

# RESOUND TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 294924

## Details

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**Other names** BRISTOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1986-07-25

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINES SET OUT IN THE UNDERWRITTEN FOURTH SCHEDULE AND THE WORSHIP OF GOD IN THE SAID COUNTY AND ELSEWHERE BY ANY MEANS WHATSOEVER INCLUDING (BUT NOT BY WAY OF LIMITATION) THE PREACHING AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CHRISTIAN GOSPEL AND THE TEACHING OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE AND PRINCIPLES AND THE PASTORAL CARE OF CHRISTIAN PEOPLE AND THE PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE BIBLE AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE. 2. THE RELIEF OF PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK. 3. THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION ON THE BASIS OF CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING THE PROVISION OF SUCH EDUCATION IN ANY EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT AND IF THE TRUSTEES SO DECIDE THE PROVISION OF ONE OR MORE CHARITABLE EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE GENERAL EDUCATION OF CHILDREN OR ADULTS ON THE BASIS OF UCH CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES.

**Activities:** Religious Activities

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** AVON AND ELSEWHERE
- South Gloucestershire

## Finances

| Period end | Income   | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £212,768 | £136,422    | -      | -         |
| 2024-03-31 | £139,988 | £122,202    | -      | -         |
| 2023-03-31 | £145,221 | £152,376    | -      | -         |
| 2022-03-31 | £162,770 | £150,437    | -      | -         |
| 2021-03-31 | £155,088 | £137,984    | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                        | Role  | Appointed  |
|-----------------------------|-------|------------|
| <b>NIGEL DESMOND CARTER</b> | Chair | 2018-06-21 |
| Jane Riches                 |       | 2025-09-16 |
| Oluwakemi Odi               |       | 2023-05-10 |
| Richard John PORTER         |       | 2023-05-10 |
| SARAH BENNETT               |       | 2017-10-15 |
| Tony Berndes                |       | 2023-11-01 |

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# Accounts

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## Resound Trust Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025

### Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers

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#### Governing Instrument

Trust Deed dated 2 June 1986

#### Change of Charity name:

Bristol Christian Fellowship to Resound Trust

Supplemental Deed dated 29 July 2012

#### Trustees

Mr Nigel Carter

Mrs Sarah Bennett

Mr Richard Porter

Mrs Oluwakemi Odi

Mr Tony Berndes

Jane Riches (Appointed 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025)

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**Charity Registration Number**

294924

# Structure, Governance and Management

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## **Governing Document**

The Charity is governed by its Trust Deed dated 2 June 1986. A Supplemental Deed dated 29 July 2012 was implemented to change the name of the Trust from Bristol Christian Fellowship to Resound Trust.

## **Statement of policies & description of organisation**

The Resound Trust's objectives are largely met through the activities of the Resound Church. A team of Leaders take responsibility for the life and health of the Church. Trustees are appointed by the Leadership Team, following recommendations from the existing Trustees and are taken through a standard induction process, which includes Charity Commission guidelines and the current financial position of the charity. The Trustees are responsible for governance of the Trust, particularly its policies, finances, buildings and equipment in accordance with the Trust deed. A staff team conducts the day to day management of the Trust's affairs.

## **Pioneer Network**

Resound Church is part of the Pioneer Network and draws on resources from Pioneer.

## **Woodlands Church**

Resound is part of a local association of churches in order to maintain relationships with others in the area, as well as to connect with a more local level of resourcing. Woodlands Group of Churches is a large resourcing church in the centre of Bristol that Resound has had relationship with for many years.

The above represents no material change from the Church's previous objectives and policies.

## **Risk assessment**

The Trustees have identified risks that the charity is exposed to and policies and actions to mitigate those are in place. This is captured in a formal risk register. Across all children and youth activities our Safeguarding Policy is actively enforced, including DBS checks on all key workers (voluntary & paid members). We have also implemented a vulnerable adult's policy. Health & Safety policies are in place at Resound, and are annually reviewed.

# Objectives and Activities

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**Our Vision is to be a place where people belong to a community, become more like Jesus, and build God's Kingdom.**

The Trust Deed sets out the following objects and purposes of the Trust:

***The advancement of the Christian faith:***

- the worship of God
- preaching and proclaiming the Christian gospel
- teaching Christian doctrine and principles
- the pastoral care of Christian people

***The relief of those in hardship, need or distress, or who are aged or sick***

***The advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles, for both children and adults***

The strategies employed to meet these objects and purposes for the public benefit are described more fully in the achievements and performance section.

**Advancement of Religion for Public benefit**

The trustees continue to have regard for the Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit.

The information set out below under the Achievements and Performance heading demonstrates how the trust benefits the wider community by providing support to many: spiritually, practically, and financially. Resound continues working in partnership with other churches, as well as charities and statutory agencies, in order to further enhance the lives of those we seek to serve.

# Achievements and Performance

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## Children and Families

### Children's Church and Crèche Space

Every Sunday, alongside our morning service, we welcome children to our Children's Church session and creche spaces. Our Children's Church is aimed at primary-aged children and we engage with the Bible through activities, stories, videos, games, prayer and craft. The aim of this space is to encourage the children to move deeper in their personal faith and understand more about the stories found in the Bible. We often choose to follow along with the teaching happening in the main service in order for continuity for the parents and the volunteers.

There is also a creche space in the auditorium for children aged 0-4 years old with toys and a sensory activity which links with the teaching for the day. We also provide a quieter creche space in the café with toys and a space for parents to spend time with their children.

### Primary School Lunch Club

We have run a weekly Lunch Club for Year 6s in Barley Close Primary School, one of our local schools. Each week there is space for up to 8 children to attend and there is a core group of students who like to come along each week. Over the course of this academic year (Sept 2024 to Jul 2025), we have had contact with approximately 20 students from the year group. The aim of this club is to provide a space for the children to talk with a trusted adult and discuss what is on their mind, to think about what is going on in their lives, and to have time out of a sometimes busy and overwhelming school day.

### Toddler Group

Every Thursday during term time, Resound Toddler Group runs. This is a space for families to come and connect with one another through play, crafts, and singing. We have between 25-30 children aged 0-4 years old attending each week, plus their parents or carers.

### School Holiday Activities

We have run activities aimed at primary-aged children and their families over the half terms, Easter, summer, and Christmas holidays over the last year. We've welcomed families known to us, and new faces, for activities, games, crafts and time for connection and respite.

We've had holiday activities based around a variety of themes including Circus, Jungle Jamboree, Olympics, Pirate Adventure, Water Games, Beach Bonanza, Light Party, Christmas Story, and Archaeology. We've been able to share the Christian message through our Light Party activities and our Christmas Story activities, and we have seen families in our local community engaging

well with these sessions. At our final holiday activity of the financial year we had 37 children in attendance, plus their parents and carers.

## **Faith Formation & Discipleship**

### **Sundays**

Our Sunday Services are foundational to what we do as Resound Church. Each week, we provide opportunity for sung worship, prayer and teaching from the Bible or on a topic relating to faith. There is age appropriate provision for both adults and children to engage and learn.

### **Baptisms**

This year, four people were baptised at Resound Church, each marking an important step in their faith journey. These were meaningful occasions for the individuals involved and for the wider church community.

We were also pleased to make our baptistry pool available to other local churches, including regular building users and others from the surrounding area. Providing access to this resource is a practical way we can support and collaborate with fellow churches in the community.

### **Small Groups**

During the week, Resound has many different 'Small Groups' which run as a setting for more intentional relationship building, pastoral care and discussion of topics. Quite often these discussions will follow on from our sermons on a Sunday, but also we use specific resources to stimulate thought and conversation.

### **Daily Bible Reading Plan and Weekly Blog**

As a church, we provide a calendar with a set Bible reading each day. The people of Resound are welcome to join in and read along with this plan, which provides a more structured way to help support people engage with scripture. Each week, as part of this process, we write a blog post/reflection on the readings from that week, which teaches in more detail on some of the themes and theological questions which arise in the passages covered.

### **Bible School**

Something we have launched at Resound this year is the Resound Bible School. This was created with the aim to help people get to know God better through a better understanding of the Bible. These events run bi-monthly and approach reading the Bible through a more educational means,

with a taught element covering a slightly more academic focus, then engaging in applying learning in bible study activities and then encouraging discussion around the learning.

## **Pub Theology**

Our Pub Theology events have been a long standing part of life at Resound. These now run on alternate months to the Bible School, and offer a safe and informal setting within which to explore some of the big theological, philosophical and faith questions. This takes place in a local pub, which helps break down some barriers and promotes community engagement, and runs like a small group with conversation and questions.

## **Alpha Course**

We try to run at least one Alpha Course each year at Resound. This is a safe space for people to explore faith and ask big questions. The course runs like a small group, supported by video content to discuss, and includes sharing a meal together. The Alpha Course is appropriate for people who have never attended church and are exploring faith, but also works as a place for believers to revisit some of the fundamental elements of Christian teaching to reflect.

