

RISE  
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)  
Registration Date: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019

ACCOUNTS AND TRUSTEES' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31st March 2021

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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

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### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) and governed by its constitution 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019. This constitution established the objects and powers of the charity, with voting members other than its' trustees. In the event of the charity being wound up, the trustees are not required to contribute to its assets and have no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities. Because of Covid-19, there has again been little activity and therefore no members have been recruited. The AGM this year was with trustees only.

### **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 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.

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**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 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.
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- 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.

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**History:**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> 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. The name comes from the sense that the church of Blackburn with Darwen (and indeed East Lancashire) needs to rise from its' struggles and become the very visible demonstration of the Kingdom of God that Jesus intended. This is a wide vision that shares Movement Day's vision of social, cultural and spiritual transformation.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018, we agreed the following:

**"Our vision is to set-up a Christian unity movement for the sake of local mission and transformation. RISE also defines our core values:**

Relational – a spontaneous coming together of both Churches and individual Christians for the same vision

Intentional – about our Christian identity and seeing God's kingdom come.

Spirit-led – acknowledging the Holy Spirit as the ultimate leader and seeking to align our plans to what He is already doing.

Entrepreneurial – Engaging with and serving in every aspect of society to promote transformation."

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
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>				
Donations and gifts	750	-	750	45
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	750	-	750	45
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>				
Raising Funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	750	-	750	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE:</b>	750	-	750	-
<b>NET (EXPENDITURE) / INCOME</b>	-	-	-	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
		£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>			
Tangible Assets		0	0
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>			
Stocks		0	0
Debtors		0	0
Cash at Bank and in hand		45	45
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>			
Creditors due in less than one year		0	0
<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>		45	45
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>			
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  
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**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