
**BRISTOL & WEST PROGRESSIVE JEWISH CONGREGATION
TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

Trustees	Jennifer Clements, Acting Chair (appointed 02/24) Donovan Hawley, Chair (Resigned 02/24) Naomi Bloomer, Vice Chair (appointed 02/24) Sheila Brill, Vice Chair (Resigned 02/24) Adam Kessler, Secretary (appointed 02/24) Alex Cohen, Secretary (appointed 01/23, resigned 12/23) Vicki Collinson (Trustee, Co- Secretary) Linda Motz, Treasurer (appointed 02/24) Eilah Berlow, Treasurer (appointed 01/23, resigned 12/23) David Jewell, Trustee David Dwek, Trustee Yoav Ben Shlomo, Trustee (appointed 02/24)
Charity registered number	1191437
Principal office	43/47 Bannerman Road Bristol BS5 0RR
Accountants	Holder & Combes Accounting Ltd Suite 33, Unit 2, 94A Wycliffe Road Northampton NN1 5JF

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the income and expenditure account of the Bristol and West Progressive Jewish Congregation for the year 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objects of the Charity are the advancement for the public benefit of the Jewish religion in accordance with the Principals and Affirmations of Liberal Judaism ("the Principles") by the provision of religious services, the provision of religious rites and ceremonies, and the provision of religious education. The Charity's objectives are also the advancement of charitable and community activities for the benefit of the public generally within the Area of Benefit, this being the Bristol area and within an area of approximately 60 miles around Bristol.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

The charity's work is supported by income from members' subscriptions, voluntary donations and occasional grants.

Financial review

Trustee Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements each year in accordance with the current regulations. The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the year. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial Review

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. Therefore, the surplus shown on the Income and Expenditure Account of £11,549 does not take account of any liabilities that may be owed by BWPJC or amounts due to BWPJC at the period end. The surplus is in line with the expectations of the Trustees, and the Trustees continue to be in a position to hold sufficient reserves to cover variable running costs for at least 6 months and to have a contingency for any other emergencies

Reserves

Restricted funds

The Charity holds restricted funds consisting of donations or endowments received for specific purposes.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

Risk Management

A medium-term financial risk to the Charity has been identified in relation to on-going subscription income and expected expenditure. Council is actively and regularly reviewing both income and expenditure to mitigate this risk. Council does not consider that this represents a risk to the Charity as a going concern. The Charity confirms that a Futures Group has been established and systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to reduce this risk.

Structure, governance and management


a. Constitution

Bristol and West Progressive Jewish Congregation is a registered charity, number 1191437, and is governed by an amended written Constitution adopted at the Annual General Meeting on 12 January 2020.

Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The Trustees are elected by the members of the congregation, and may serve for two years, after which period they shall be eligible for re-election. Trustees may serve up to three consecutive terms. The trustees meet no fewer than 10 times a year.

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

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Date:.....29/10/25.....

BRISTOL & WEST PROGRESSIVE JEWISH CONGREGATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bristol & West Progressive Jewish Congregation

I report on the accounts of the Bristol & West Progressive Jewish Congregation for the year ended 31 October 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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BRISTOL AND WEST PROGRESSIVE JEWISH CONGREGATION

DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	2024	2023
INCOME		
Membership income	47,398	41,317
Donations and appeals	5,898	8,588
Income tax recoverable	17,884	-
Rabbi's discretionary fund	-	8,425
Donations for YKA	4,251	3,497
HHD donations	650	570
Communal Seder	914	660
Community Weekend	-	1,350
School visits	2,847	2,354
Funeral services	792	970
Course fee	80	460
Bet din Liberal Judaism	600	200
Sundry income	234	132
Interest received	3,803	2,734
	<u>85,351</u>	<u>71,257</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Wages and salaries	24,363	17,262
Employers National Insurance	4,710	2,339
Staff pension	6,338	5,342
Staff training	395	90
Rabbi's medical expenses	-	400
Rabbinic expenses	2,029	2,952
LJ Congregational Assessment Fee	5,837	15,596
Community weekend	1,046	1,012
Food and refreshments	1,611	598
Purchases for shop	233	-
Repairs and maintenance	2,502	10,504
Cheder expenses	657	514
Cleaning	3,287	3,191
Utilities	3,253	5,359
Insurance	4,010	4,554
Board of Deputies	25	495
YKA expenses	4,381	4,353
Education fund	1,880	1,232
Sundry expenses	243	317
Rabbi's discretionary fund - assistance	1,950	3,301
Donations	250	-
Telephone and internet	902	597
Bank charges	525	339
Professional fees	-	454
Safeguarding and consultancy	701	650
IT software and consumables	1,497	1,172
Printing postage and stationery	262	4
Advertising and marketing	-	45
Accountancy	915	1,275
	<u>73,802</u>	<u>83,947</u>
Surplus of income over expenditure	11,549	(12,690)

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Final Audit Report


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