## **Resound Library**

Supplementing other provision at Resound, we have opened the 'Resound Library' which is an expanding collection of books, resourced with the aim of supporting teaching and learning for the church. People are able to access this library in the building and can borrow books on a wide range of topics, all seeking to help people better understand ideas about God, the Bible, and a life of faith more broadly.

## **The Chosen**

As part of our commitment to creating spaces where people can explore faith and engage with the story of Jesus, this year we hosted viewings of *The Chosen*- a multi-season television series based on the life of Christ. These gatherings provided a relaxed and accessible way for people to come together, reflect, and discuss the person and message of Jesus.

## **Pastoral Care and Discipleship**

At the heart of Resound Church is a deep commitment to care- for one another and for those going through difficult times. Our pastoral care is led by our Pastoral and Discipleship Lead, supported by a wider team of trained volunteers. Together, they offer support in a wide range of ways, shaped by the needs of individuals and families within our community.

Pastoral care at Resound prioritises those who are sick, vulnerable, lonely, or isolated. Over the past year, this has included hospital and home visits, listening and praying with those facing tough seasons, and walking alongside people through grief, illness, or personal challenge. At the same time, we celebrate with those experiencing joy- recognising that our role is to be present for the highs and lows of life alike.

Our small group leaders play a vital role in extending pastoral care, often being the first to notice when someone is struggling and offering support through ongoing relationships. We have hosted gatherings for these leaders, creating space to encourage, equip and listen to those who carry this responsibility with care and commitment.

A significant part of our pastoral work has involved building deeper relationships within the Resound family- getting to know people's stories, journeys of faith, and different outlooks on life. Through this, we have witnessed the beauty of a community that responds with compassion, resilience, and generosity. It has been humbling to see the mutual love and support shown by people at Resound to others in their time of need- a living expression of our shared faith in action.

## Prayer

Prayer continues to be a vital and foundational part of life at Resound. Throughout the year, we have nurtured a rhythm of both corporate and individual prayer, recognising its importance in deepening faith and supporting our community.

Each Sunday begins with pre-service prayer, open to all, and a dedicated intercessory team lead prayers during the service. A separate prayer ministry team is available each week to pray with anyone seeking personal prayer.

We also held quarterly prayer breakfasts, two prayer weeks, including 24-hour prayer and fasting, and a reflective Candlelight Christmas Meditation. These gatherings provided space for worship, reflection, and intercession.

Prayer is also a central element within our midweek small groups, where members regularly pray for one another. In addition, members of the pastoral and prayer ministry teams are available, by arrangement, to pray with individuals. Through all these expressions, prayer remains a vital thread that holds and guides the life of the church.

## Community Hub

This year marked a significant step forward in our long-term vision to establish Resound as a thriving Community Hub- an inclusive, welcoming space where people from Mangotsfield and the surrounding areas can connect with one another and access support. Building on the success of our existing activities, such as the Toddler Group, Community Café, Afternoon Tea for older

people, monthly music events, and our art group, we began the process of drawing these strands together under a cohesive identity and purpose.

We've begun expanding both the depth and breadth of our impact through offering extended café hours and more one-off community events. Alongside offering space for connection and friendship, we are increasingly able to respond to practical needs- whether that's through a warm space and a friendly face, affordable activities for families, or access to light-touch support and advice.

This year, we began trailing new collaborations, welcoming organisations such as Citizens Advice and Skills Connect into our foodbank café space. These visits provide accessible, relational support in a safe and trusted environment. We are also beginning to build new partnerships with organisations such as Southern Brooks and Christians Against Poverty (CAP), as we seek to deepen the support available within our regular activities.

Our volunteer team continues to grow in both numbers and confidence. We are intentional about creating space for people to contribute their gifts, whether that's through setting up spaces, serving refreshments, welcoming others, or sharing creative ideas. Some of our volunteers have first connected with Resound through attending a group themselves.

With support from external grant funding and the appointment of a new Community Development Lead in March/ April 2025, we've laid the groundwork for a Community Hub that places belonging, compassion, and community life at its heart. Our approach is shaped by listening, hospitality, and partnership- values rooted in our Christian ethos and our ongoing commitment to serving others with dignity and care.

Looking ahead, we're excited to continue developing the Hub not only as a space for activity, but as a place of welcome and long-term support. Through continually listening to our community and collaborating with others we remain committed to strengthening relationships, relieving hardship, and encouraging people of all ages to flourish in a space where they feel valued and supported.

### **Some of our regular Community Hub activities include:**

#### **Dewdrop Inn Café**

Held monthly, the Dewdrop Inn Café is a gentle, welcoming event where members of the community are invited to enjoy tea, cake, and conversation. Its aim is to offer a space where those experiencing loneliness or isolation can build new friendships and feel part of a wider community.

#### **Later**

Later is our monthly live music night, providing a relaxed, social environment for people of all ages. It's a fun evening that brings people together and creates a safe space for relationships to grow.

## **Art Wings**

Art Wings runs monthly and is a joyful, low-pressure space to be bold, bright, and brave with arts and crafts. Participants explore different creative techniques, chat over coffee and biscuits, and enjoy expressing themselves in a welcoming environment.

## **Foodbank Community Café**

Running alongside our weekly foodbank sessions, the Foodbank Community Café offers a warm, informal space where clients and volunteers can sit down, enjoy a hot drink, and connect with others. It's more than just a waiting area- it's a space of kindness and hospitality where people are welcomed without judgement. In recent months, we've also invited organisations such as Citizens Advice and Skills Connect to join us at the café, offering light-touch advice and support in a trusted setting. This gentle approach reduces stigma, builds trust, and opens up new pathways to further help and community connection.

## **Foodbank**

We partner with North Bristol and South Glos Foodbank, seeded by The Trussell Trust, to run a foodbank outlet. Between April 2024-2025, 14,413.48kg was given out in 673 food parcels from the food bank outlet based at Resound. This supported 1652 people, 722 of which were children. Our vision is to see those who initially come to us for emergency food access other activities that offer long-term support. We are continuing to work towards our food bank outlet becoming a community connect space, a place not only where food is distributed, but where people can come to an inclusive space with activities and services to help foster well-being and a sense of local community.

## **Hope into Action: Caleb House**

The purchase of Caleb House was completed in April 2024, marking a significant milestone in our partnership with Hope into Action. Following the purchase, a team of dedicated volunteers from Resound and New Life Church undertook the decoration and refurbishment of the property, creating a welcoming and supportive environment. The first tenant moved in September 2024.

While the initial vision was to support young adult care leavers, this proved challenging to implement. In response, the focus shifted to housing young male refugees with the right to remain in the UK. These individuals are now being supported by an Empowerment Worker from Hope into Action and a team of Befrienders from both churches, offering relational support, encouragement, and practical help as they adjust to life in the UK.

## Charitable Giving

One of the ways Resound Trust has sought to fulfil its charitable objectives this year is through financial giving to a range of organisations whose work aligns with our vision and values. These charities were carefully chosen because they reflect key aspects of our charitable purposes. By supporting these organisations, we are able to extend the reach of our mission beyond what we can deliver directly as a church.

This year, we gave to the following charities: Bristol Noise, Bristol Street Pastors, inHope, North Bristol & South Gloucestershire Foodbank, Open Doors, Tearfund, The Bridge Trust (supporting Mutende Children's Village in Zambia), Wycliffe Bible Translators, Home for Good, and Bristol Refugee Rights.

## Venue Hire

This year, we took deliberate steps to develop and implement a strategy for how we steward one of our most significant resources: the Resound building. Our aim was twofold- to ensure the use of our space furthers the vision and charitable objectives of Resound, and to explore opportunities for income generation to support the long-term sustainability of our work.

Resound is not only home to our own church community, but also to two other churches who gather here weekly for Sunday services, worship, and midweek groups. Their regular presence means that hundreds of people encounter God, grow in faith, and receive pastoral support within our building each week. In addition to these resident churches, we continue to welcome other Christian groups for one-off events, worship nights, and discipleship gatherings.

This shared use of the building is a direct expression of our charitable objectives- particularly the advancement of the Christian faith through worship, teaching, pastoral care, and community. Through the use of our space, we support youth and children's ministry, small group discipleship, and prayer- making the worship of God a central and consistent feature of life at Resound.

We also partner with community groups who use the building throughout the week. These partnerships often align with our objective to relieve hardship and need in the local area, particularly through groups focused on wellbeing, support, and inclusion.

We are grateful to have several groups who hire us on a regular basis, providing secure income, as well as those who hire us for one off events.

The income generated from all our hires helps us to sustain the building financially, but even more significantly, it ensures that our space is being used in line with our values.

# Financial Review at 31st March 2025

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## Accounts Basis

The accounts have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis. The accounts comply with the legal requirements, being that the gross recorded income from all sources did not exceed £250,000 and that the charity is not a company incorporated under the Companies Act.

