trustees Annual Report continued
Year ended 31st March 2025

The objects of the CIO are:

- A. The object of the CIO is to advance the Christian religion in accordance with doctrines outlined in the Nicene Creed for the benefit of the public in Blackburn with Darwen and the nearby areas within East Lancashire.
- B. The Trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the CIO in promoting the Objects.

Achievements and Performance until March 2025:

- The monthly prayer meeting for all Christians once a month at Beacon Church are continuing and are well attended.
- The planned relaunch and rebranding was planned for June 2025 and the new website was presented.
- We started a Faith Action Audit thanks to Rev Mark Cowling of Gather and thanks to volunteers Fred Harris and Haroon LalDin. We hope to complete that in 2025 but also to have the ability to upload new information directly onto the new website.
- Rev Adam Woodhouse had to resign as a trustee on 17.10.2024 as he had left Lancashire. Canon James Lawrence and Rev Jason Gardner both agreed to become trustees.
- The collaboration with "Green Pastures" to provide housing for the homeless, has now been running for four years. This year has seen the house, which has three bedrooms, have an 85% occupancy. One man has moved on to independent living, and the current residents are stable and doing well. Our link with the "180" project continues, with mutual support. Some of our residents have been part of the programme in the past.
- The charity, "RISE CIO", which has a bank account to enable joint activity has now been going for over five years. Although RISE CIO is the name of the charity, the working name "Love Blackburn with Darwen" is registered with the Charity Commission. The main name has not been changed at the Charity Commission website to avoid having to change the bank account.

Plans:

- RISE continues to be run solely by the trustees, even though as an association we plan to include members.
- We will relaunch bi-monthly lunch meetings for leaders that include a speaker on a relevant topic.
- We will continue to facilitate monthly prayer meetings for all Christians.
- We will continue the partnership with Green Pastures who provide a house for the homeless, currently only through Re:Ignite Church.

Trustee's annual report
for the year ended 31st March 2025

How our activities deliver public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when setting the objectives and assessing their activities. Joint church prayer meetings are open to the public.

Financial review

This was our fourth year in operation. Most of the income has been to support Green Pastures. The results for the year and the state of the charity's affairs as at 31st March 2024 are set out in the financial statements following.

Reserves policy

The trustees have assessed the charity's reserves requirements and have agreed that reserves for activities apart from the Green Pastures house are inappropriate owing to the very small sum in the account. Re: Ignite Church are ensuring that there are adequate reserves to pay three months rent on the house to Green Pastures.

Statement of trustees responsibilities

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

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 5th November 2025 and signed on their behalf by Dr Alastair Murdoch



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the trustees of RISE CIO

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of RISE CIO

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the RISE CIO for the year ended 31st March 2025.

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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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.

Valentina Raia MICB
144 Lincoln Avenue
Twickenham
TW2 6NP

Date: 8th September 2025



Statement of Financial Activities for
the year ended 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:				
Donations and gifts	-	-	-	1045.00
Other trading activities	-	23,301.62	23,301.62	28,427.60
Investments	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	-	23,301.62	23,301.62	29,472.60
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising Funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	-	24,163.20	24,163.20	34,399.96
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	-	24,163.20	24,163.20	34,399.96
NET (EXPENDITURE) / INCOME		- 861.58	- 861.58	- 4,972.36
Total funds brought forward	1,045.00	5,960.07	7,005.07	11,977.43
Total funds carried forward	1,045.00	5,098.49	6,143.49	7,005.07

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

Although the charity is registered for Gift Aid, no claim has been made as the amount is so small and can be claimed in further years.

Balance Sheet
for the year ended 31st March 2025

		2025	2024
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS:			
Tangible Assets		-	-
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Stocks		-	-
Debtors		-	-
Cash at Bank and in hand		6,143.49	7,005.07
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Creditors due in less than one year		-	-
TOTAL ASSETS:		6,143.49	7,005.07
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted Funds		1,045.00	1,045.00
Restricted Funds		5,098.49	5,960.07

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 5th November 2025 and signed on their behalf by Dr Alastair Murdoch.



