

**BROAD PLAIN HOUSE  
(Highbury Mission)**

**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Charity Number 250822

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# **BROAD PLAIN HOUSE (HIGHBURY MISSION)**

## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

### **YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### **Charitable Purposes, Structure and Governance**

The charity's work was started in the 19th Century by members of Highbury Chapel, a Congregational church in Cotham, Bristol who ran a Sunday School in central Bristol for children many of whom were not able to attend any "ordinary school". In 1972 Highbury Chapel decided to close and its members transferred to and became members of Redland Park United Reformed Church (RPURC). RPURC continues to maintain strong links with the charity and most of the Trustees are also members of RPURC.

The charity is linked with the charity Broad Plain & Riverside Youth Project which operates premises in central Bristol as a youth and sports club.

The Charity was established by a Trust Deed of 1870 and sets out the purposes of the charity which in summary are :

- To erect, alter, take down, rebuild or improve buildings
- To permit the buildings to be used for a Sunday School and for the holding of religious services and proceedings and meetings for any charitable social or benevolent object not inconsistent with the doctrines of Christianity.

Until 2010 youth work was undertaken in premises in Knowle West through a youth club with associated social club for former members of the youth club. The charity worked closely with Youth Moves (an organisation to combine all youth work in Knowle West) until the withdrawal of local authority funding and Youth Moves deciding that the charity's youth work was no longer required when the work ceased. After several unsuccessful efforts with local churches to utilise the Knowle West premises the youth club premises were eventually sold in 2022.

The charity would like to use the proceeds of sale to continue to support youth work in Bristol and is in the process of changing its objects as follows :

To act as a resource for young people living in in Bristol, South Gloucestershire, North Somerset and Bath and North Somerset, by providing assistance including financial assistance and advice as a means of:

- (a) advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals;
- (b) advancing education including Protestant Christian education;
- (c) relieving unemployment;
- (d) providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability,

poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons;

(e) making contributions towards the cost of maintaining youth organisations located in the area of benefit including youth clubs, including the cost of repairs to buildings, the repair, provision or replacement of equipment, vehicles, books and furniture, and the salaries of their staff.

The Charity's Trustees are elected by its existing Trustees.

## **Activities Achievements and Performance**

As the charity no longer owns premises suitable for youth work, the activities of the charity are restricted while permission is awaited from the Charity Commission to alter the objects of the charity. Its main activities this year have been :

### **Proposed Sale of Premises at Knowle West**

The charity has been negotiating with Broad Plain Social Club (which occupies premises owned by the charity), to sell the premises to them. It is hoped that this will be completed in the Autumn of 2024.

### **Investment of Sale Proceeds**

The sale proceeds from the sale of the Knowle West Youth Club were transferred to investment advisers J M Finn during the year. The funds are currently in the process of being invested in a combination of shareholdings, investment trusts and government bonds.

## **Financial Review**

The charity has historically gained funding for its day to day activities from rental income from the BP Social Club, donations from RPURC and grants from Bristol City Council and youth projects with a small amount from investments. Following the sale of the Youth Club in 2022 and the recent acquisition of investments, income from investments has increased and will provide the vast majority of the income stream going forward. For the year ended 31 March 2024, total cash receipts were £34,650. Cash payments totalled £12,756 and were incurred to cover property expenses and professional fees. Investment purchases totalled £934,828.

The Trustees are in the process of drawing up criteria for its grant-making activities that will be put in place once the Charity Commission has approved the change of objects.

The Trustees have instructed our investment advisors to use the ethical guidelines drawn up the Unit ed Reformed Church when purchasing new investments.

The charity is currently in the process of reviewing its policy on reserves.

## Reference and Administrative Details

*Charity Number*                250822

*Main Address*                57 Waverley Road, Bristol BS6 6ET

### *Trustees*

Douglas Burnett	Chair
Jane Rogers	Secretary
Anne Manuel	Treasurer
Carole Atter	(Resigned 28 February 2024)
Jane Beazer	
Les Brentley	
Les Fry	
Andy Grand	
Andrew Hayden	
Daniel Hirsch	
Derek Jones	
Sally King	
Teame Mebrahtu	
Richar Pedlar	

Approved by the Trustees and Signed on their behalf by:

*Rev Douglas Burnett*

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Chair of Trustees

02 January 2025

**BROAD PLAIN HOUSE (Highbury Mission)**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/3/2024**.

**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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: -

- 1 the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- 2 the accounts did not accord with the accounting records.

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.

**Signed:** 

**Date:** 02 January 2025

**Name:** Joshua Neil Kingston BSc ACA

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**BROAD PLAIN HOUSE (HIGHBURY MISSION)****Receipts and Payments Account****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	<b>2024</b>				<b>2023</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
Investment Income	32,080	95	-	32,175	9,482
Use of premises	2,475	-	-	2,475	9,900
Utilities refunds	-	-	-	-	3,183
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>34,555</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,650</b>	<b>22,565</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Rates & Utilities	476	-	-	476	1,170
Insurance	3,399	-	-	3,399	2,527
Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	10,000
Investment Management Fees	-	-	8,881	8,881	-
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3,875</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,881</b>	<b>12,756</b>	<b>13,697</b>
<b>Investment Purchases</b>					
New investments	-	-	934,828	934,828	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>3,875</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>943,709</b>	<b>947,584</b>	<b>13,697</b>
<b>Net Receipts (Payments)</b>	<b>30,680</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>(943,709)</b>	<b>(912,934)</b>	<b>8,868</b>
<b>Cash Funds 1 April 2023</b>	<b>99,707</b>	<b>3,837</b>	<b>1,255,520</b>	<b>1,359,064</b>	<b>1,350,196</b>
<b>Cash Funds 31 March 2024</b>	<b>130,387</b>	<b>3,932</b>	<b>311,811</b>	<b>446,130</b>	<b>1,359,064</b>

**BROAD PLAIN HOUSE (HIGHBURY MISSION)**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	2024				2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash Funds</b>	130,387	3,932	311,811	446,130	1,359,064
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>					
Investments	-	69,639	1,167,522	1,237,161	179,716
Debtors	2,525	1,035	-	3,560	3,560
	132,912	74,606	1,479,333	1,686,851	1,542,340
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Retention for unspent grant	11,648	-	-	11,648	11,648
Independent Examiners Fee	720	-	-	720	-
	12,368	-	-	12,368	11,648
<b>Fund Balances at 31 March 2024</b>	<b>120,544</b>	<b>74,606</b>	<b>1,479,333</b>	<b>1,674,483</b>	<b>1,530,692</b>

**Fund Balances**

	01/04/2023	Receipts	Payments	Transfers & Investment Gains	31/03/2024
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
M Cocks Appeal 1987	601	-	-	-	601
General Reserves	118,688	9,194	(3,875)	(4,064)	119,943
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>119,289</b>	<b>9,194</b>	<b>(3,875)</b>	<b>(4,064)</b>	<b>120,544</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Newton Colbourne Fund	2,802	95	-	-	2,897
Riverside Repayment Fund	62,385	-	-	9,324	71,709
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>65,187</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,324</b>	<b>74,606</b>
<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>1,346,216</b>	<b>25,361</b>	<b>(8,881)</b>	<b>116,637</b>	<b>1,479,333</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>1,530,692</b>	<b>34,650</b>	<b>(12,756)</b>	<b>121,897</b>	<b>1,674,483</b>