

Charity registration number 274461 (England and Wales)

THE ENGLISH REGION OF THE SECULAR INSTITUTE OF ST BONIFACE
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Independent examiner	Philip Hayden FCA Richard Place Dobson Services Limited Chartered Accountants 1-7 Station Road Crawley West Sussex RH10 1HT

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The Secular Institute St. Boniface solely pursues charitable and ecclesiastical aims. It promotes charitable, social and religious works in particular and ex-curricular education, professional training, youth and adult education. It collaborates worldwide within the Roman Catholic Mission giving aid to the developing countries.

The Secular Institute maintains one rental property for students. For the whole year all expenditure and all rental income is payable and receivable by the Secular Institute St. Boniface.

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

Achievements and performance

The English Region of the Secular Institute of St Boniface maintains a hostel for young female students of different nationalities for an affordable rent. In addition to this, we offer opportunities for spiritual guidance and accompaniment. There are weekly meetings in the hostel, the so-called "reflection groups", with members of the Saint Mary Magdalen Parish from Willesden Green in London. Members of the Secular Institute try to help the young people to grow more fully in their understanding of Christianity and their responsibility in our society.

As nationalities mingle together in the hostel, the young people have the chance to exchange ideas about their different cultural backgrounds and to learn from each other.

Since 2021/2022 students from Poland and Germany are living in the hostel. They are volunteers with **ARSP** (Action Reconciliation Service for Peace). They are supporting old people, survivors of the Shoah, those in need, and people with physical and psychological ailments.

A key focus is the project "Oppression and resistance. Opportunities for civil society in Europe in the past and present". The rise in antisemitism in the UK affects the Jewish community in London as a whole. The students engage in dialogue and debate in the hostel.

One member of the Secular Institute of Saint Boniface, Barbara von Alten, is employed as a Youth Worker by the German YMCA (registered Charity N° 250118). Due to the financial situation of the German YMCA and the necessity for it to cut costs in order to reduce its monthly losses there was a decrease in Barbara von Alten's salary. She was advised that following furlough, from 1st November 2020, there were no more full-time positions. Barbara von Alten has agreed to a shorter working week and therefore hours and pay were decreased by 75% to 25%. Barbara Von Alten's employment ceased during the financial period, with her last payment being January 2024.

Further information about the charitable activities of the Secular Institute of St Boniface can be found in the Annual Report of the Institute: [www. Institut-St-Bonifatius.de](http://www.Institut-St-Bonifatius.de)

Financial review

The net outgoing resources for the year ended 31 December 2024 total £2,085 (2023: £4,298). The Institute held £50,568 (2023: £44,990) in both bank and cash balances as at 31 December 2024 and, in the Trustees opinion, this level is sufficient to enable them to continue to pursue their charitable activities in the future.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to approximately 1 year's expenditure excluding donations. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. The level of reserves is in line with the policy.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a trust deed dated 20 September 1977 and constitutes and unincorporated charity.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Miss Maria Lohre

Miss Adelheid von Oy

Mrs Patricia Tobin

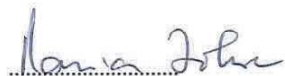
Miss Kerstin Brueggenolte

The power to appoints new trustees lies with the superior, who also has the power to remove a trustee from their position.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Miss Maria Lohre

Trustee

Dated: 2.5.2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ENGLISH REGION OF THE SECULAR INSTITUTE OF ST BONIFACE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The English Region of the Secular Institute of St Boniface (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

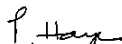
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.



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Dated: ..08/05/2025.....

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes						
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	302	-	302	201	-	201
<u>Charitable activities</u>							
Promote charitable, social and religious work	4	48,132	-	48,132	58,448	-	58,448
Investments	5	6	-	6	26	-	26
Other income		-	-	-	2,290	-	2,290
Total income		<u>48,440</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,440</u>	<u>60,965</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,965</u>
Expenditure on:							
<u>Charitable activities</u>							
Promote charitable, social and religious work	6	45,750	4,775	50,525	60,488	4,775	65,263
Total expenditure		<u>45,750</u>	<u>4,775</u>	<u>50,525</u>	<u>60,488</u>	<u>4,775</u>	<u>65,263</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		2,690	(4,775)	(2,085)	477	(4,775)	(4,298)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		<u>43,333</u>	<u>125,437</u>	<u>168,770</u>	<u>42,856</u>	<u>130,212</u>	<u>173,068</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		<u>46,023</u>	<u>120,662</u>	<u>166,685</u>	<u>43,333</u>	<u>125,437</u>	<u>168,770</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

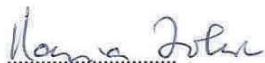
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		120,791		125,662
Current assets					
Debtors	12	2,056		1,910	
Cash at bank and in hand		50,568		44,990	
		52,624		46,900	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(6,730)		(3,792)	
Net current assets			45,894		43,108
Total assets less current liabilities			166,685		168,770
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds - general	15		46,023		43,333
Unrestricted funds - designated	14		120,662		125,437
			166,685		168,770

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 02/05/25



Miss Maria Lohre
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The English Region of the Secular Institute of St Boniface is a charity and their registered charity number is 274461.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Income

Donations and gifts are included in the year in which they are receivable, which is when the charity becomes entitled to the resource.