Notes to the Financial Statements for
the year ended 31st March 2025

1. Accounting policies Charity Information

RISE is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission

2. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of recommended Practice (SORPFRS102), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1st January 2016.

3. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds would comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund will be set out in the notes to the financial statements where applicable. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund will be set out in the notes to the financial statements where applicable.

4. Income and Gift Aid

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

5. Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st March 2025
Accounting policies (continued)

activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises and other overheads have been allocated according to the level of activity undertaken throughout the year.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

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

6. Taxation

The charity has operated in accordance with its charitable objects and is therefore exempt from taxation.

7. Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue, therefore the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

8. Tangible fixed assets (not relevant this year)

Individual assets acquire data cost of more than £1,000 which are intended for use on a continuing basis in the charity's activities have been capitalised. Depreciation is provided using the following rates to reduce, by annual instalments, the cost, less estimated residual value, of the tangible assets over their estimated useful lives:

Land and buildings	0% on cost
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9. Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

10. Related parties

There were no related party transactions during the year

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ACCOUNTS AND TRUSTEES'
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Trustees:	Dr Alastair Murdoch Rev Ian Ferguson Rev Simon Pastorello (Resigned 2 nd October 2023) Mr Stephen Norcross Mrs Janet Murdoch Rev Adam Mark Woodhouse (Appointed 15/06/2023)
Advisers:	Rev Jason Gardner Canon James Lawrence
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Achievements and Performance until March 2024:

- The informal meeting for church leaders has continued, but is now a monthly face-to-face lunchtime event which rotates round different churches.
- The monthly prayer meeting for church leaders has developed into a face-to-face meeting for all Christians once a month. These are well attended.
- We had an “awayday” at the Cathedral on 15th June 2023 with a view to re-launching “RISE” under a new name, “Love Blackburn with Darwen”. This would be part of actually delivering something tangible as well as spiritual. A Community Grocery was planned for later in the year, but this has been delayed due to personnel changes.
- At that meeting, we approved a new Trustee, Rev Adam Woodhouse. Canon James Lawrence and Rev Jason Gardner both agreed to continue in an advisory capacity. Rev Simon Pastorello also advised that he was soon to leave Blackburn and would therefore be resigning as a Trustee.
- We are planning to launch the evening “RISE” prayer meetings as part of the re-launch.
- The collaboration with “Green Pastures” to provide housing for the homeless, has now been running for three years. This year has seen the house, which has three bedrooms, have an 85% occupancy. One man has moved on to independent living, and the current residents are stable and doing well. Our link with the “180” project continues, with mutual support. The 180 project uses Crossfit gym as part of a package to support those with a history of substance misuse. Some of our residents have been part of the programme in the past.

Trustee's annual report
for the year ended 31st March 2024

History:

On the 5th February 2013, the then Archdeacon of Blackburn, John Hawley, called a meeting of all Christian leaders in the town to a meeting entitled, "Blackburn and its' Christian Future?". This birthed "Christians together in Blackburn" which organised monthly prayer meetings and facilitated some interdenominational worship services. As helpful as this was, there was a desire by many for more than just services. Inspired by "Movement Day" <http://movementday.uk/> and several other "unity movements" in the country, the idea of having a unity movement with the purpose of mission was born. This gives unity a focus of mission which as well as outreach includes loving and serving the community in every way possible, in Jesus' name. Supported by a facilitator who was sponsored by the Evangelical Alliance, Dave King, the steering group for Christians Together in Blackburn became the steering group for this new unity for mission movement, which has been called RISE. This is a wide vision that shares Movement Day's vision of social, cultural and spiritual transformation.

On the 17th March 2018, we agreed the following:

"Our vision is to set-up a Christian unity movement for the sake of local mission and transformation."

To enable joint working we set up a charity, "RISE CIO", which has a bank account that has now been going for over four years.

