

Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year to 31st March 2024

King's Road Church Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity registration number: 1186968

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Trustees' Report

For the year to 31st March 2024

King's Road Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1186968.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Incorporation of King's Road Church

King's Road Church (the charity) was registered with the Charity Commission on 16 December 2019 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The charity's activities began on 1 September 2020 when it took over the activities of the unincorporated charity, King's Road Evangelical Trust (registered charity number 1039585). The membership and activities of the church have remained the same and the purposes and beneficiaries of the two charities are materially the same.

The purpose of the change of legal form from unincorporated charity to CIO was to establish the charity as a legal entity in its own right and to reduce the personal liability of the trustees.

Trustee selection details

Trustees must be members of the church. Trustees are appointed on agreement of a majority of existing trustees in accordance with the procedures in the constitution. Proposed new trustees are presented to the church and a period of one month is given for church members to feed back on the proposed appointment.

Related parties

There were no transactions with related parties in the year, except donations and offerings from trustees and their relatives in their capacity as church members.

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity

The purposes of the charity as set out in its constitution are:

To advance the Christian religion in accordance with the Statement of beliefs in Schedule 1 of the constitution, for the benefit of the public, mainly but not exclusively by:

- encouraging and facilitating religious practice by existing followers;
- seeking new followers or adherents.
- providing pastoral support;
- supporting Christian mission and outreach work in the UK and overseas; and
- the relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Summary of activities during the period

During 2023-24 the church has continued to meet on **Sundays at Bridgewater School** with numbers continuing to grow. There continues to be opportunity for members to join the meeting online, and one of our missionary partners regularly joins us from Cambodia. This facility also allows the volunteers in the creche room to see and hear the service. Sunday morning musical worship is flourishing and strengthening and the team has grown.

The Tuesday night “**Upper Zoom**” **prayer meeting** continues with up to 10 people logging on.

In June 2023 a follow up **Women’s Weekend Away** had 40 participants held at Letton Hall conference centre and was a great success.

‘The **Big Red Bus**’ **Barbecues** in the summer have provided a good stepping stone event to introduce new people into the church family. Overall church membership has grown in the year reflected in Newcomers lunches and Baptism classes & baptisms.

Home Groups each week continue to be very important to the life of the church.

There is now a monthly **Convergence** meeting for everyone at the Kings Road Building to focus on prophecy, prayer and worship. This has been the source of much encouragement for many church members.

The **Christmas Fair** in December was a great success bringing together a wide number of people in the town community. The funds raised were given to the missionaries that the church supports.

Various Creative Initiatives took place helping members to value and affirm the creative talent within the church and involving the local community. These included Christmas Wreath Making Workshop, Cooking workshops, Upcycling Workshop, Exploring Work & Creativity course and “Knit & Natter” twice each month.

Various **health and fitness** related groups took place in the year including inter alia: Fit for Purpose Pilates, weekly, Fit for Purpose Running Group, weekly PAWS walk monthly.

In support of spiritual growth there was a 'Discover Your Spiritual Gifts' course for women and a number of "Soul Care" Retreat Days.

As part of growing the church community, and connecting with the town community, social events included, Movie nights for men & women groups, Men & Women's breakfast events a Barn Dance, Cheese & Wine tasting evening, the Annual Garden Party and Bring & Share lunches

During 2023-24 the Men's group was established with regular events during the year culminating in March 2024 with the **Men's Weekend Away** which had 25 participants at West Watch near Haywards Heath. It was considered a great success.

During the year a **24-hour prayer event** was held in the KRC building - a time of creativity, inspiration and reflection.

The **ministry with children and young people** took several forms. On most Sundays there was a children's talk before they left for their classes. Meeting at Bridgewater has provided much more space to run activities for children and young people and we have been able to make use of the outdoor space. The 'Rise' group for older ones met at various homes on Sunday afternoons, and further (often outdoor) activities were held on some Saturdays. Much creativity was evident in these activities. Several of the church's children attended excellent residential camps in the summer.

The **Ark Baby and Toddlers' group**, is held regularly on Tuesday mornings with a strengthened team, and attracted good numbers of adults and children. This has provided many opportunities for pastoral contact. The reputation of the toddler group is high within the town.