## Ongoing Operations

The operational performance of the Trust shows income for the year of £212,768 (2024: £139,988) whilst expenditure was £136,422 (2024: £122,202). These figures include our Social Care Fund which is a restricted fund, and also restricted grant income.

Considering the Unrestricted Funds, which are a reflection of the Trust's ordinary operations, income was £190,638 (2024: £138,286) and the associated costs were £135,914 (2024: £116,392). Our primary source of income is giving by members of Resound. We are grateful for God's provision through those who support the Trust financially and by generously volunteering their time and skills which enables the trust to continue. However, the increase in income this year has mainly come from increased building hire, a grant to support our community hub plans and some of last year's Gift-Aid refund being received in this year. The increase in income from building hire is mainly from the pre-school and the other churches who hire the building.

This year the largest change in the trust's outgoings has been the significant increase in our donations to other charities with the recipients listed earlier in this report.

After a deficit in the year ending 2023 the trust has had an operational surplus for the last two years and the financial position of the year ahead continues to be positive with our budget showing a surplus albeit a smaller one.

## Fixed Assets

The Trust's principal fixed asset is its building which includes an auditorium, offices, conference space, a café area and a preschool space.

In addition, the Trust holds a programme-related investment in a property known as Caleb House, in partnership with Hope into Action. The Trust owns a share of the property under a Declaration of Trust, alongside co-investors from Resound and New Life Church.

## Reserves

The policy is to hold a reserve to cover six months running costs, which currently amounts to £75,000. We also hold a building reserve and have earmarked £30,000 to fund future Resound initiatives.

Beyond this the Trustees are continuing to work with the Leadership Team to develop a plan to use any surplus funds to further the charitable objects of Resound.

## Investment and Ethical Policy

Apart from bank accounts the Trust's only financial investment is its shared ownership of Caleb House as described earlier in this report. The trust holds accounts with banks that are judged to be more ethical and has spread its capital so that no more than £85,000 is held with any one financial institution.

Policies are in place for the ethical and sustainable operation of the Trust. Throughout the Resound build programme close scrutiny was given to the sourcing of materials and energy usage in the new building, and this continues as part of its maintenance.

## Related Party Disclosures

During the financial year, two trustees had spouses serving on Resound's Leadership Team. Pauline Berndes, wife of trustee Tony Berndes, and Mike Bennett, husband of trustee Sarah Bennett, were both members of the Leadership Team. All decisions involving potential conflicts of interest were managed in accordance with the charity's conflict of interest policy.

## Conclusion

The trust has made good progress and the trustees would like to express their thanks to all staff, volunteers and supporters for their invaluable contributions to the work of Resound Trust over the past year.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees:

**Nigel Carter**

**10<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Chair of Trustees



**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period  
from

4/1/2024


To

3/31/2025

**Section A Receipts and payments**

|   | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |   |   |  |                                 |                               |
| Tithes, Offerings and Donations                       | 77,193                                    | 1,100                                   | -                                      | 78,293                          | 76,592                        |
| Gift Aid and GASDS                                    | 24,596                                    | 133                                     | -                                      | 24,729                          | 8,874                         |
| Grants  | -   | 19,962                                  | -                                      | 19,962                          | 500                           |
| Rental of Premises and Café/Bar at events             | 73,208                                    | -                                       | -                                      | 73,208                          | 40,215                        |
| Charitable Activities                                 | 5,580                                     | 935                                     | -                                      | 6,515                           | 6,547                         |
| Income from Investments                               | 5,419                                     | -                                       | -                                      | 5,419                           | 2,732                         |
| Solar Panel Income (Feed-in-Tariff)                   | 4,642                                     | -                                       | -                                      | 4,642                           | 4,528                         |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | <b>190,638</b>                            | <b>22,130</b>                           | <b>-</b>                               | <b>212,768</b>                  | <b>139,988</b>                |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |   |   |  |                                 |                               |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>190,638</b>                            | <b>22,130</b>                           | <b>-</b>                               | <b>212,768</b>                  | <b>139,988</b>                |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |   |   |  |                                 |                               |
| Payroll, National Insurance and Pension               | 55,924                                    | -                                       | -                                      | 55,924                          | 55,889                        |
| Donations to Charities                                | 21,989                                    | -                                       | -                                      | 21,989                          | 203                           |
| Support of Poor and Needy                             | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | 5,810                         |
| Travel and Accommodation                              | 242                                       | -                                       | -                                      | 242                             | 28                            |
| Catering, Art Supplies, Toys and Cleaning             | 5,767                                     | 166                                     | -                                      | 5,933                           | 4,229                         |
| Office Costs, Advertising and Artwork                 | 3,861                                     | 342                                     | -                                      | 4,203                           | 1,722                         |
| Licences and Subscriptions                            | 2,397                                     | -                                       | -                                      | 2,397                           | 2,405                         |
| Utilities and Premises Rental                         | 15,261                                    | -                                       | -                                      | 15,261                          | 18,650                        |
| Property and Equipment                                | 19,782                                    | -                                       | -                                      | 19,782                          | 25,871                        |
| Training and Conference Fees                          | 1,165                                     | -                                       | -                                      | 1,165                           | 101                           |
| Insurance   | 5,084                                     | -                                       | -                                      | 5,084                           | 5,347                         |
| Legal and Professional Fees                           | 2,378                                     | -                                       | -                                      | 2,378                           | 760                           |
| Independent Examination                               | 2,064                                     | -                                       | -                                      | 2,064                           | 1,187                         |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>135,914</b>                            | <b>508</b>                              | <b>-</b>                               | <b>136,422</b>                  | <b>122,202</b>                |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |   |   |  |                                 |                               |
| Caleb House   | 46,138                                    | -                                       | -                                      | 46,138                          | -                             |
| Fixtures, fittings and furniture                      | 1,515                                     | -                                       | -                                      | 1,515                           | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>47,653</b>                             | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>47,653</b>                   | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>183,567</b>                            | <b>508</b>                              | <b>-</b>                               | <b>184,075</b>                  | <b>122,202</b>                |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | <b>7,071</b>                              | <b>21,622</b>                           | <b>-</b>                               | <b>28,693</b>                   | <b>17,786</b>                 |
| A5 Transfers between funds                            | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| A6 Cash funds last year end                           | 238,156                                   | 2,949                                   | -                                      | 241,105                         | 223,319                       |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>245,227</b>                            | <b>24,571</b>                           | <b>-</b>                               | <b>269,798</b>                  | <b>241,105</b>                |

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories  | Details  | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £      | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b>                                | Cash at Bank and in Hand   | 245,227                            | 24,571                                | -                               |
|   | <b>Total cash funds</b><br><small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small> | 245,227                            | 24,571                                | -                               |
| <b>B2 Other assets</b>                              | Details  | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £      | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|   | Program-related investment   | 46,138                             | -                                     | -                               |
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b> | Details  | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                       | Current value (optional)        |
|   | Details  | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                       | Current value (optional)        |
|   | Land and Buildings   | Unrestricted                       | -                                     | 824,564                         |
|   | Plant and Equipment  | Unrestricted                       | -                                     | -                               |
|   | Fixtures, Fittings and Furniture   | Unrestricted                       | -                                     | 1,515                           |
|   |  |                                    | -                                     | -                               |
|   |  |                                    | -                                     | -                               |
|   |  |                                    | -                                     | -                               |
|   |  |                                    | -                                     | -                               |
|   |  |                                    | -                                     | -                               |
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b>                               | Details  | Fund to which liability relates    | Amount due (optional)                 | When due (optional)             |
|   |  |                                    | -                                     |                                 |
| Signed by N Carter on behalf of all the Trustees    | Signature<br> | Print Name<br><b>Nigel Carter</b>  | Date of approval<br><b>10/10/2025</b> |                                 |

# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Resound Trust: Year ended 31 March 2025

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I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

## 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 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 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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.

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Date: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**RESOUND TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 294924

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# Accounts

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**RESOUND TRUST**

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31st March 2024**

# Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers

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## **Governing Instrument**

Trust Deed dated 2 June 1986

## **Change of Charity name:**

### **Bristol Christian Fellowship to Resound Trust**

Supplemental Deed dated 29 July 2012

## **Trustees**

Mr N Carter

Mrs S Bennett

Mr R Porter – Appointed 10 May 2023

Mrs K Odi – Appointed 10 May 2023

Mr J Cannan – Resigned 3 April 2023

Mr M Baker- Resigned 25 June 2023

Mrs L Knowles – Resigned 24 August 2023

Mr T Berndes- Appointed 1 November 2023

## **Bankers**

Cooperative Bank Plc  
Kings Valley Ruddington  
Yew Street  
Stockport  
Cheshire  
SK4 2JU

Kingdom Bank Ltd  
Fields Business Park  
Mere Way  
Ruddington  
NG11 6JS

Charity Bank Ltd  
Fosse House  
182 High Street  
Tonbridge  
TN9 1BE

Ecology Building Society  
7 Belton Road  
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Yorkshire  
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## **Charity Registration Number**

294924

# Structure, Governance and Management

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## **Governing Document**

The Charity is governed by its Trust Deed dated 2 June 1986. A Supplemental Deed dated 29 July 2012 was implemented to change the name of the Trust from Bristol Christian Fellowship to Resound Trust.