Plans:

- RISE continues to be run solely by the trustees, even though as an association we plan to include members. This will need a significant re-launch and re-visioning and is proposed during this financial year.
- We will continue to co-ordinate monthly lunch meetings for leaders
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Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 30th October 2024 and signed on their behalf by Dr Alastair Murdoch



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Date: 8th October 2024



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the year ended 31st March 2024

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	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:				
Donations and gifts	1,000.00		1,000.00	50.00
Other trading activities	-	28,427.60	28,427.60	29,740.13
Investments	-	-		-
TOTAL INCOME	1,000.00	28,427.60	29,427.60	29,790.13
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising Funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	-	34,399.96	34,399.96	21,915.46
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	-	34,399.96	34,399.96	21,915.46
NET (EXPENDITURE) / INCOME	1,000.00	-5,972.36	-4,972.36	7,874.67
Total funds brought forward	45.00	11,932.43	11,977.43	4102.76
Total funds carried forward	1,045.00	5,960.07	7,005.07	11,977.43

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Balance Sheet
for the year ended 31st March 2024

		2024	2023
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS:			
Tangible Assets		0	0
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Stocks		0	0
Debtors		0	0
Cash at Bank and in hand		7,005.07	11,977.43
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Creditors due in less than one year		0	0
TOTAL ASSETS:		7,005.07	11,977.43
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted Funds		1,045.00	45.00
Restricted Funds		5,960.07	11,932.43

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 30th October 2024 and signed on their behalf by Dr Alastair Murdoch.



Notes to the Financial Statements for
the year ended 31st March 2024

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5. Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to

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Accounting policies (continued)

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information For the year ended 31st
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Operational and Registered Address:	The Exchange 71-73 King William Street Blackburn BB1 7DT
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Independent Examiner:	Not required
Solicitors:	Mounteney Solicitors Limited 22 The Bramhall Centre Bramhall Stockport Cheshire SK7 1AW

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Trustee's annual report
for the year ended 31st March 2022

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Recruitment and appointment of trustees

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Trustee induction and training

The charity trustees make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment a copy of the constitution and any amendments made to it and a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts. This is added to by intensive face-to-face meetings.

Organisational structure

There are five trustees from varying professional backgrounds who meet at least quarterly. They are responsible for the financial and corporate governance of the charity and they take on varying responsibilities for the charity depending on their professional background and skills.

Trustees Annual Report
continued Year ended 31st
March 2023

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- B. The Trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the CIO in promoting the Objects.

Achievements and Performance until March 2023:

- The informal meeting for church leaders has continued , but is now a monthly face-to-face lunchtime event which rotates round different churches.
- The monthly prayer meeting for church leaders has developed into a face-to- face meeting for all Christians once a month. These are well attended.
- We are planning a re-launch of RISE under a new name, "Love Blackburn with Darwen". This will be later in 2023. Since the year end, we have attracted another trustee and two other church leaders who are willing to be part of the steering group.
- We are planning to launch the evening "RISE" prayer meetings as part of the re-launch.
- The collaboration with "Green Pastures" to provide housing for the homeless, has now been running for two years. This year has seen the house, which has three bedrooms, have an 85% occupancy. One man has moved on to independent living, and the current residents are stable and doing well. Our link with the "180" project continues to be strong, with mutual support. The 180 project uses Crossfit gym as part of a package to support those with a history of substance misuse. Some of our residents are part of the programme and some have been in the past.

Trustee's annual report
for the year ended 31st March 2023

History:

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Supported by a facilitator who was sponsored by the Evangelical Alliance, Dave King, the steering group for Christians Together in Blackburn became the steering group for this new unity for mission movement, which has been called RISE. This is a wide vision that shares Movement Day's vision of social, cultural and spiritual transformation.

On the 17th March 2018, we agreed the following:

"Our vision is to set-up a Christian unity movement for the sake of local mission and transformation.

To enable joint working we set up a charity, "RISE CIO", which has a bank account that has now been going for over three years.

Plans:

- RISE continues to be run solely by the trustees, even though as an association we plan to include members. This will need a significant re-launch and re-visioning and is proposed during this financial year.
- We will continue to co-ordinate monthly lunch meetings for leaders
- We will continue to facilitate monthly prayer meetings for all Christians.
- We will continue the partnership with Green Pastures who provide a house for the homeless, currently only through Re:Ignite Church.

Trustee's annual report
for the year ended 31st March 2023

How our activities deliver public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when setting the objectives and assessing their activities. Joint church prayer meetings are open to the public.