The **Foodbank** ministry continues to make a significant difference to people in need locally. It provided regular support to over 30 individuals, couples or families, who received a package of food each week that they needed it. There were a total of 253 visits to collect food or deliveries of food during the period. The £7,009 food distributed, was a combination of donated food from church members and members of the public and £3,285 from collections from harvest festivals at local schools. The remainder was funded by financial donations from church members, members of the public and a contribution from church general fund.

DivorceCare continues to be a much-needed and valuable support group for many struggling with the consequences of marital breakdown. Being online the course attracts participants both local and international, and continues to grow to meet the increasing need, particularly via word of mouth.

The church continued in its support of several ministries around the world, with connection and support being primarily via the **Kings Road Church International** team. In person and via Zoom it was possible to have overseas missionaries taking part in church services; a wonderful blessing to many and a great step forward in recognising and appreciating the valuable work being done so far away. The annual Christmas Fair was held as usual in December and raised significant funds to help support these ministries.

Following the outbreak of war in **Ukraine** in February 2022 there was a great desire to help families at risk in the conflict. A team was set up and so far three families have come to the

area and become part of the fellowship, hosted and supported by members of the church. They have contributed to musical worship, women's ministry and children's and youth work, and engaged in the men's groups. Each family now has members in work in Berkhamsted and the surrounding area.

The project to demolish and **rebuild the church** building in Kings Road progressed during the year. The architect has designed a building with much greater capacity which would accommodate much larger church services as well as space for children's work, community outreach and offices. After various reports, surveys and other pre-planning consultation with local planning officers had taken place a design was submitted for planning approval. The decision on this was awaited at the year end.

Various **Summer activities** were organised or participated in with support from volunteers including; Children's summer camps, Summer open air services & picnic at a local pond made available by a member, New Wine national event was well attended by members and families.

We have also launched a **new website** krc.org.uk which aims to connect people to the church.

Gifts given to Mission partners totalled £12,504 (Note 4) - previous year: £11,501.

Contribution made by volunteers

The church had three employees throughout the year: two full time Pastors (one moved from part to full time during the year), and a part-time administrator. Volunteers continued to be integral to every ministry and initiative, and indicative of the health and vigour of the church.

All church activities were run with extensive volunteer support, mainly from members of the church. Activities undertaken by volunteers included:

- Supporting the Sunday services, through speaking at or leading the service, setting up equipment and managing the broadcast, being part of the worship band, teaching the children, and leading prayer and communion;
- Contributing to the spiritual programme;
- Running the foodbank;
- Running DivorceCare and the parents' support group;
- Leading prayer groups and weekly small groups;
- Participating in outreach activities;
- Organising activities for the children and youth; and
- Keeping in touch with missionaries, supporting them through prayer, and monitoring their activities and use of donations.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity

The church has helped new and existing members to practice and develop their faith. Through its various outreach activities, it has helped those without a firm faith to explore and understand Christianity. There were many new faces in church over the year, and numbers steadily grew, enriching and extending the spiritual life of the body. Opportunities for service increased and much effective discipleship took place, particularly in the smaller ministry contexts.

The church continued to be outward looking, and the decision to appoint Sue Gorst as Community Pastor from 1 April 2022 reflected this desire to reach out to the community and in March 2024, she moved from part to full time employment.

The foodbank and support for missionaries overseas have helped to provide food, advice, improved housing, medical support and education for those in need.

The DivorceCare group has provided emotional support and fellowship for those experiencing marital breakdown, and was open to all, whether they had a Christian faith or not.

Achievements against objectives set

The main objectives for the period and the achievements against them were:

- *advance the Christian religion in accordance with the church's Statement of Beliefs* - significant progress was made in many areas of church life, with both growth in the number of members and the depth with which people were living out and exploring their own faith and supporting others to develop theirs.
- *support and encourage spiritual growth* – this was achieved through Sunday services, the home groups that ran through the period, weekly prayer meetings and a 24 hour prayer event. There were increased possibilities for members to serve, and a large number of people were able to participate in leading Sunday morning services. New members were supported and encouraged in their faith through membership of home groups and informal discipleship and mentoring.
- *expand provision for children* – moving the Sunday services to Bridgewater allowed us to run separate fun and educational activities for children during the services and a creche for younger children. The children's talk during the services continued to be a good way of involving children in the service as well as being informative and fun for both the children and adults. For the older children, the Rise youth group took place most Sundays evenings during term time and regular outdoor and indoor activity sessions were held regularly on Saturday afternoons, such as campfire cooking, treasure hunts and pancake making.
- *support missionaries* - £12,504 of financial support was paid to missionaries, funded out of church giving and the Christmas fair. Prayer and encouragement was provided through personal contact led by Kings Road Church International, the church's missionary ministry. Missionaries contributed to the spiritual growth of church members by sharing their faith and work during Sunday church services, in person and via Zoom from various places in the world.

