

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 288262

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2024
for

The Lord Mayor of Bristol's Christmas
Appeal For Children

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for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number

288262

Principal address

5 West Leaze Place
Bradley Stoke
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Trustees

JH Simmonds	Banking executive
T Stringer	Company director
LJ Mitchell	Retired

Independent examiner

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Organisational structure

The charity was under the trusteeship of JH Simmonds, T Stringer and LJ Mitchell.

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.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The policy of the charity is to assist in the relief of poverty for disadvantaged children living within the Bristol City Boundary during the Christmas season. The charity also aims to raise sufficient funds to issue food, clothes and toy vouchers just prior to Christmas to circa 1,650 identified disadvantaged children.

Significant activities

The main activities used by the charity to raise funds are appeal letters, donations, street collection and fund raising events. In addition the charity maintains its reserves to meet its future obligations.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Trustees have focused their continued efforts on endeavouring to maintain the level of donations and funds raised to support charitable aims.

The charity reported the following results in the year.

	2024	2023
(Deficit)/Surplus	(53,628)	40,255

The raising of sufficient funds to meet its necessary expenditure remains a challenge year on year. We have, however, continued to benefit in the year from extremely generous and significant donations. Without this generosity we would not be able to provide the level of charitable activity that we have managed to achieve on an ongoing basis. The Trustees and Committee for The Lord Mayor of Bristol's Christmas Appeal for Children continue to endeavour to find new sources of revenue to meet its commitments.

Fund raising activities have been a challenge this year, with the Gala Dinner at one stage looking like it was going to be possibly cancelled, however the committee and team rallied to ensure the event went ahead, although the profit of £407 was hugely down from previous years. The charity have learned from this experience and are implementing new ideas and initiatives for the Gala Dinner and other new fundraising events for the forthcoming year which are already starting to show increased revenue.

Investment performance

The charity only invests money with UK banks and seeks to obtain the best rate of return for the least financial risk.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

It should also be noted that the charity are looking to reduce the reserves held to a more appropriate level and this is also illustrated in the annual results. The charity has achieved this primarily by increasing the charity donations from a target of £66,000 to £82,500 which ultimately means increased benefit to the children the charity aims to support.

FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN FOR OTHERS

No funds are held as a custodian to any third party.

Approved by order of the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:



JH Simmonds
Trustee

Date 18 Dec 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Lord Mayor of Bristol's Christmas
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I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024, which are set out on the pages four to eight.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements on the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I have examined your charity's accounts as required under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. that accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. that the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
4. that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following Directions of the Charity Commission, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Chris Ford

Christopher Barry Ford FCA
Chartered Accountant
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18 Dec 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 June 2024


	Notes	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources generated from funds			
Voluntary income		50,800	46,792
Activities for generating funds	2	<u>8,722</u>	<u>17,541</u>
Total incoming resources		59,522	64,333
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable activities			
Poverty relief		113,150	24,078
NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>(53,628)</u>	<u>40,255</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>201,358</u>	<u>161,103</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>147,730</u></u>	<u><u>201,358</u></u>

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Balance Sheet
At 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		148,876	202,462
Debtors		-	-
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	4	(1,146)	(1,104)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>147,730</u>	<u>201,358</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>147,730</u>	<u>201,358</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>147,730</u></u>	<u><u>201,358</u></u>
FUNDS	5		
Unrestricted funds		147,730	201,358
		<u><u>147,730</u></u>	<u><u>201,358</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:



JH Simmonds
Trustee



T Stringer
Trustee



LJ Mitchell
Trustee

Date: 18 Dec 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restriction arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Clifton Rotary Collection	-	-
Gala dinner (net)	407	13,676
Forum for the built environment	6,123	-
Bank interest	12	-
Santa's sleigh	1,133	2,396
	<u>8,722</u>	<u>17,541</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There are no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 June 2024 nor for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 June 2024 nor for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2023 £
Accruals	1,146	1,104
Deferred income	-	-
	<u>1,146</u>	<u>1,104</u>

5. MOVEMENT OF FUNDS

	At 1 July 2023 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30 June 2024 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	201,358	(53,628)	147,730
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>201,358</u>	<u>(53,628)</u>	<u>147,730</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	59,522	(113,150)	(53,628)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>59,522</u>	<u>(113,150)</u>	<u>(53,628)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1 July 2022 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30 June 2023 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	161,103	40,255	201,358
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>161,103</u>	<u>40,255</u>	<u>201,358</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	64,333	(24,078)	40,255
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>64,333</u>	<u>(24,078)</u>	<u>40,255</u>

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1 July 2022 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30 June 2024 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	161,103	(13,373)	147,730
	<u>161,103</u>	<u>(13,373)</u>	<u>147,730</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movemen t in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	123,855	(137,228)	(13,373)
	<u>123,855</u>	<u>(137,228)</u>	<u>(13,373)</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Donations	8,114	5,857
The Spielman Charity Trust	-	10,000
Bristol Port Company	17,333	17,333
Barratt Homes	3,790	-
John Lewis	2,000	-
Carol concert	4,897	4,502
Grant income	1,531	-
Bristol Round Table	5,500	-
Bristol Masonic Charities	5,000	5,000
DJM Coaching	600	2,600
Burges Salmon	750	750
Rotary Club	1,285	750
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	50,800	46,792
Activities for generating funds		
Clifton Rotary Collection	-	-
Gala dinner (net)	407	13,676
Forum for the built environment	6,123	-
Bank interest	12	-
Santa's sleigh	1,133	2,396
Street, supermarket & bucket collections	1,047	1,469
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	8,722	17,541
Total incoming resources	<hr/>	<hr/>
	59,522	64,333
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable activities		
Food/Clothing/Toy vouchers	110,160	19,120
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	110,160	19,120
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	450	395
Advertising	180	1,200
Website	-	1,743
Sundries	663	-
Finance		
Post and stationery	551	516
Accountancy	1,146	1,104
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	2,990	4,958
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<hr/>	<hr/>
	113,150	24,078
Net income/(expenditure)	<hr/>	<hr/>
	(53,628)	40,255



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