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SOUL CHILDREN UK

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023



Caladine

Chartered Certified Accountants

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Legal and administrative information

Trustees	Mr M Chesterton Mr M Jones Mr R Kendall Jr. Mr J Bracegirdle Mr A Bodkin
Charity number	1197196
Contact address	6 Ash Grove Heald Green Cheadle SK8 3JA
Accountant	Caladine Limited Chantry House 22 Upperton Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 1BF
Bankers	NatWest Bank 699 Wilmslow Road Didsbury Manchester M20 6NW

Trustees' Report

The trustees present their Annual Report and the Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Constitution

Soul Children UK was registered as a CIO with the Charity Commission on 17 December 2021. It is governed by its constitution.

Objectives and activities

To advance the Christian faith, as set out in the Statement of Faith, in particular but not exclusively, by helping young people to come to faith or deepen their faith in Jesus Christ, through performing appropriate music that they can relate to and by exploring the Bible.

The Trustees

Those who served during the year are as shown on Page 1.

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and are provided with appropriate training to undertake their role.

Public benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Review of activities

As we come to the end of our second year at Soul Children UK, there is much for us to celebrate. We now have 7 Choirs across England and Scotland from Dundee in the North, all the way down to Upton-on-Severn, with more choirs in formation and journeying towards the launch point.

We are also starting to hear amazing stories and reports of signs of transformation in the lives of the children who gather each week to sing and do life together - children finding new friends, spending time with other children their age, learning about Jesus, and finding the social interaction they had struggled to develop previously. It was also great to witness the joy and enthusiasm pouring out from both children and choir leaders at our Soul Children UK Festival in the summer.

Right from the beginning of Soul Children in the UK, we have had a growing relationship with Scripture Union who helped us with many of the aspects of setting up the charity. This partnership has continued to grow this year as we explore additional collaboration to help each other achieve our respective missions.

As we celebrate these great 'wins', we also recognise that the number of children feeling isolated and alone continues to be high and mental health issues among children of all ages is rarely out of the news. In an environment where many spend considerable amounts of time on screens and in virtual settings, children are crying out for a healthy, consistent community. As Christians, we know that the majority are also unchurched and don't know Jesus.

As we journey forward into our 3rd year, we know that our choirs are making a difference and we want to see more choirs joining the family, and more children's lives transformed.

Finally, some words of thanks. Firstly, to our amazing God, who takes our little bit of faith, and adds to it the 'immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine'. For this we can only stand in awe and give him praise.

Next, to all those who lead or help to run choirs. Thank you for your dedication and stickability – and for all you do to bring the light of Jesus into the lives of children and their families.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**Trustees' Report****Review of activities (continued)**

Once again, this year, there have been a number of organisations and individuals who have journeyed with us, in prayer, with encouragement, and with their finances. If you are one of these then please accept our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your commitment to our vision.

I would also like to highlight the dedication and commitment of our trustees, all of whom live incredibly busy lives but still carve out time to play their part in making Soul Children UK the great family it is.

Whatever your connection to Soul Children, can I take this opportunity to thank you for joining with us in our mission, as we seek to reach young people through music they can relate to and introduce them to a lifelong relationship with Jesus.

Review of financial position

The total receipts amounted to £11,391 (2022: £10,300) and total payments amounted to £13,861 (2022: £3,590). This resulted in general cash funds at 31 December 2023 of £4,240.

Risk management

The Trustees have considered the major risks that the charity may face and can confirm that systems have been established to mitigate them.



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Mr M Chesterton
Chair of Trustees

Date: 17-10-24

Accountant's Report

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities Act 2011, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of Soul Children UK for the year ended 31 December 2023, which comprise the receipts and payments account, the statement of assets and liabilities and the related notes from the charity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <https://www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/member/standards/rules-and-standards/rulebook.html>.

This report is made to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 23 May 2023 our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of Soul Children UK and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in this report in accordance with the requirements of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants as detailed at https://www.accaglobal.com/content/dam/ACCA_Global/Technical/fact/technicalfactsheet-163.pdf. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Soul Children UK and the charity's Trustees as a body, for our work or for this report.

You consider that Soul Children UK is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year, and is not required to obtain an independent examiner's report. We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of Soul Children UK. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.



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Date: 23/10/2024

Receipts and Payments Account

	2023	2022
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations	9,138	9,450
Choir subscriptions	1,600	800
Merchandise sales	653	-
Other	-	50
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Total receipts	11,391	10,300
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Payments		
Video editing and production	705	1,400
External contractors	7,057	2,190
Merchandise purchase	1,381	-
Insurance	485	-
Accountancy	600	-
Grants to choirs	3,000	-
Sundry	633	-
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Total payments	13,861	3,590
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Net movement in funds	(2,470)	6,710
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General cash funds b/f at 1 January 2023	6,710	-
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General cash funds c/f at 31 December 2023	4,240	6,710
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The notes on page 7 form part of these Financial Statements.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Monetary Assets</u>				
Current Account	<u>4,239</u>	<u>4,239</u>	<u>6,710</u>	<u>6,710</u>

LIABILITIES

Creditors

Accountancy Fees	<u>618</u>	<u>600</u>
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Approved by the Trustees on



Mr M Chesterton
Chair of Trustees

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared as a Receipts and Payments in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

2. Funds

General funds represent monies received that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for applications on the general purposes of the charity.

3. Transactions with trustees and related parties

Trustee, Mr R Kendall Jr, received £4,394 in the year for consultancy services.