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set

The principal fund-raising objective was to maintain sufficient revenue to cover the costs of running the church, including staff salaries, and to continue supporting the overseas missionaries. There was also a fundraising drive for the new building continued which resulted in pledges for ongoing and one-off donations, of which £265,375 were paid in 2023-24.

The majority of the church's income is from voluntary donations from church members and most funds raised were from church members. The only exceptions were the Christmas fair, which was open to members of the public, and donations to the food bank.

Most fundraising events have the dual purpose of bringing church members, guests, and the wider community together as well as raising money. The main events in 2023-24 were:

- Christmas fair – raised money for overseas missionaries
- Movie night, breakfast, and tabletop sale – raised money towards women's weekend away.

Investment performance against objectives

As planned, cash not immediately required was invested in deposit accounts with banks and building societies in accounts with up to two years' notice to maximize interest obtained. The funds were split between different accounts to ensure that all were covered by the FSCS guarantee. In March 2024 a decision was made to open a CAF-introduced savings platform operated by Flagstone. This has the twin benefit of obtaining a higher net rate as well as well as maintaining the FSCS guarantee.

The interest obtained from these investments was in line with expectations.

Financial Review

Financial position at the end of the period

Surplus and income sources:

King's Road Church (KRC) reported a surplus of £434,796 for the year ending 31 March 2024 (2022-23: £91,009). Of this, £435,598 is related to unrestricted funds, and £(801) to restricted funds. Additionally, there was a £45,754 correction to the fund balance, related to capitalised costs. As a result, the total net funds carried forward were £480,550 (2022-23: £91,009). See SOFA for more information.

The total income was £625,066 (2022-23: £249,642). The main source of income remained donations and gifts, with a total, including Gift Aid, of £591,387 (2022-23: £228,124). The majority of these gifts were designated to the church building extension project, totalling £286,453 (2022-23: £108,004). KRC also received a gift of £137,537 (including Gift Aid), designated for funding pastoral staff costs (2022-23: £nil). Unrestricted and non-designated donations totalled £151,212 (2022-23: £108,004). The charity also received gifts-in-kind, including goods, facilities, and services, valued at £35,195 (2022-23: £9,132).

In addition, interest income totalled £20,074. £11,076 was derived from long-term deposits classified as investments (2022-23: £7,714). In addition, £8,998 was earned as interest from

short-term deposits (investments convertible into cash within 90 days). See account note 3c for more details.

The church also generated income through charitable activities, including fundraising events primarily attended by church members. These events raised a total of £13,605 (2022-23: £13,804) to support various areas such as the building project, missionary work, and the costs of the toddlers' group, foodbank, events, and away days. See note 3b.

Expenditure:

The total expenditure was £190,270 (2022-23: £158,633). See note 4 for more details.

The main areas of expenditure were:

- Staff costs at £82,284 (2022-23: £68,975). The increase is mainly due to salary increases in line with the cost of living.
- Foodbank at £12,604, of which £10,295 were gift-in-kind expenses (2022-23: £11,875).
- Support to overseas missionaries at £12,504 (2022-23: £11,501).
- Depreciation at £10,164 (2022-23: £10,164).
- Utilities, insurance, and cleaning at £9,838 (2022-23: £8,766).
- Church services, events, and outreach at £12,880 (2022-23: £4,033).
- Other gift-in-kind expenses on facilities and services totalled £24,900 (2022-23: £nil).
- KRC rebuilding costs: £nil (2022-23: £23,256). The spending in 2023-24 of £90,922 was capitalised, while the previous year's spending of £23,256 was not capitalised until this financial year. See note 6, Asset Under Construction (AUC).

Fixed Assets:

The fixed assets consist of freehold land and buildings (Freehold), fixtures and fittings (F&F), and asset under construction (AUC). See note 6.

Freehold and F&F: These refer to KRC church and Manse land and buildings, including capital improvements to the Manse building. Fixtures and fittings represent the refurbishment of the Manse. There were no additions or disposals during the year, and the only change in value was due to depreciation. The net book value on 31 March 2024 was £492,514 (2023: £502,679).

