

**THE SHOE BURY ARK
ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2025
CHARITY NUMBER 1198094**

THE SHOE BURY ARK
YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2025
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Income from Charitable Activities	12,824.64	14,692.09
Income from Donations	12,698.60	25,644.74
Other income	5,919.30	15,745.81
	31,442.54	56,082.64
PAYMENTS		
Charitable Activities	27,431.69	26,462.61
Charity Management & Administration	2,191.45	1,717.71
Expenditure on Raising Funds	1,624.90	16,927.05
	- 31,248.04	- 45,107.37
RECEIPTS LESS COSTS	194.50	10,975.27
CASH FUNDS AT YEAR END	31,253.70	31,075.20

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YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2025
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £
CASH FUNDS		
Baby Feed	350.00	
General Fund	26,637.78	
Lidl Community Fund	0.71	
MFS	4,292.14	
CIB Groundworks Grant		310.00
Community 360 NHS Inequalities Fund		9.00
Essex Community Foundation Grant		0.08
Household Support Fund		
Southend Community Investment Board		4.36
	31,280.63	323.44
TOTAL CASH FUNDS		31,604.07
LIABILITIES		
LESS		
Net Fixed Assets included in fund balance		350.37
NET CASH FUNDS		31,253.70

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signed.....

Mr D Levy - Trustee

07-Jul-25

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The charity is a Registered Charity No. 1198094.

The Charity's principal address is Friars Baptist Church, Eagle Way, Shoeburyness, Essex SS3 9RJ.

The Trustees of the Charity are:

Mrs Joy Harriss

Mr David Levy

Mr Alan John Stokes

The charity was established by, and operates from, Friars Baptist Church, Shoeburyness. The main aim of the charity is to alleviate poverty in Shoeburyness area and we seek to achieve this by the provision of free freshly cooked meals, free and low cost perishable and non-perishable food stuffs and toiletries. The Charity also offers a wide range of children's clothing at token cost. Guests attending the Charity also have the opportunity, in private, of seeking advice on matters of concern where they can be signposted to external agencies where the appropriate help might be given. Guests are also able to apply for fuel vouchers, through our partner Fuelbank, subject to meeting their eligibility checks. Our services have expanded over the past year and a NHS Social Prescriber regularly attends to assist guests where possible. We have also started a Book Bank which provides free books, as we recognise the benefit this brings to families in terms of literacy and studies have shown how access to books improves social mobility.

The chair of trustees position is currently vacant, pending the appointment of a new minister at Friars Baptist Church. Until such time as a new minister is appointed, a member of the leadership team of Friars Baptist Church attends all trustee meetings as an observer.

Much of the produce offered to the guests is donated by local residents, supermarkets, local companies and other local charities. However, significant volumes of foodstuffs need to be bought by the Charity and this is only possible as a result of monetary donations received from grants, individuals and corporate entities along with internal fund raising initiatives.

We wish to acknowledge and thank each and every one of our many donors and supporters without whose generosity the Charity could not provide the service that it does.

The Shoebury Ark is managed and run exclusively by unpaid volunteers and we wish to thank every single one for the time, effort and dedication that they contribute towards the overall success of the Charity.

The charity has over 900 families from the SS3 postcode registered on our books with, generally, between 80-90 families attending each week and about 190-200 free meals handed out each week.

Whilst the main aims of the Charity have been stated above it is worth noting that in addition to the obvious practical benefits that the Charity offers to the guests. They derive a social and well being benefit. They meet and converse with the volunteers and other guests and for some of them this might be the only real social interaction for them in their week. Similarly the volunteers themselves benefit from working at The Shoebury Ark, some using it as a means to helping them into work, others simply liking the community and social interaction.

Dave Levy

Trustee

11 July 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF
THE SHOEBURY ARK (CHARITY NO 1198094)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2025
SET OUT ON PAGES 1 AND 2**

Respective responsibilities of the 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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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 the 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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Charities Acthave 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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07-Jul-25