Income from Investments and other income is included in the SOFA in the year in which it is receivable.

Charitable activity income includes sisters income and is recognised in the period to which it relates which is when the charity becomes entitled to the resource.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which the charity has incurred the expense and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Costs are attributable to the Institutes principal activities and have been allocated between donations to fund mission work in developing countries via their motherhouse Institute St. Bonifatius e.V. in Detmold and costs of activities for charitable objectives which relates to all costs of running the institution. One Charitable activity has been identified by the trustees.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Land and buildings	2.5% Straight line
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20% Straight line

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.7 Financial instruments

The trust only has financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments comprise bank loans which are subsequently measured at the carrying value plus accrued interest less repayments.

1.8 Taxation

As a charity, the organisation is not subject to corporation tax or any taxes on income and gains arising from its charitable activities.

1.9 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for the use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each designated fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

1.10 Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due.

1.11 Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the balance sheet date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the year. However, the nature of estimation means that actual outcomes could differ from those estimates.

Accruals

Management has made estimates and established accruals in respect of potential liabilities as at the balance sheet date.

Depreciation

Management has made assumptions and estimated depreciation rates in respect of showing a true and fair view of the assets at the balance sheet date.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	302	201

4 Charitable activities

	Promote charitable, social and religious work 2024 £
Income from Sisters	1,061
Rental income	47,071
	<u>48,132</u>

	Promote charitable, social and religious work 2023 £
Income from Sisters	14,298
Rental income	44,150
Other income	-
	<u>58,448</u>

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	6	26

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Promote charitable, social and religious work 2024 £	Promote charitable, social and religious work 2023 £
Direct costs		
Depreciation and impairment	4,871	4,871
Rates and water	2,900	4,465
Insurance	2,424	2,919
Telephone	1,299	1,487
Postage and stationary	668	697
Other donations paid	486	748
Travelling	4,425	2,415
Medical costs	156	524
Subscriptions	254	378
Maintenance costs building	10,929	17,618
Household consumables	9,059	9,683
Utilities	8,663	13,176
General expenses	-	1,339
UK Entertainment	-	38
	<u>46,134</u>	<u>60,358</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Governance	4,391	4,905
	<u>50,525</u>	<u>65,263</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	45,750	60,488
Unrestricted funds - designated	4,775	4,775
	<u>50,525</u>	<u>65,263</u>

7 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Governance costs	<u>4,391</u>	<u>4,905</u>
Analysed between:		
Promote charitable, social and religious work	<u>4,391</u>	<u>4,905</u>

The fee for the Independent Examination of the charity's financial statements for this year is £2,880.

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8 Trustees

Some of the trustees are maintained by the charity and premises, meals and other living expenses are paid by the charity.
Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Total	-	-

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2024	191,015	11,710	202,725
At 31 December 2024	191,015	11,710	202,725
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2024	65,578	11,485	77,063
Depreciation charged in the year	4,775	96	4,871
At 31 December 2024	70,353	11,581	81,934
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2024	120,662	129	120,791
At 31 December 2023	125,437	225	125,662

12 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	2,056	1,910

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	6,730	3,792

14 Unrestricted funds - designated

The funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	At 1 January 2024 £	Resources expended £	At 31 December 2024 £
Land and Building Fund	125,437	(4,775)	120,662

Previous year:

	At 1 January 2023 £	Resources expended £	At 31 December 2023 £
Land & Building Fund	130,212	(4,775)	125,437

The designated Land & Building fund represents the funds necessarily set aside for the charity's occupation of the land and buildings

15 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations, grants and other income which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 December 2024 £
General funds	43,333	48,440	(45,750)	46,023

Previous year:

	At 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 December 2023 £
General fund	42,856	60,965	(60,488)	43,333

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16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds designated	Total
	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£
At 31 December 2024:			
Tangible assets	129	120,662	120,791
Current assets/(liabilities)	45,894	-	45,894
	<u>46,023</u>	<u>120,662</u>	<u>166,685</u>
	Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds designated	Total
	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£
At 31 December 2023:			
Tangible assets	225	125,437	125,662
Current assets/(liabilities)	43,108	-	43,108
	<u>43,333</u>	<u>125,437</u>	<u>168,770</u>

17 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).