AUC: The addition was £114,179 (2022-23: £nil). These are relevant costs spent over two financial years, 2022-23 and 2023-24, including architect's fees and other surveys, fees, and advice relating to the new extension building project.

The total net book value on 31 March 2024 was £606,693 (2023: £502,679)

Current Assets and Current Liabilities:

Cash, cash deposits, and cash equivalents totalled £919,100 compared to £608,173 at 31 March 2023. This is split between cash at bank and in hand, and current asset investments. The cash was held in a current account, various deposit accounts, and the Flagstone savings platform.

The main items of other current assets are prepayments and accrued income, totalling £80,532 (2023: £9,225), which includes £73,995 of gift aid accrued at the year-end. The foodbank stock was valued at £2,554 (2023: £1,850).

Accruals and deferred income totalled £12,898 (2023: £2,403), consisting of £8,168 in deposits for planned awaydays and £4,730 of accrued costs/expenses. Other creditors amounting to £5,706 (2023: £9,822) mainly due to the timing of HMRC direct debits, related to payroll.

Reserves policy and reserves held at period end

The charity had total reserves of £1,590,275 (£1,109,724 on 31 March 2023). Of this, restricted funds were £nil (£288,207 on 31 March 2023).

During 2023-24, the Trustees approved an updated policy for managing Restricted and Designated reserves, effective from 1st April 2024. This policy was discussed and agreed upon with The Examiner. In summary, Restricted giving will primarily apply to donations intended for immediate or short-term distribution. For other donations, designated (donor) or specific Restricted funds will have clearly defined alternative uses, should there be insufficient or surplus funds, or if circumstances and priorities change.

The trustees also reviewed the total restricted funds, £288,207, brought forward from 2022-23:

- £195,481 were the net book value of the church land and building on 1 April 2023. Since the church building is not a restricted purpose property, the balance has been transferred to the freehold asset fund account at the current financial year-end.
- £91,925 was related to donation received in previous year for the KRC building project. The fund was fully expensed and the total capitalised costs were £114,179. The church used general fund to support the shortfall. Therefore, the balance was also transferred to the freehold asset fund account at the current financial year-end.
- See SOFA fund transfers between restricted and unrestricted funds were £287,406 in total.
- £800 was related to the foodbank. It was fully expensed and the year-end balance were £nil.
- See note 10 for further details.

The Unrestricted designated funds totalled £1,429,759 (2022-23: £706,274). The main reasons for this increase were the transfer of freehold asset-related funds from Restricted funds and donations designated for the KRC building project and pastoral staff costs. See note 10 for further details. Key highlights are as follows:

- The brought forward Building Fund balance of £399,077 (proceeds from the sale of the chapel, less the cost of manse developments) was designated for the charity's property development. There was no spending from this fund in 2023-24.
- The Manse and Manse Improvement funds are related to freehold assets. The brought-forward balance of £160,738 represents the 2022-23 net book value of the manse land and buildings, while £146,460 is the 2022-23 net book value of the capitalised extension and refurbishments to the manse. The total balance of £307,197 was transferred to a new consolidated Freehold Assets Fund account.
- The new Freehold Assets Fund account holds the net book value of all Kings Road Church freehold fixed assets. At the year-end of 2023-24, the total balance was £492,515 (2022-23: £nil).

- Another new fund account, Assets Under Construction, holds the capitalised rebuilding costs of the KRC building, totalling £114,179 (2022-23: £nil).
- As mentioned above, the trustees also designated cash to support future spending on:
 - The KRC rebuilding project, with a year-end balance of £286,453 (2022-23: £nil), and
 - Pastoral staff costs, with a balance of £137,537 (2022-23: £nil).

The General Fund balance was £160,516 (2022-23: £115,243), including an adjustment of £45,753 (2022-23: £nil).

Historically, the trustees' policy has been to hold an unrestricted reserve of a minimum of three months' non-discretionary expenditure to cover committed monthly outgoings, the main one being salaries. This figure is 2023-24 is £27,000. During 2024-25 this policy is to be reviewed with a view to increasing the amount.