Financial review

This was our third year in operation, and because of Covid 19, most of the income has been to support Green Pastures. The results for the year and the state of the charity's affairs as at 31st March 2022 are set out in the financial statements following.

Reserves policy

The trustees have assessed the charity's reserves requirements and have agreed that reserves are inappropriate owing to the very small sum in the account. Re: Ignite Church
are ensuring that there are adequate reserves to pay three months rent on the house to Green Pastures.

Statement of trustees responsibilities

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

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. As a CIO with an income of less than £25,0000, no independent examination of these accounts is required.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 12.09.2023 and signed on their behalf by Dr A Murdoch



Independent examiner's report to the trustees of RISE CIO

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the RISE CIO for the year ended 31st March 2023.

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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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.

Valentina Raia MICB
15 Boxwood Drive
Blackburn
BB2 5AN

Date: 18th December 2023



Statement of Financial Activities for
the year ended 31st March 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:				
Donations and gifts	-	50	50	5,639.52
Other trading activities	-	29,740.13	29,740.13	15,926.92
Investments	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	-	29,790.13	29,790.13	21,566.44
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising Funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities		21,915.46	21,915.46	17,508.68
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:			21,915.46	17,508.68
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME	-		7,874.67	4,057.76
Total funds brought forward			4102.76	45.00
Total funds carried forward			11,977.43	4,102.76

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

There are no notes to the accounts as there is no further detail. Although the charity is registered for Gift Aid, no claim has been made as the amount is so small and can be claimed in further years.

Balance Sheet
for the year ended 31st March 2023

		2023	2022
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS:			
Tangible Assets		0	0
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Stocks		0	0
Debtors		0	0
Cash at Bank and in hand		11,977.43	4,102.76
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Creditors due in less than one year		0	0
TOTAL ASSETS:		11,977.43	4,102.76
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted Funds		45.00	45.00
Restricted Funds		11,932.43	4,057.76

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 12.09.2023 and signed on their behalf by Dr A Murdoch



Notes to the Financial Statements for
the year ended 31st March 2023

1. Accounting policies Charity Information

RISE is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission

2. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of recommended Practice (SORP FRS 102), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1st January 2016.

3. Fund Accounting

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Designated funds would comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund will be set out in the notes to the financial statements where applicable. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund will be set out in the notes to the financial statements where applicable.

4. Income and Gift Aid

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

5. Expenditure (not relevant this year)

All expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to

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activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises and other overheads have been allocated according to the level of activity undertaken throughout the year.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

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

6. Taxation

The charity has operated in accordance with its charitable objects and is therefore exempt from taxation.

7. Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue, therefore the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

8. Tangible fixed assets (not relevant this year)

Individual assets acquire data cost of more than £1,000 which are intended for use on a continuing basis in the charity's activities have been capitalised. Depreciation is provided using the following rates to reduce, by annual instalments, the cost, less estimated residual value, of the tangible assets over their estimated useful lives:

Land and buildings	0% on cost
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9. Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

10. Related parties

There were no related party transactions during the year

RISE CIO

England & Wales - Charity number 1185375

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RISE
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registration Date: 18th September 2019

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Reference and administrative information
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Trustees:	Dr Alastair Murdoch Rev Ian Ferguson Rev Simon Pastorello Mr Stephen Norcross Mrs Janet Murdoch
Charity Number:	1185375
Operational and Registered Address:	The Exchange 71-73 King William Street Blackburn BB1 7DT
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank plc 25 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7HN
Independent Examiner:	Not required
Solicitors:	Mounteney Solicitors Limited 22 The Bramhall Centre Bramhall Stockport Cheshire SK7 1AW

Trustee's annual report
for the year ended 31st March 2022

Structure, governance and management

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Organisational structure

There are five trustees from varying professional backgrounds who meet at least quarterly. They are responsible for the financial and corporate governance of the charity and they take on varying responsibilities for the charity depending on their professional background and skills.