## **Statement of policies & description of organisation**

The Resound Trust's objectives are largely met through the activities of the Resound Church. A team of Leaders take responsibility for the life and health of the Church. Trustees are appointed by the Leadership Team, following recommendations from the existing Trustees and are taken through a standard induction process, which includes Charity Commission guidelines and the current financial position of the charity. The Trustees are responsible for governance of the Trust, particularly its finances, buildings and equipment in accordance with the Trust deed. A staff team conducts the day to day management of the Trust's affairs.

## **Pioneer Network**

Resound Church is part of the Pioneer Network and draw on resources from Pioneer.

## **Woodlands Church**

Resound is part of a local association of churches in order to maintain relationships with others in the area, as well as to connect with a more local level of resourcing. Woodlands Group of Churches is a large resourcing church in the centre of Bristol that Resound has had relationship with for many years.

## **Risk assessment**

The Trustees have identified risks that the charity is exposed to and policies and actions to mitigate those are in place. This is captured in a formal risk register. Across all children and youth activities our Safeguarding Policy is actively enforced, including DBS checks on all key workers (voluntary & paid members). We have also implemented a vulnerable adult's policy. Health & Safety policies are in place at Resound, and are annually reviewed.

# Objectives

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## **Our Vision: Belong to a community, Become more like Jesus, Build God's Kingdom.**

The Trust Deed sets out the following objects and purposes of the Trust:

### ***The advancement of the Christian faith:***

- the worship of God
- preaching and proclaiming the Christian gospel
- teaching Christian doctrine and principles
- the pastoral care of Christian people

### ***The relief of those in hardship, need or distress, or who are aged or sick***

### ***The advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles, for both children and adults***

The strategies employed to meet these objects and purposes for the public benefit are described more fully in the achievements and performance section.

### **Advancement of Religion for Public benefit**

The Trustees continue to have regard for the Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit.

The information set out in the Achievements and Performance section demonstrates how the Trust benefits the wider community by providing support to many: spiritually, practically, and financially. Resound continues working in partnership with other churches, as well as charities and statutory agencies, in order to further enhance the lives of those we seek to serve.

The above represents no material change from the Trust's previous objectives and policies.

# Achievements and Performance

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## Children and Families

### Children's Church and Creche Space

Every Sunday morning we run Children's Church for primary school aged children and a creche space for 0-5 year olds. We follow along with the teaching of the main service, looking at the story through activities, Bible readings, videos, prayer and crafts.

There is a creche space in the auditorium with toys and an activity which links with the teaching for the day, and there is also a creche space in the café with toys.

### Primary School Lunch Club

Since September Barley Close Year 6 Lunch Club has run every week. Each week there is space for 8 children to attend and there is a core group who like to come along. However, these spaces are done on a first come, first served basis. We have had contact with approximately 20 of the Year 6 children over the course of this year. The aim of this is to provide a space for the children to share and discuss what is on their mind, to think about what is going on in their world at the moment, and to have a bit of respite. We are currently exploring opportunities to link up with other primary schools in the area, possibly also collaborating with other local churches in this endeavour.

### Toddler Group

Toddler Group runs every Thursday morning during term time and is a space for families to play, relax and engage with others. We have had approximately 30 children between 0-5 years old attending each week, plus their parents or carers. There are three team members who interact and support the families, plus three kitchen and café team members who oversee the snacks and refreshments for the children and their carers.

### School Holiday Activities

These sessions have continued over the rest of the school holidays this academic year, with an Under the Sea morning in October half term, a Christmas story morning in the December break and an Interstellar Adventure in February half term. At the Family Fun Morning in February we had approximately 45 children in attendance, plus their parents and carers, and 23 out of the 59 children who signed up to come along were unknown to us and have not previously attended any other Resound events. We will continue to run these activities over the school holidays.

Some weeks after October half term activity we received a card in the post from a family who had attended our summer activities as well as the October one. This card said the following:

*'We wanted to write and say thank you for all your caring, thoughtful and engaging events that provide and open up to the community. We always feel so welcome and blessed and hope to visit you again soon.'*

## Youth and Young Adults

### Mid week Youth Small Group

Flame, our mid-week church youth group, has been attended by young people aged between 17 and 19 years old. This group is a great opportunity to support our young people as they begin to navigate adulthood and moving onto the next stage of life. These young people have also got involved with serving others in the church, particularly through giving their time to help with the Family Fun Afternoons over the summer holidays.

### Youth Club

Resound runs Emerson's Green Youth Club in partnership with Creative Youth Network on Monday evenings. This club has really grown and developed over the past few months, with around 30-35 young people now attending regularly. The club reaches vulnerable and disadvantaged young people who often struggle to engage with other provision, and provides a safer space for their personal and social development.

### Secondary School Mentoring

Our Youth Worker has been going into Downend Secondary School, mentoring young people once a week. The young people are referred to us by the school and this is something which is a great support to the students at Downend. This mentoring service supports students who are struggling with their mental health, are experiencing challenging family situations or who are at risk of exclusion.

## Sundays, Alpha and Pub Theology

### Sunday Services

Every Sunday morning, Resound Church gathers for a morning of worship, prayer and teaching. We tend to work through a particular teaching series, such as a book of the bible or a specific theme, and create spaces for both structured and open prayer.

We also offer specific space for children to engage with learning activities and biblical teaching.

### Small Groups

We want everyone to have the opportunity to connect in a place where they can be supported and grow on their journey with God, whatever stage they're at. For this reason we encourage people to be part of a Small Group. Most meet in people's homes, typically made up of 8-12 people, where there is a chance for catching up, enjoying refreshments or a meal together, a chance to study the Bible and ask questions, talk, listen and pray. They allow the church to build lasting friendships and share life together, whilst exploring and deepening their faith. There are currently 10 small groups meeting fortnightly, made up of approximately 100 people.

## **Pub Theology**

Each month, we run a 'pub theology' event, which seeks to engage those in and outside of the church with theological and philosophical questions and topics. These are small group discussions held in a local pub.

## **Alpha**

The Alpha Course is a small group programme, designed to explore the fundamental elements of the Christian faith. These are provided for people who aren't already part of the church, but can be accessed by Christians too. Over the two courses we've run this year, 15 people have participated in the Alpha courses.

## **Pastoral Care and Discipleship**

This year, we employed a 'Pastoral and discipleship lead' whose role includes engaging with newcomers, supporting small group leaders, and assisting more vulnerable members of the Resound community.

This role takes many different forms, depending on the needs of the individuals involved, but prioritises looking out for the sick, vulnerable, lonely or isolated. This has included visiting many members of our community in hospital and at home, and gatherings for our small group leaders, who help provide an extension of pastoral care for their groups. This has been a wonderful opportunity to form deeper relationships with the Resound family.

## **Prayer**

### **Prayer Events**

In September we had a 24 hour prayer event, including an hour of worship on the Saturday morning, which 18 people attended. In October we spent time praying for the church at the Church Forum, where the church gathered to hear updates on various areas of Resound life and to pray for our activities. For November, we held a Prayer Breakfast for the persecuted church which was attended by 14 people. We had a Candlelit Christmas Meditation reflecting on Mary's story which 22 people came along to and in January we held another 24 hours of prayer and fasting, culminating in a Prayer Breakfast to break the fast which 22 people joined us for. Finally, in February we had a Lent Lunch and Prayer and 16 people attended this.

### **Prayer during Sunday Services**

On Sunday mornings, there is plenty of opportunity to engage with prayer. There is an open invite to join in with a 'pre-service' prayer time. An 'intercessory prayer' slot is led by a different small group each week and is a chance to pray for situations in our local area and across the world. We also create space for people to receive prayer for a wide variety of things, facilitated by our prayer team.

## **Community Events**

At Resound, we want to foster a sense of belonging for everyone who walks through our doors; to offer a place where everyone feels valued, supported, and part of a community.

### **Dewdrop Inn Café**

Every month, we have our Dewdrop Inn Café. This is an event where members of the community can come for tea and cake! Its aim is to provide a place for those experiencing loneliness or isolation to come and meet new people and receive support.

### **Later**

Later is a monthly live music event. It's an opportunity to bring people together and create a safe place for relationships to grow.

### **Art Wings**

Art Wings runs monthly and is a place to be bold, bright and brave with arts and crafts, exploring new ways of creating and making, plus a natter over a coffee and some chocolate biscuits!