The main source of income for the church is tithes and offerings. These are voluntary donations which fluctuate according to the number of people attending church and their individual circumstances. The trustees monitor the donations received monthly and these do vary, although in practice never drop below a certain threshold. The reason for holding the reserves is to cushion against a drop in income and allow time to raise further funds and/or reduce expenditure, including meeting any one-off costs to reduce ongoing expenditure.

The current level of reserves exceeds the target level. The trustees plan to spend these funds on charitable activity, including the planned redevelopment of the church building.

Going concern

The trustees consider that the charity is a going concern. The forecast for 2024-25 forecasts surplus position on unrestricted income and expenditure. In addition, there are substantial free reserves which would comfortably cushion even a significant deterioration in this position. The charity is fortunate that it is not heavily dependent on fundraising activities. The trustees anticipate that the church's recent growth will continue but are mindful of the potential impact of inflation on church members' ability to give and on rising costs and will monitor the position closely.

Investment policy and objectives

In setting their investment policy and strategy, the trustees operate within statutory provisions and the requirements of the constitution.

The funds available for investment are the proceeds of the sale of assets and any balance on the restricted and unrestricted general funds.

The main investment objectives are to preserve the capital value of funds and ensure they are available for use when needed.

The charity does not currently have significant funds to be held for the long term for the purpose of providing income or funding future activity. Therefore, the charity will not invest in any investment that has risk of significant capital fluctuations, such as stocks and shares, or corporate bonds.

The balance on the unrestricted general fund is held to meet any shortfalls of income over expenditure and any balance up to £30,000 should be held in an instant-access account because it may be needed at short notice.

Funds above this level will be held in the deposit accounts or bonds with banks and/or building societies, or National Savings and Investments to the extent that they accept deposits from charities. The current preferred approach is to place deposits with the Flagstone Deposit Platform for charities to whom we were introduced via CAF (only investment institutions where the funds will be protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) will be used).

The trustees will aim to maximise the interest rates working within these parameters, whilst maintaining prudent cash flow management to meet operating overheads, larger events and the ongoing building project.

The amount invested with each banking institution must not exceed the amount protected by the FSCS.

Principal risks

The main risks facing the charity are:

- the church building not keeping up to date with health and safety standards and an incident occurring that causes harm to a user of the building;
- a safeguarding incident;
- having insufficient income to fund non-discretionary running costs;
- uncertainty around the nature and timing of the redevelopment for the Kings Road Church building resulting in inefficient spending;
- the church building having insufficient space and inadequate facilities to accommodate all who want to attend in person and remotely, and to run children's work during services;
- inadvertent breach of copyright or data protection legislation; and
- erosion of its capital funds through inflation, or loss of those funds due to the collapse of a financial institution.

The trustees are satisfied that adequate measures are in place to reduce these risks to an acceptable level within their risk appetite.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity, and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. White', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen Ronald White, Chair of Trustees

6th January 2025

ACCOUNTS FOR KING'S ROAD CHURCH CIO FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year to 31 March 2024	Year to 31 March 2023
	Not e	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations	3a	580,028	11,359	591,387	228,124
Charitable Activities	3b	13,605		13,605	
Other trading					13,804
Other Income	3c	8,998		8,998	
Investment income	3d	11,076		11,076	7,714
Total Income		613,707	11,359	625,066	249,642
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable Activities	4, 5	178,109	12,161	190,270	158,633
Total Expenditure		178,109	12,161	190,270	158,633
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		435,598	(801)	434,796	91,009
Transfers between funds	10	287,406	(287,406)		
Fund balance correction (capitalised costs)		45,754		45,754	
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		768,758	(288,207)	480,550	91,009
RECONCILIATION IN FUNDS:					
Funds brought forward	10	821,517	288,207	1,109,724	1,018,715
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	10	1,590,275	0	1,590,275	1,109,724

Balance Sheet

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Year to 31 March 2024	Year to 31 March 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	606,693		606,693	502,679
Total fixed assets		606,693	0	606,693	502,679
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock		2,554		2,554	1,850
Debtors	8	80,532		80,532	9,247
Investments	7	271,870		271,870	485,810
Investments convertible into cash within 90 days	7	497,310		497,310	
Cash in bank and in hand		149,921		149,921	122,363
Total current assets		1,002,186	0	1,002,186	619,270
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	18,605		18,605	12,225
Net current assets		983,581		983,581	607,045
Total net assets		1,590,275	0	1,590,275	1,109,724
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Restricted Income Funds	2b,10				288,207
Unrestricted Income Funds	2b,10	1,590,275		1,590,275	821,517
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		1,590,275	0	1,590,275	1,109,724