Trustees Annual Report continued
Year ended 31st March 2022

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Achievements and Performance until March 2022:

- “RISE” prayer meetings were organised through Zoom, though these transitioned to face-to-face meetings before Christmas. These are interdenominational prayer meetings, usually with a keynote speaker and prayer for the issue being highlighted. They attract about 40-50 people on average from many different churches.
- The informal meeting for church leaders has continued quarterly, but is now face-to-face.
- The monthly prayer meeting for church leaders has continued via Zoom.
- The proposed collaboration with another charity, “Green Pastures” to buy housing for the homeless, finally came to fruition in April of last year.

Trustee's annual report
for the year ended 31st March 2022

History:

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To enable joint working we set up a charity, "RISE CIO", which has a bank account that has now been going for nearly three years.

Trustee's annual report
for the year ended 31st March 2022

Plans:

- The current trustees are seeking funding for administrative support. This will free the trustees time to develop new initiatives.
- RISE continues to be run solely by the trustees, even though as an association we plan to include members. This will need a significant re-launch and re-visioning and is not proposed during this financial year.
- We will continue to lead and support monthly prayer meetings for leaders
- We will continue to co-ordinate quarterly senior church leaders' lunches.
- We will continue the partnership with Green Pastures who provide a house for the homeless, currently only through Re:Ignite Church.

How our activities deliver public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when setting the objectives and assessing their activities. Joint church prayer meetings are open to the public.

Financial review

This was our third year in operation, and because of Covid 19, most of the income has been to support Green Pastures. The results for the year and the state of the charity's affairs as at 31st March 2022 are set out in the financial statements following.

Reserves policy

The trustees have assessed the charity's reserves requirements and have agreed that reserves are inappropriate owing to the very small sum in the account. Re:Ignite Church are ensuring that there are adequate reserves to pay three months rent on the house to Green Pastures.

Statement of trustees responsibilities

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

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As a CIO with an income of less than £25,0000, no independent examination of these accounts is required.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 28th July 2022 and signed on their behalf by Dr Alastair Murdoch



Statement of Financial Activities for
the year ended 31st March 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:				
Donations and gifts	-	5,639.52		750
Other trading activities	-	15,926.92	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	-	21,566.44		750
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising Funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities		17,508.68		750
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:		17,508.68		750
NET (EXPENDITURE) / INCOME	-	4057.76	-	-
Total funds brought forward	45	-		45
Total funds carried forward	45	4057.76	4102.76	—

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

There are no notes to the accounts as there is no further detail. Although the charity is registered for Gift Aid, no claim has been made as the amount is so small and can be claimed in further years.

Balance Sheet
for the year ended 31st March 2022

		2022	2021
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS:			
Tangible Assets		0	0
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Stocks		0	0
Debtors		0	0
Cash at Bank and in hand		4,102.76	45
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Creditors due in less than one year		0	0
TOTAL ASSETS:		4,102.76	45
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted funds		45	45
Restricted Funds		4057.76	-

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 28th July 2022 and signed on their behalf by Dr Alastair Murdoch:



Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st March 2022

1. Accounting policies

Charity Information

RISE is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission

2. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of recommended Practice (SORP FRS102), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1st January 2016.

3. Fund Accounting

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5. Expenditure (not relevant this year)

All expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st March 2022
Accounting policies (continued)

attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises and other overheads have been allocated according to the level of activity undertaken throughout the year.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

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

6. Taxation

The charity has operated in accordance with its charitable objects and is therefore exempt from taxation.

7. Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue, therefore the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

8. Tangible fixed assets (not relevant this year)

Individual assets acquired at a cost of more than £1,000 which are intended for use on a continuing basis in the charity's activities have been capitalised. Depreciation is provided using the following rates to reduce, by annual instalments, the cost, less estimated residual value, of the tangible assets over their estimated useful lives:

Land and buildings	0% on cost
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9. Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

10. Related parties

There were no related party transactions during the year

RISE CIO

England & Wales - Charity number 1185375

Accounts

RISE
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Trustee's annual report
for the year ended 31st March 2021

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Trustees Annual Report continued
Year ended 31st March 2021

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Achievements and Performance until March 2021:

- Owing to Covid-19 all face-to-face activities were suspended. However, during lockdown the following were developed:
- Several “RISE” prayer meetings were organised through Zoom. These are interdenominational prayer meetings, usually with a keynote speaker and prayer for the issue being highlighted. They attract about 40-50 people on average from many different churches.
- A monthly informal meeting for church leaders was developed and continued via Zoom.
- A monthly prayer meeting for church leaders was developed via Zoom.
- The proposed collaboration with another charity, “Green Pastures” to buy housing for the homeless, has again been delayed, this time by Covid. However, this has gone ahead after the end of this financial year.