## **Foodbank**

We partner with North Bristol and South Glos Foodbank, seeded by The Trussell Trust, to run a foodbank outlet. Between April 2023-2024, 14,951.05kg was given out in 642 food parcels from the food bank outlet based at Resound. This supported 1,776 people, 803 of which were children. Our vision is to see those who initially come to us for emergency food access other activities that offer long-term support. We are therefore working towards our food bank outlet becoming a community hub, a place not only where food is distributed, but where people can come to an inclusive space with activities and services to help foster well-being and a sense of local community.

## **Global and Local Projects**

### **Mutende**

Resound has been supporting Mutende Children's Village in Zambia for over 20 years, since its inception in 2001. At Mutende there are currently three children's houses, an admin block and next door there is a school for the pupils which goes from nursery to grade 7. There are currently approximately 230 children in attendance at the school. There is a second site at Mutende which houses young men and young women who are over 18.

Whilst the project has previously been supported by BCF and then Resound, as well as Linden Church in Swansea, the responsibility has passed over to The Bridge Trust, a Bristol based Christian charity. Whilst Resound is no longer responsible for running Mutende, this is a positive as the project is becoming more self-governing and self-supporting in Zambia, however it is still a pleasure to continue those relationships, prayers and financial support. A

number of the Resound congregation sponsor children who live in the village or give monthly donations, and 50% of our 2023 Christmas offering went to Mutende.

### **Hope into Action**

We have partnered with Hope into Action to provide supported accommodation for those threatened with homelessness in our community.

A number of individuals from Resound as well as the Resound Trust have invested in the house which is being bought for the project.

Maintenance and furnishing will take place whilst the potential tenants are referred and assessed for their suitability. The home will house three residents who can live there for up to two years and will be supported by an Empowerment Worker from Hope into Action and volunteers from New Life Church and Resound. The aim is that the residents will be young people who have been through the care system and therefore have little or no family to support them. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to provide support and care for them.

### **Hire**

Due to having a wonderful resource of a building, we spent time this year developing a strategy to steward this resource. Our aim was twofold: firstly, to ensure that the use of this space aligns with and furthers the vision and charitable objectives of Resound; and secondly, to explore opportunities for income generation, thereby contributing to the financial stability necessary to maintain the building and to sustain and grow our activities.

We put together a Lettings Working Group, the purpose of which was to consider how we can most beneficially use our building and resources for Resound's work and to bless the community, and to create a streamlined and efficient process for this. The group consisted of representatives from Resound staff, leadership, trustees, and key volunteers.

Over the past year we have signed an agreement with Abacus pre school who hire a space in our building, and have also continued to hire our building to other churches and Christian groups. We are pleased to be able to hire to organisations whose activities support our charitable objectives and it is our aim to continue building relationship with these regular hirers.

### **Conclusion**

The trustees would like to express their thanks to all staff, volunteers and supporters for their invaluable contributions to the work of Resound Trust over the past year.

# Financial Review at 31st March 2024

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## Accounts Basis

The accounts have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis. The accounts comply with the legal requirements, being that the gross recorded income from all sources did not exceed £250,000 and that the charity is not a company incorporated under the Companies Act.

## Ongoing Operations

The operational performance of the Trust shows income for the year of £139,988 (2023 £145,221) whilst expenditure was £122,202 (2023 £152,376). These figures include our Social Care Fund which is a restricted fund.

Considering the Unrestricted Funds, which are a reflection of the Trust's ordinary operations, income was £138,286 (2023 £141,921) and the associated costs were £116,392 (2023 £147,392). Following a deficit last year, we are pleased to have an operational surplus at the end of this financial year.

Our primary source of income is giving by members of Resound. We are grateful for God's provision through those who support the Trust financially and by generously volunteering their time and skills which enables the trust to continue.

We have seen an increase in income from building hire, mainly from the rent from the pre-school, and from churches who hire the building on a Sunday afternoon and evening, as well as throughout the week for midweek events. We are grateful to have several groups who hire us on a regular basis, providing secure income, as well as those who hire us for one off events.

Our staffing costs for the year were 40% of our total income, meeting the aims set out last year. The staff costs were also lower than anticipated due to a vacancy within the finance role, a delayed start for the caretaker role, and the decision not to currently rehire into the youth worker role.

Utility bills increased significantly in the year due to increasing energy costs seen across the UK. We reviewed our gas and electricity contracts in December 2023 which should help improve this situation.

Our building is now 12 years old and we are seeing some increases in associated repair and maintenance. During the year there was a significant repair to part of the roof.

The financial position of the year ahead continues to be positive and our budget shows a surplus.

## Fixed Assets

The Trust's principal fixed asset is its building which includes an auditorium, offices, conference space, a café area and a preschool space.

## **Reserves**

The reserves policy is to hold a reserve to cover six months running costs, which currently amounts to £60,000.

The Trustees are continuing to work with the Leadership Team to agree the use of any surplus to fund activity to further the charitable objects of Resound whilst holding sufficient reserves.

## **Investment and Ethical Policy**

Apart from bank accounts the Trust has no financial investments or investment property. It holds accounts with banks that are judged to be more ethically based and has spread its capital in order that no more than £75,000 is held with any one financial institution. Policies are in place for the ethical and sustainable operation of the Trust. Throughout the Resound build programme close scrutiny was given to the sourcing of materials and energy usage in the new building, and this continues as part of its maintenance.

## **Related Party Disclosures**

During the financial year, Trustee, Tony Berndes' wife Pauline Berndes was part of the Leadership Team.

## **Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

**Nigel Carter**

Chair of Trustees

14th January 2025



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from

1/4/2023

To

31/03/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

|   | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Tithes, Offerings and Donations                       | 76,202                                 | 390                                  | -                                   | 76,592                          | 82,272                        |
| Gift Aid and GASDS                                    | 8,874                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 8,874                           | 15,783                        |
| Grants  | 500                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 500                             | 1,000                         |
| Rental of Premises and Café/Bar at events             | 40,215                                 | -                                    | -                                   | 40,215                          | 30,024                        |
| Charitable Activities                                 | 5,235                                  | 1,312                                | -                                   | 6,547                           | 10,649                        |
| Income from Investments                               | 2,732                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 2,732                           | 1,222                         |
| Solar Panel Income                                    | 4,528                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 4,528                           | 4,271                         |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | <b>138,286</b>                         | <b>1,702</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>139,988</b>                  | <b>145,221</b>                |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table)</b>     |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>138,286</b>                         | <b>1,702</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>139,988</b>                  | <b>145,221</b>                |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Payroll, National Insurance and Pension               | 55,889                                 | -                                    | -                                   | 55,889                          | 105,695                       |
| Grants for Christian Work                             | 203                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 203                             | 6,284                         |
| Grants for Christian Workers                          | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | 1,786                         |
| Support of Poor and Needy                             | -                                      | 5,810                                | -                                   | 5,810                           | 4,828                         |
| Travel and Accommodation                              | 28                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 28                              | 1,004                         |
| Catering, Art Supplies, Toys and Cleaning             | 4,229                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 4,229                           | 3,364                         |
| Office Costs, Advertising and Artwork                 | 1,722                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 1,722                           | 3,835                         |
| Licences and Subscriptions                            | 2,405                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 2,405                           | 1,380                         |
| Utilities and Premises Rental                         | 18,650                                 | -                                    | -                                   | 18,650                          | 11,915                        |
| Property and Equipment                                | 25,871                                 | -                                    | -                                   | 25,871                          | 2,845                         |
| Training and Conference Fees                          | 101                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 101                             | 738                           |
| Insurance   | 5,347                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 5,347                           | 4,948                         |
| Legal and Professional Fees                           | 760                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 760                             | 2,998                         |
| Independent Examination                               | 1,187                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 1,187                           | 756                           |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>116,392</b>                         | <b>5,810</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>122,202</b>                  | <b>152,376</b>                |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>116,392</b>                         | <b>5,810</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>122,202</b>                  | <b>152,376</b>                |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | <b>21,894</b>                          | <b>- 4,108</b>                       | <b>-</b>                            | <b>17,786</b>                   | <b>- 7,155</b>                |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | <b>216,262</b>                         | <b>7,057</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>223,319</b>                  | <b>230,474</b>                |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>238,156</b>                         | <b>2,949</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>241,105</b>                  | <b>223,319</b>                |

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories    | Details                  | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Cash at Bank and in Hand | 238,156                            | 2,949                            | -                               |
|               |                          | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
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|--------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |

| Categories           | Details | Fund to which asset<br>belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value<br>(optional) |
|----------------------|---------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets |         |                                | -               | -                           |

| Categories                                      | Details                          | Fund to which asset<br>belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value<br>(optional) |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's<br>own use | Land and Buildings               | Unrestricted                   | -               | 847,061                     |
|   | Plant and Equipment              | Unrestricted                   | -               | -                           |
|   | Fixtures, Fittings and Furniture | Unrestricted                   | -               | -                           |

| Categories     | Details | Fund to which liability<br>relates | Amount due<br>(optional) | When due (optional) |
|----------------|---------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities |         |                                    | -                        |                     |

|  |  |                            |                             |
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| Signed by N Carter on behalf of all the Trustees | Signature<br> | Print Name<br>Nigel Carter | Date of approval<br>14/1/25 |
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# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Resound Trust: Year ended 31 March 2024

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## **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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Date: 15 January 2025

**RESOUND TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 294924

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# Accounts

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**RESOUND TRUST**

**TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**for the year ended**  
**31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2023**



**RESOUND**

Charity Registration Number 294924

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**Trustees**

Mr M Baker  
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Mr N Carter  
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Mrs L Knowles  
Mr R Porter – appointed 10 May 2023  
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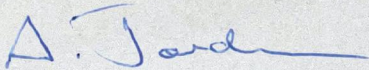
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The strategies employed to meet these objects and purposes for the public benefit are described more fully in the achievements and performance section.