The notes at pages 18 to 30 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Trustees on 6th January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Stephen White
Trustee

Statement of Cash Flows

		Year to 31 March 2024	Year to 31 March 2023
	Note	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by operating activities	13	381,779	96,082
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of fixed asset		(68,423)	
Purchase of long-term deposits		(271,870)	(485,810)
Sale of long-term deposits		485,810	
Interest from investments convertible into cash within 90 days		8,998	
Interest from long-term deposits		11,076	7,714
Net cash provided by investing activities:		165,591	(478,096)
Change in cash or cash equivalents in reporting period:		524,868	(382,013)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		122,363	504,376
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March	14	647,231	122,363

Notes To The Accounts

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these financial statements.

Comparatives

The charity was established as a CIO on 16 December 2019 as a successor charity to the unincorporated King's Road Evangelical Trust (registered charity number 1039585). The accounts for the period to 31 March 2024 cover the 12 months from 1 April 2023.

Assessment of going concern

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees do not consider that there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

(b) Funds structure

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed.

Unrestricted funds can be spent or applied at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 10.

(c) Income recognition

Income is recognised in the accounts when:

- control over the rights or other access to the economic benefit has passed to the charity;
- it is more likely than not that the economic benefits associated with the transaction or gift will flow to the charity; and
- the monetary value or amount of the income can be measured reliably.

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Interest income is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

(d) Donated goods and gifts in kind

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.

The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included as income from donations when receivable.

(e) Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings.

(f) Support and governance costs

Support and governance costs for the charity include all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to fees payable for the independent examination of the accounts together with other administrative expenses.

All these costs are met out of unrestricted funds.

Further details of these costs can be seen in note 4.

(g) Pension costs

The charity contributes to defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Contributions are expensed in the period in which they are earned. Any contributions unpaid at the period end are recognised as a liability.

Pension expenses are allocated to unrestricted and restricted funds on the same basis as other employee related costs. These are all allocated to unrestricted reserves.

(h) Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but the contribution of volunteers is described in the trustees' annual report.

(i) Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

(j) Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £3,000. Fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Buildings, including extensions:	50 years straight line
Fixtures and fittings:	10 years straight line
Assets under construction:	Depreciate on completion are depreciated when they are completed

Land is considered to have an indefinite useful life.

(k) Cash and investments

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet short-term cash requirements as they fall due. It includes cash on deposit with a maturity date of less than three months.

Cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year from the balance sheet date are classified as current asset investments.

Cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of more than one year from the balance sheet date are classified as fixed asset investments.

(l) Stock

Stock consists of purchased or donated food held for distribution at the balance sheet date. It is valued at the lower of net realisable value adjusted for any impairment and replacement cost.

(m) Financial instruments

The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.

(n) Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount less any trade discounts due.

(o) Creditors

Creditors are recognised at their settlement amount less any discounts due.

(p) Provisions and contingent liabilities

Provisions for liabilities are recognised when the charity has a legal or constructive obligation and either the timing or the amount of the future expenditure required to settle the obligation is uncertain. The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle or to transfer it to a third party at the reporting date.

Contingent liabilities are recognised when there is a possible but uncertain obligation or a present obligation that is not recognised because:

- a transfer of economic benefit to settle the possible obligation is not probable; or
- the amount of the obligation cannot be estimated reliably.

Note 2 Prior year SOFA

Statement of Financial Activities

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year to 31 March 2023	Year to 31 March 2022	
	Note	£	£	£	£	
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Donations	3a	108,004	120,120	228,124	113,631	
Other trading	3b	4,796	9,008	13,804	3,870	
Investment income	3c	7,013	701	7,714	4,496	
Total Income		119,813	129,829	249,642	121,997	
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Charitable Activities	4, 5	117,237	41,396	158,633	99,632	
Total Expenditure		117,237	41,396	158,633	99,632	
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		2,576	88,433	91,009	22,365	
Transfers between funds						
	10	-	-	-	-	
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		2,576	88,433	91,009	22,365	
RECONCILIATION IN FUNDS:						
Funds brought forward/ transferred from unincorporated charity on 1 September 2020	10	818,941	199,774	1,018,715	996,350	
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		10	821,517	288,207	1,109,724	1,018,715