Trustee's annual report
for the year ended 31st March 2021

History:

On the 5th February 2013, the then Archdeacon of Blackburn, John Hawley, called a meeting of all Christian leaders in the town to a meeting entitled, "Blackburn and its' Christian Future?". This birthed "Christians together in Blackburn" which organised monthly prayer meetings and facilitated some interdenominational worship services. As helpful as this was, there was a desire by many for more than just services.

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Another part of this journey was the development of a Christian Faith Action Network. This was a group of Christian leaders involved with faith action who met together regularly to share vision and develop increased joint working. Two actions were agreed on:

1. A charity was needed with its own bank account to enable joint ventures. This took three years.

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2. It was a clear that a "Christian Faith Action Coordinator" was needed. This person's role was to let churches know what the wider church in the borough was up to and to coordinate and facilitate Christian Faith Action. There is still no current central source of information on what churches are currently offering and most Christians in the borough are unaware of the magnificent work being carried on. This role was supported by and would have been employed by "Together Lancashire". Although no funding has been identified for this to date, the need for such a role is still evident. One step towards this is the potential for administrative support for RISE.

Plans:

- We plan to engage some members now that the pandemic is settling, though this may not be till the new year.
- We plan to develop the partnership with Green Pastures.

How our activities deliver public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when setting the objectives and assessing their activities. All the prayer meetings that were done through Zoom were open to the public.

Financial review

This was our second year in operation, and because of Covid 19, income has been negligible. The results for the year and the state of the charity's affairs as at 31st March 2021 are set out in the financial statements following.

Reserves policy

The trustees have assessed the charity's reserves requirements and have agreed that reserves are inappropriate owing to the very small sum in the account.

Statement of trustees responsibilities

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

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

As a CIO with an income of less than £25,000, no independent examination of these accounts is required.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 14th October 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Dr A Murdoch – Trustee

Statement of Financial Activities for
the year ended 31st March 2021

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:				
Donations and gifts	750	-	750	45
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	750	-	750	45
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising Funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	750	-	750	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	750	-	750	-
NET (EXPENDITURE) / INCOME	-	-	-	45
Total funds brought forward	45	-	45	-
Total funds carried forward	45	-	45	45

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

There are no notes to the accounts as there is no further detail. Although the charity is registered for Gift Aid, no claim has been made as the amount is so small and can be claimed in further years.

Balance Sheet
for the year ended 31st March 2021

		2021	2020
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS:			
Tangible Assets		0	0
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Stocks		0	0
Debtors		0	0
Cash at Bank and in hand		45	45
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Creditors due in less than one year		0	0
TOTAL ASSETS:		45	45
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted funds		45	45
Restricted Funds		-	-

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 14th October 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Dr A. Murdoch - Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st March 2021

1. Accounting policies

Charity Information

RISE is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission

2. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of recommended Practice (SORP FRS102), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1st January 2016.

3. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds would comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund will be set out in the notes to the financial statements where applicable. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund will be set out in the notes to the financial statements where applicable.

4. Income and Gift Aid

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

5. Expenditure (not relevant this year)

All expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly

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attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises and other overheads have been allocated according to the level of activity undertaken throughout the year.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

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

6. Taxation

The charity has operated in accordance with its charitable objects and is therefore exempt from taxation.

7. Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue, therefore the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

8. Tangible fixed assets (not relevant this year)

Individual assets acquired at a cost of more than £1,000 which are intended for use on a continuing basis in the charity's activities have been capitalised. Depreciation is provided using the following rates to reduce, by annual instalments, the cost, less estimated residual value, of the tangible assets over their estimated useful lives:

Land and buildings	0% on cost
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9. Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

10. Related parties

There were no related party transactions during the year