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#### Advancement of Religion for Public benefit

The trustees continue to have regard for the Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit.

The information set out below under the Achievements and Performance heading demonstrates how the trust benefits the wider community by providing support to many: spiritually, practically, and financially. Resound continues working in partnership with a large number of other churches, as well as a wide range of charities and statutory agencies, in order to further enhance the lives of those we seek to serve.

#### Achievements and Performance

Resound's vision statement reflects our DNA as "A gathered community, powerfully Spirit filled, and graciously outpouring". This DNA has informed our mission is to become "A church that loves and empowers individuals, loves and impacts the city, and loves and actively cares for the world". Specifically this means:

#### OUR COMMUNITY

- We express Jesus' love in caring for our community through finding practical ways to help and support those around us.
- Resound is a community of all ages drawn together from the local area, sharing our lives together.
- We create opportunities for everyone to be involved and encourage people to take initiative in participating and giving evidence of practical love in action around us.

#### A COMMUNITY WITH ENERGY AND PURPOSE

- We expect there to be life in our walk with God.
- We are excited about what God is doing amongst us and expectant about what He is going to do.
- We work hard to ensure this excitement and energy is infectious, sparking faith and encouragement in one another.
- We are a creative community, engaging all five senses in our meeting and worship together, and are open to new ways of being church together.

#### A COMMUNITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

- We express Jesus' love in caring for our community.
- We make a positive impact on the community by finding practical ways to help and support those around us

#### Global Partnerships

Care for Zambia  
Partner's Relief & Development UK  
The Bridge Trust Limited

#### Local Partnerships

inHope (Bristol) Limited  
Parent Buddies  
Crossways Preschool (closed in Nov 2022)

#### Home Church

Resound has continued to grow over the past year as a congregation, and to fellowship in deeper more meaningful ways. Our commitment to the community outside our walls has not wavered, and we continue to work to meet felt needs, in many of the ways which we have historically done, but also initiating some new programmes. The following are illustrative of the breadth of some of our services:

- Resound Sunday meetings have begun to grow in attendance.
- Resound continues to offer spiritual and pastoral help and support to those inside and outside the church. Resound has continued to offer marriage, funeral and child dedication services for local residents within government guidelines.
- The Resound Foodbank has continued to operate. We continue to offer in person collection, but have maintained a delivery service for those who are unable to collect in person.
- Resound's family work continues to offer support to families in crisis. We deliver a range of targeted parenting courses, continuing to use the "Kids Matter" materials. Our listening service "Parent Buddies" came to an end toward the end of the year. The Toddlers group continues to grow and support needs in the local community. We have also added "Friday Club" to offer space for parents and children to be able to sit and work on homework together, play games, and have a meal with other families who come along.

#### Children, Youth and Young Adults

The Resound Youth work team continues to plan and deliver a weekly youth small group using a variety of formats to encourage group interaction. Detached youth work was paused in September as one of our volunteers stepped back. Our Children and Families Intern was moved into an employed role on 1 September. She will continue to focus on working with younger children and their families, both in the church and in the community.

## RESOUND TRUST Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

### Financial Review at 31 March 2023

#### Accounts Basis

The accounts have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis. The accounts comply with the legal requirements, being that the gross recorded income from all sources did not exceed £250,000 and that the charity is not a company incorporated under the Companies Act.

#### Ongoing Operations

The operational performance of the Trust shows income for the year of £145,221, (2022 £162,770) whilst expenditure was £152,376 (2022 £150,437). These figures include restricted funds, such as giving for our Local & Global Partners. Restricted Fund income will by definition always have a matching expenditure item, albeit there may be some phasing which spreads the cost between financial years. Considering the Unrestricted Funds, which are a reflection of the Trust's ordinary operations, income was £141,921 (2022 £152,266) and the associated costs were £147,392 (2022 £141,708).

The Trust's overall income has decreased in the year. The vast majority of income is given by members of Resound, and a significant part of income has come from rental of the building, now with three other churches also using the space.

A strategy to address the budget deficit was implemented this year. A review was carried out with the church and staff to reduce expenditure. A staff consultation was held in December 2022, with the Community Pastor and the Building Manager roles made redundant at the year end.

The expenditure increased a little since last year due to the cost of redundancy payments. The Trust had sufficient funds to enable us to fulfil our obligations in the reporting year.

As in previous years, our largest regular operational expense (70%) continues to be the support of Christian Workers in Bristol. The trustees have made a commitment for these costs going forward, to be below 60% of income.

The trustees are grateful for God's provision through those who support the Trust financially and by generously volunteering their time and skills which enables the trust to continue.

The financial position of the year ahead is in a better position, even through there is some reduction in giving from members. In addition, Crossways Pre-School is no longer in operation, with the lease agreement ending in November 2022. A short-term team has been created to consider ways to increase premises rental.

#### Fixed Assets

The Trust's principal fixed asset is its building which includes an auditorium, offices, conference space, a café area and a preschool space.

#### Reserves

The reserves policy is to hold a reserve to cover six months running costs, which currently amounts to £66,738.

The Trustees are continuing to work with the Leadership Team to determine a plan to use any excess reserves to fund activity to further the charitable objects of Resound. An amount of £50,000 has been designated for a Housing Initiative for which work is in progress to find the best way to use this money to support the trust's objectives.

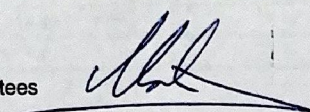
#### Investment & Ethical policy

Apart from bank accounts, the Trust has no financial investments or investment property. It holds accounts with banks that are judged to be more ethically based and has spread its capital in order that no more than £75,000 is held with any one financial institution. Policies are in place for the ethical and sustainable operation of the Trust. Throughout the Resound build programme close scrutiny was given to the sourcing of materials and energy usage in the new building, and this continues as part of its maintenance.

#### Related Party Disclosures

During the financial year, Trustee, Sarah Bennett was the Manager of Crossways Pre-School. Her husband Mike Bennett was part of the Leadership Team. Trustee, James Cannan was part of the Leadership Team and a Resound a staff member. J Cannan received expenses in respect of his employment during the year, not as a Trustee.

Nigel Carter  
Chair of Trustees



16 July 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Resound Trust

No. 294924

**Receipts and payments accounts**

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|---------------------|------------|----|------------|
| For the period from | 01/04/2022 | To | 31/03/2023 |
|---------------------|------------|----|------------|