Note 3 Analysis of income

	General	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Year to 31 March 2024	Year to 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
3a DONATIONS					
Donations and gifts	119,125	323,248	970	443,343	178,574
Gift aid	32,088	80,667	94	112,849	40,418
Donated goods, facilities and services		24,900	10,295	35,195	
Other					9,132
Total	151,212	428,815	11,359	591,387	228,124

	General	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Year to 31 March 2024	Year to 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
3b CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES					
Hire out property	2,301			2,301	1,845
Toddlers group	1,381			1,381	875
Fundraising	2,516	3,841		6,357	10,234
Events and awaydays	3,566			3,566	850
Total	9,764	3,841	0	13,605	13,804

	General	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Year to 31 March 2024	Year to 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
3c INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS					
Interest from investments convertible into cash within 90 days		8,998		8,998	0
Interest from investments- long-term deposits		11,076		11,076	7,714
		20,074		20,074	
TOTAL INCOME	160,976	452,731	11,359	625,066	249,642

Note 4 Analysis of expenditure

	General	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Year to 31 March 2024	Year to 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	82,284			82,284	68,975
Utilities, insurance and cleaning	9,838			9,838	8,766
Repairs and maintenance	428			428	989
Support to missionaries	8,663	3,841		12,504	11,501
IT costs	1,955			1,955	1,828
Foodbank	444		1,865	2,309	11,875
Foodbank GiK Expense			10,295	10,295	
Church services, events and outreach	12,880			12,880	4,033
Professional fees	2,891			2,891	888
Facilities and services GiK Exp		24,900		24,900	
Telephone and internet	1,283			1,283	1,184
Pastoral support				0	1,800
Pastor expenses	2,047			2,047	1,447
Hire of property	7,490			7,490	7,665
Toddlers	219			219	289
KRC rebuilding project					23,256
Fundraising	1,532		1	1,533	
Other admin costs	7,250			7,250	3,973
Depreciation	10,164			10,164	10,164
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	149,367	28,741	12,161	190,270	158,633

Included in professional fees is £858 for independent examiner's fees (£780 for the period to 31 March 2023).

Note 5 Staff costs

	General	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Year to 31 March 2024	Year to 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries and wages	76,208			76,208	62,289
Social security costs(ER NI)	1,751			1,751	91
Pension costs	4,325			4,325	6,595
Other employee benefits					
Total	82,284			82,284	68,975

The charity claims employment allowance which covered all but £1,751 of Employers' National Insurance Contributions in 2023-2024.

The charity claims employment allowance which covered all but £91 of Employers' National Insurance Contributions in 2022-2023.

There were 3 employees in current year (3 in previous year)

Note 6 Fixed assets

		Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Asset under construction	As at 31 March 2024	As at 31 March 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Cost						
As at 1 April 2023		485,699	41,067		526,766	526,766
Additions				114,179	114,179	
Disposals						
Transfers	6a					
As at 31 March 2024		485,699	41,067	114,179	640,945	526,766
Depreciation						
As at 1 April 2023		14,848	9,240		24,088	13,924
Charge for the period		6,057	4,107		10,164	10,164
Disposals						
As at 31 March 2024		20,905	13,347		34,252	24,088
Net book value					-	
As at 1 April 2023		470,851	31,827		502,678	512,842
As at 31 March 2024		464,794	27,720	114,179	606,693	502,678

Note 7 Investments

As at 31 March 2024, £250,010 had been transferred to the Flagstone deposit platform in order to access higher interest rates. There the funds are placed with various different financial institutions each maintained at a figure of less than £85,000 - allowing the church to maintain the FSCS guarantee for each institution. This transfer process is planned to continue during 2024/5 as existing investments outside Flagstone mature.

The total investments were £769,179 (2023: £485,810). Of this, £497,310 was convertible into cash within 90 days (2023: £Nil).

Note 8 Debtors

	As at 31 March 2024	As at 31 March 2023
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	80,532	9,225
Other debtors		22
Total	80,532	9,247

All debtors were receivable within one year.

Note 9 Creditors

	As at 31 March 2024	As at 31 March 2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	12,898	2,403
Other creditors	5,706	9,822
Total	18,605	12,225

All creditors were due within one year.

