

Annual Report and Accounts

Year Ending 31st January 2023

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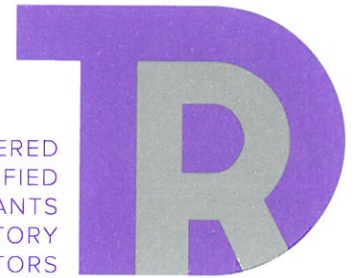
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7th November 2023

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Dear Alex

Please find enclosed the Independent Annual Report and Accounts Audit for The Peoples Mission year ended 31st January 2023.

We are pleased to report the Accounts have passed a clean Audit and we can confirm they are free from any material errors.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

For **TR Dixon & Co Ltd**

Will Clifton

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The People's Mission
Independent Annual Report and Accounts Audit
For the year ended 31st January 2023

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Statutory Auditors
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We have audited the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2023, which have been prepared from the accounting records, information and explanations provided to us by Gwen Smith, acting on behalf of the People's Mission

Respective responsibilities of The People's Mission and Independent Auditor

The People's Mission are responsible for keeping proper, complete accounting records and for the preparation of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2023. Gwen Smith has undertaken these responsibilities on behalf of The People's Mission.

It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2023 and to report our opinion exclusively to the People's Mission, to the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume any liability to anyone other than The People's Mission, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts in the statement sufficient to give reasonable assurance that it is free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies, we consider the implications for our report.

Basis of opinion

We planned and performed our independent audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2023 show a true and fair summary of the accounting records relating to The People's Mission and is sufficiently supported by accounts, receipts and other documents which have been made available to us.

We are not required to express an opinion on the adequacy of any future expenditure.

We include appendix A, B and C as evidence of the verification of figures provided.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2023

- i) have been prepared in accordance with the accounting records, information and explanations provided to us, and
- ii) is sufficiently supported by accounts, receipts, and other documents.
- iii) is correctly stated and free of material error.



Jennifer O'Toole FCCA Ba (Hons)
(Senior Statutory Auditor)

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Date: 7th November 2023