**Section A Receipts and payments**

|   | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>31.3.2022<br>to the nearest £ |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |  |
| Tithes, Offerings & Donations                         | 79,907                                    | 2,365                                | -                                   | 82,272                          | 101,337                                    |
| Gift Aid & GASDS                                      | 14,848                                    | 935                                  | -                                   | 15,783                          | 20,948                                     |
| Grants - Coronavirus Job Retention Sch                | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | 3,021                                      |
| - S Glos Council Discretionary                        | 500                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 500                             | 6,000                                      |
| - Other   | 500                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 500                             | 2,101                                      |
| Rental of premises & Café/Bar at events               | 30,024                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 30,024                          | 12,792                                     |
| Charitable Activities                                 | 10,649                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 10,649                          | 11,812                                     |
| Income from Investments                               | 5,493                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 5,493                           | 4,759                                      |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | <b>141,921</b>                            | <b>3,300</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>145,221</b>                  | <b>162,770</b>                             |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |  |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -  |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                                   |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>141,921</b>                            | <b>3,300</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>145,221</b>                  | <b>162,770</b>                             |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |  |
| Payroll, National Insurance & Pension                 | 105,695                                   | -                                    | -                                   | 105,695                         | 92,555                                     |
| Grants for Christian Work                             | 1,300                                     | 4,984                                | -                                   | 6,284                           | 14,328                                     |
| Grants for Christian Workers                          | 1,786                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,786                           | 4,680                                      |
| Support of Poor & Needy                               | 4,828                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 4,828                           | 1,386                                      |
| Travel & Accommodation                                | 1,004                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,004                           | 2,700                                      |
| Catering, Art Supplies, Toys & Cleaning               | 3,364                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 3,364                           | 3,232                                      |
| Office Costs, Advertising & Artwork                   | 3,835                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 3,835                           | 2,763                                      |
| Licences & Subscriptions                              | 1,380                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,380                           | 1,264                                      |
| Utilities & Premises rental                           | 11,915                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 11,915                          | 8,265                                      |
| Property & Equipment                                  | 2,845                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 2,845                           | 13,217                                     |
| Training & Conference Fees                            | 738                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 738                             | 72   |
| Insurance   | 4,948                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 4,948                           | 4,627                                      |
| Legal & Professional Fees                             | 2,998                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 2,998                           | 580  |
| Independent Examination                               | 756                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 756                             | 768  |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>147,392</b>                            | <b>4,984</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>152,376</b>                  | <b>150,437</b>                             |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |  |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -  |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                                   |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>147,392</b>                            | <b>4,984</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>152,376</b>                  | <b>150,437</b>                             |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | <b>- 5,471</b>                            | <b>- 1,684</b>                       | <b>-</b>                            | <b>- 7,155</b>                  | <b>12,333</b>                              |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |  |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | <b>228,696</b>                            | <b>1,778</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>230,474</b>                  | <b>218,141</b>                             |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>223,225</b>                            | <b>94</b>                            | <b>-</b>                            | <b>223,319</b>                  | <b>230,474</b>                             |

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

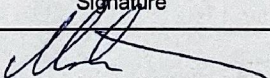
| Categories           | Details                 | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b> | Cash at Bank & in hand  | 223,225                            | 94                               | -                               |
|                      |                         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                      |                         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
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|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b> |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |

| Categories                  | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b> |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |

| Categories  | Details                        | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b> | Land & Buildings               | Unrestricted                | -               | 869,558                  |
|   | Plant & Equipment              | Unrestricted                | -               | -                        |
|   | Fixtures, Fittings & Furniture | Unrestricted                | -               | -                        |
|   |                                |                             | -               | -                        |

| Categories            | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b> |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |

|  |  |                            |                               |
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| Signed by N Carter on behalf of all the trustees | Signature<br> | Print Name<br>Nigel Carter | Date of approval<br>16.7.2023 |
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Over the past 12 months, Resound has begun to emerge from many of the restrictions on activities that were linked to the pandemic. This has meant more opportunity to gather as a growing congregation and to fellowship in deeper, more meaningful ways. Our commitment to the community outside our walls has not wavered, and we continue to work to meet felt needs, in many of the ways which we have historically done, but also initiating some new programmes.

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# RESOUND TRUST

## Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2022

### Financial Review at 31 March 2022

#### Accounts Basis

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The costs have also increased due to several property repairs & maintenance, and gifts to our Global and Local Partners (excluding Crossways pre-school). The Trust had sufficient funds to enable us to fulfil our obligations in the reporting year.

As in previous years, our largest regular operational expense (65%) continues to be the support of Christian Workers in Bristol.

The trustees are grateful for God's provision through those who support the Trust financially and by generously volunteering their time and skills. Without this support the trust simply would not exist. The trustees also thank the staff for their commitment and drive in taking forward Resound over this last year.

The year ahead presents some challenges as income has declined due to changes in our members. In addition, Crossways Pre-School has recently given six months notice, with the lease agreement ending in November 2022. The Leadership, Management team & Trustees are working on a strategy to address the budget deficit.

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The Trust's principal fixed asset is its building which includes an auditorium, offices, conference space, a café area and a preschool.

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/04/2021

To

31/03/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

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|---|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |  |
| Tithes, Offerings & Donations                         | 92,654                                    | 8,683                                | -                                   | 101,337                         | 99,420                                     |
| Gift Aid & GASDS                                      | 19,127                                    | 1,821                                | -                                   | 20,948                          | 20,145                                     |
| Grants - Coronavirus Job Retention Sch                | 3,021                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 3,021                           | 13,258                                     |
| - S Glos Council Discretionary                        | 6,000                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 6,000                           | 4,736                                      |
| - Other   | 2,101                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 2,101                           | 390  |
| Rental of premises & Café/Bar at events               | 12,792                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 12,792                          | 1,648                                      |
| Charitable Activities                                 | 11,812                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 11,812                          | 10,218                                     |
| Income from Investments                               | 4,759                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 4,759                           | 5,273                                      |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | <b>152,266</b>                            | <b>10,504</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>162,770</b>                  | <b>155,088</b>                             |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |  |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -  |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                                   |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>152,266</b>                            | <b>10,504</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>162,770</b>                  | <b>155,088</b>                             |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |  |
| Payroll, National Insurance & Pension                 | 92,555                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 92,555                          | 90,119                                     |
| Grants for Christian Work                             | 5,599                                     | 8,729                                | -                                   | 14,328                          | 10,290                                     |
| Grants for Christian Workers                          | 4,680                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 4,680                           | 2,446                                      |
| Support of Poor & Needy                               | 1,386                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,386                           | 8,122                                      |
| Travel & Accommodation                                | 2,700                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 2,700                           | 1,443                                      |
| Catering, Art Supplies, Toys & Cleaning               | 3,232                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 3,232                           | 567  |
| Office Costs, Advertising & Artwork                   | 2,763                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 2,763                           | 1,832                                      |
| Licences & Subscriptions                              | 1,264                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,264                           | 2,288                                      |
| Utilities & Premises rental                           | 8,265                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 8,265                           | 7,261                                      |
| Property & Equipment                                  | 13,217                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 13,217                          | 3,451                                      |
| Training & Conference Fees                            | 72  | -                                    | -                                   | 72                              | 4,666                                      |
| Insurance   | 4,627                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 4,627                           | 4,516                                      |
| Legal & Professional Fees                             | 580                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 580                             | 427  |
| Independent Examination                               | 768                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 768                             | 756  |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>141,708</b>                            | <b>8,729</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>150,437</b>                  | <b>137,984</b>                             |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |  |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -  |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                                   |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>141,708</b>                            | <b>8,729</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>150,437</b>                  | <b>137,984</b>                             |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | <b>10,558</b>                             | <b>1,775</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>12,333</b>                   | <b>17,104</b>                              |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |  |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | <b>218,138</b>                            | <b>3</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>218,141</b>                  | <b>201,037</b>                             |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>228,696</b>                            | <b>1,778</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>230,474</b>                  | <b>218,141</b>                             |

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories           | Details                 | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b> | Cash at Bank & In hand  | 228,696                            | 1,778                            | -                               |
|                      |                         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                      |                         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                      | <b>Total cash funds</b> | <b>228,696</b>                     | <b>1,778</b>                     | <b>-</b>                        |

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|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b> |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |

| Categories                  | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b> |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |

| Categories  | Details                        | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b> | Land & Buildings               | Unrestricted                | -               | 892,054                  |
|   | Plant & Equipment              | Unrestricted                | -               | 250                      |
|   | Fixtures, Fittings & Furniture | Unrestricted                | -               | -                        |
|   |                                |                             | -               | -                        |

| Categories            | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b> |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |

| Categories                                       | Signature | Print Name   | Date of approval |
|--|-----------|--------------|------------------|
| Signed by N Carter on behalf of all the trustees |           | Nigel Carter | 9.10.2022        |

**RESOUND TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 294924

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# Accounts

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# **RESOUND TRUST**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2021**



# **RESOUND**

**Charity Registration Number 294924**

# RESOUND TRUST

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## RESOUND TRUST

### Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers

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| <b>Governing Instrument</b>  | Trust Deed dated 2 June 1986  |
| <b>Change of Charity name:<br/>Bristol Christian Fellowship to Resound Trust</b> | Supplemental Deed dated 29 July 2013  |
| <b>Trustees</b>  | Mr M Baker<br>Mrs S Bennett<br>Mr N Carter<br>Mrs S Watts-Lynch<br>Mr J Cannan  |
| <b>Office</b>  | Resound<br>Blackhorse Road<br>Mangotsfield<br>Bristol<br>BS16 9BP<br><br>Tel. (0117) 3050969<br>office@resoundbristol.co.uk   |
| <b>Charity Registration Number</b>   | 294924  |
| <b>Bankers</b>   | Cooperative Bank Plc<br>Kings Valley<br>Yew Street<br>Stockport<br>Cheshire<br>SK4 2JU<br><br>Kingdom Bank Ltd<br>Ruddington Fields Business Park<br>Mere Way<br>Ruddington<br>NG11 6JS<br><br>CAF Financial Services Ltd<br>25 Kings Hill Avenue<br>Kings Hill<br>West Malling<br>Kent<br>ME19 4TA<br><br>Ecology Building Society<br>7 Belton Road<br>Silsden<br>Keighley<br>West Yorkshire<br>BD20 0EE |
| <b>Independent Examiner</b>  | Geoffrey Speirs, FCA<br>Haines Watts, Chartered Accountants<br>Bath House<br>6-8 Bath Street<br>Bristol<br>BS1 6HL  |
| <b>Solicitors</b>  | Alan Hodge Law Solicitors<br>4 Castle Street<br>Thornbury<br>Bristol<br>BS35 1HB  |

**RESOUND TRUST**  
**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Resound Trust**  
**Year ended 31 March 2021**

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

**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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 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 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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.