Note 10 Charity Funds

	Note	Balance at 1 April 2023	Income/additions	Expenditure	Transfers	Adjustment	Balance at 31 March 2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£
RESTRICTED FUNDS							
Kings Road Church	a	195,481			(195,481)		0
Building fund	b	91,925			(91,925)		0
Foodbank		800	11,359	(12,160)			0
Christmas fair		1		(1)			0
Total restricted funds		288,207	11,359	(12,161)	(287,406)		(0)
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS							
Designated funds							
Manse	c	160,738			(160,738)		0
Manse improvements	d	146,460			(146,460)		0
Building fund	e	399,077					399,077
Building fund-KRC	f		286,453				286,453
Pastoral Staff Fund	g		137,537				137,537
Missionary Fund	h		3,841	(3,841)			0
Gift-in-kind facilities and services	i		24,900	(24,900)			0
Asset Fund - Freehold	j			(10,164)	502,679		492,515
Asset Fund - Under construction	k				114,179		114,179
Total designated fund		706,274	452,731	(38,905)	309,660		1,429,759
Non-designated funds							
General fund	l	115,243	160,976	(139,204)	(22,254)	45,754	160,516
Total unrestricted funds		821,517	613,707	(178,109)	287,406	45,754	1,590,275
TOTAL FUNDS		1,109,724	625,066	(190,270)	0	45,754	1,590,275

- a) The Kings Road Church Fund had brought forward (b/f) balance represents the net book value of the Kings Road Church land and building. This has been transferred to the Freehold Asset Fund.
- b) The Restricted Building Fund was fully spent on the rebuilding of Kings Road, and the costs were capitalised. The b/f fund balance has been transferred to the Freehold Asset Fund.
- c) The Manse Fund b/f balance represented the net book value of the Manse land and buildings. It has been transferred to the Freehold Asset Fund.
- d) The Manse Improvements Fund holds the net book value of the Manse extension, fixtures, and fittings. It has been transferred to the Freehold Asset Fund.
- e) The Designated Building Fund consists of the proceeds from the sale of Beulah Chapel. It is designated for the purpose of capital development of buildings.
- f) The Designated KRC Building Fund is made up of donations, gift aid, and interest income designated for the current new extension project of the church building.
- g) The Designated Pastoral Staff Fund comprises donation income designated to fund pastoral staff.
- h) The Designated Freehold Asset Fund holds the net book value of the Kings Road Church freehold fixed assets. The expenditure from this fund is for depreciation during the period, which is then added back to the general fund.
- i) The Designated Asset Under Construction Fund holds the capitalised costs related to the Kings Road Church extension.
- j) The General Fund holds unrestricted funds that can be applied to any of the charity's purposes.
- k) The Designated Missionary Fund is made up of donation income designated for missionary salaries. This fund was fully expensed during the year.
- l) The Gift-in-kind Facilities and Services Fund represents the value of office space and professional fees received. It always carries a nil balance, as the benefits are fully utilised during the year.

Note 11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	As at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:				
Fixed assets		606,693		606,693
Current assets	179,120	823,066		1,002,186
Liabilities	(18,605)			(18,605)
Total	160,515	1,429,759	0	1,590,275

	General	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	As at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:				
Fixed assets		307,197	195,481	502,679
Current assets	117,869	582,927	(81,525)	619,270
Liabilities	2,625		9,600	12,225
Total	115,244	890,124	104,357	1,109,724

Note 12 Trustees' expenses and remuneration

The Trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (prior period: £nil). The Trustees donated £213,430 of unrestricted donations to the charity in the year - 2023: £93,661 (of which £55,326 was restricted to the Building fund and £265 was restricted to the Foodbank respectively). No trustees have incurred expenses that were reimbursed by the charity (2023: £nil).

Note 13 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	Year to 31 March 2024	Year to 31 March 2023
	£	£
Net income / (expenditure) for the reporting period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	434,796	91,009
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation	10,164	10,164
Interest income from non-operating activities	(20,074)	(7,714)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(71,285)	(5,443)
(Increase)/decrease in foodbank stock	(704)	(717)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	6,380	8,783
Net cash provided by /(used in) operation activities	359,277	96,082

Note 14 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Year to 31 March 2024	Year to 31 March 2023
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	149,921	122,363
Investments convertible into cash within 90 days	497,310	
Total cash and cash equivalents	647,231	122,363

Independent Examiner's Report

TO THE TRUSTEES OF KINGS ROAD CHURCH CIO

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 15 to 30.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



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