Geoffrey Speirs FCA  
Haines Watts Chartered Accountants  
Bath House  
6-8 Bath Street  
Bristol  
BS1 6HL

13 August 2021

# RESOUND TRUST

## Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2021

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### Structure, Governance and Management

#### Governing Document

The Charity is governed by its Trust Deed dated 2 June 1986. A Supplemental Deed dated 29 July 2013 was implemented to change the name of the Trust from Bristol Christian Fellowship to Resound Trust.

#### Statement of policies & description of organisation

The Resound Trust's objectives are largely met through the activities of the Resound Church. A team of Leaders take responsibility for the life and health of the Church. Trustees are appointed by the Leadership Team, following recommendations from the existing Trustees and are taken through a standard induction process, which includes charity Commission guidelines and the current financial position of the charity. The Trustees are responsible for governance of the Trust, particularly its finances, buildings and equipment in accordance with the Trust deed. A management team comprised of staff members, conducts the day to day management of the Trust's affairs.

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Resound Church is part of the Pioneer Network. Resound leaders attend the Pioneer Network.

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The Trustees have identified risks that the charity is exposed to and policies and actions to mitigate those are in place. This is captured in a formal risk register. Across all children and youth activities our Safeguarding Policy is actively enforced, including DBS checks on all key workers (voluntary & paid members). We have also implemented a vulnerable adult's policy. Health & Safety policies are in place at Resound, and are annually reviewed. All outdoor activities are subject to appropriate Health & Safety policies.

### Objectives and Activities

**Mission Statement: To love and empower individuals, to love and impact the city, and to love and actively care for the world.**

The Trust Deed sets out the following objects and purposes of the Trust:

#### ***The advancement of the Christian faith***

- the worship of God
- preaching and proclaiming the Christian gospel
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- the pastoral care of Christian people

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Through the last 12 months Resound has continued to play a vital role in the locality, and even in the midst of pandemic have maintained a strong sense of both Christian fellowship (through online content and connection via Zoom and telephone etc), and support for the local community. The following are illustrative of the breadth of some of our services:

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Nigel Carter  
Chair of Trustees

13 August 2021



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| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |  |   |  |                                 |  |
| Tithes, Offerings & Donations                         | 85,182                                       | 14,238                                  | -                                      | 99,420                          | 103,875                                    |
| Gift Aid & GASDS                                      | 18,996                                       | 1,149                                   | -                                      | 20,145                          | 23,414                                     |
| Grants - Coronavirus Job Retention Sch                | 13,258                                       | -                                       | -                                      | 13,258                          | -  |
| - S Glos Council Discretionary                        | 4,736  | -                                       | -                                      | 4,736                           | -  |
| - Other   | 390  | -                                       | -                                      | 390                             | 2,817                                      |
| Rental of premises & Café/Bar at events               | 1,648  | -                                       | -                                      | 1,648                           | 19,346                                     |
| Charitable Activities                                 | 10,218                                       | -                                       | -                                      | 10,218                          | 17,986                                     |
| Income from Investments                               | 5,273  | -                                       | -                                      | 5,273                           | 4,846                                      |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | <b>139,701</b>                               | <b>15,387</b>                           | <b>-</b>                               | <b>155,088</b>                  | <b>172,284</b>                             |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |  |   |  |                                 |  |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                     | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                                   |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>139,701</b>                               | <b>15,387</b>                           | <b>-</b>                               | <b>155,088</b>                  | <b>172,284</b>                             |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |  |   |  |                                 |  |
| Payroll, National Insurance & Pension                 | 90,119                                       | -                                       | -                                      | 90,119                          | 102,863                                    |
| Grants for Christian Work                             | 2,900  | 7,390                                   | -                                      | 10,290                          | 21,818                                     |
| Grants for Christian Workers                          | 1,200  | 1,246                                   | -                                      | 2,446                           | 1,913                                      |
| Support of Poor & Needy                               | 1,200  | 6,922                                   | -                                      | 8,122                           | 5,516                                      |
| Travel & Accommodation                                | 1,443  | -                                       | -                                      | 1,443                           | 158  |
| Catering, Art Supplies, Toys & Cleaning               | 567  | -                                       | -                                      | 567                             | 9,281                                      |
| Office Costs, Advertising & Artwork                   | 1,632  | -                                       | -                                      | 1,632                           | 2,993                                      |
| Licences & Subscriptions                              | 2,288  | -                                       | -                                      | 2,288                           | 1,340                                      |
| Utilities & Premises rental                           | 7,261  | -                                       | -                                      | 7,261                           | 7,368                                      |
| Property & Equipment                                  | 3,451  | -                                       | -                                      | 3,451                           | 5,156                                      |
| Training & Conference Fees                            | 4,666  | -                                       | -                                      | 4,666                           | 5,023                                      |
| Insurance   | 4,516  | -                                       | -                                      | 4,516                           | 4,394                                      |
| Legal & Professional Fees                             | 427  | -                                       | -                                      | 427                             | 599  |
| Independent Examination                               | 756  | -                                       | -                                      | 756                             | 1,308                                      |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>122,426</b>                               | <b>15,558</b>                           | <b>-</b>                               | <b>137,984</b>                  | <b>169,730</b>                             |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |  |   |  |                                 |  |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                     | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                                   |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>122,426</b>                               | <b>15,558</b>                           | <b>-</b>                               | <b>137,984</b>                  | <b>169,730</b>                             |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | <b>17,275</b>                                | <b>- 171</b>                            | <b>-</b>                               | <b>17,104</b>                   | <b>2,554</b>                               |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | <b>- 80</b>                                  | <b>80</b>                               | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                                   |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | <b>200,943</b>                               | <b>94</b>                               | <b>-</b>                               | <b>201,037</b>                  | <b>228,979</b>                             |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>218,138</b>                               | <b>3</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>218,141</b>                  | <b>231,533</b>                             |

Transfers between funds

Christian Work

Unrestricted

Restricted

- 80.00  
- 80.00

80.00  
80.00

Additional gift added to inHope Christmas offering

| Restricted Funds Movement |   |           |           |           | Represented by |        |           |
|---------------------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|--------|-----------|
|                           | Balance   | Increases | Decreases | Transfers | Balance        | Fixed  | Other Net |
|                           | 31-Mar-20   |           |           |           | 31-Mar-21      | Assets | Assets    |
| £                         | £   | £         | £         | £         | £              | £      |           |
| Young People              | 94  | -         | -         | -         | 94             | -      | 94        |
| Foodbank                  | -   | 6,922     | (6,922)   | -         | -              | -      | -         |
| Ministries                | -   | 8,640     | (8,636)   | 80        | 84             | -      | 84        |
|                           | 94  | 15,562    | (15,558)  | 80        | 178            | -      | 178       |
| Young People              | This represents funds received for youth work in the local area. (Dynamic)  |           |           |           |                |        |           |
| Foodbank                  | A one-off gift received from the local Sainsbury's for the initiative which partners with local churches to provide food for those in need.                                       |           |           |           |                |        |           |
| Ministries                | This represents appeal offerings that were taken for Partners Relief & Development UK, Parent Buddies, N Hulford, The Bridge Trust Ltd, InHope (Bristol) Ltd and Care for Zambia. |           |           |           |                |        |           |

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories  | Details                        | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b>                                | Cash at Bank & in hand         | 218,138                            | 3                                | -                               |
|   |                                | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |                                | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   | <b>Total cash funds</b>        | <b>218,138</b>                     | <b>3</b>                         | <b>-</b>                        |
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>                     | Details                        |                                    |                                  |                                 |
|   |                                | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |                                | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b>                         | Details                        | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|   |                                |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|   |                                |                                    | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b> | Details                        | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|   | Land & Buildings               | Unrestricted                       | -                                | 914,551                         |
|   | Plant & Equipment              | Unrestricted                       | -                                | 1,274                           |
|   | Fixtures, Fittings & Furniture | Unrestricted                       | -                                | -                               |
|   |                                | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b>                               | Details                        | Fund to which liability relates    | Amount due (optional)            | When due (optional)             |
|   |                                |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|   |                                |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|   | Signature                      | Print Name                         | Date of approval                 |                                 |
| Signed by N Carter on behalf of all the trustees    |                                | Nigel Carter                       | 13.8.2021                        |                                 |