

# ERNEST BAIRD TRUST - THE

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

#### **Objectives and activities**

The organisation's principal focus is the advancement of Christ's Kingdom through providing financial support and grants to individuals and Christian organisations. Donations to the charity are generally received from the trustees. Donations received are then allocated as the trustees see fit to evangelical Christian groups and organisations that promote the formation and growth of the Christian church.

#### Advancement of Religion

The main aims and purposes of the Trust in relation to the advancement of religion are to:

- Promote the formation and growth of evangelical Christian groups;
- Assist such groups in their efforts to bear witness to Jesus Christ as Saviour Lord and God;
- To make gifts and grants to persons, Christian organisations and other organisations as deemed fit to support their ministerial work.

The direct public benefits which flow from these purposes are:

- The organisations that receive our financial assistance can reach out to individuals, encouraging them through the Good News of Jesus Christ. Through the work of these organisations, individuals of all cultural backgrounds will feel an improved sense of wellbeing and hope;
- The organisations and ministries we support encourage regular fellowship with other Christians and other churches which bring with them the benefits of inclusion in society and communities;
- The promotion of Christian values for the benefit of individuals to adopt a moral framework where they are good citizens.

#### Advancement of Education

A secondary aim and purpose of the Trust is to make gifts and grants to persons, Christian organisations and other organisations to educate about Evangelical Christian beliefs and practices, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The direct benefits which flow from this purpose are spiritual, moral and intellectual development, through teaching of the Bible, both for members of the Churches and Christian organisations we support and any member of the public who attends their services and events.

The indirect public benefits which flow from these purposes include the moral improvement in society as a whole which religion is considered to encourage. All of the above benefits will be evidenced through informal feedback from those who we provide financial assistance to. The charity's beneficiaries are the general public throughout the UK.

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

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

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### Achievements and performance

#### Financial review

The company returned net incoming resources for the year of £4,226 (2022 - net incoming resources of £5,455). At 31st December 2023 the total funds of the charity amounted to £9,807 (2022 - £5,581), comprised solely of general unrestricted funds.

The trustees endeavour to maintain sufficient funds to ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

#### Assessment of Risk

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

#### Plans for the future

The Trust continues to seek out opportunities to support individuals and groups which comply with the aims and objectives of the Trust. It plans to remain active and doesn't plan to amend its aim or objectives.

#### Structure, governance and management

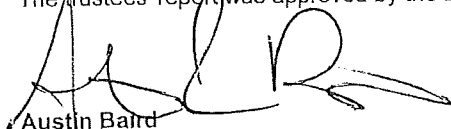
The charity is a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year were:

Austin Baird  
Catherine Campbell  
Diane Casement  
Deirdre Baird

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

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



Austin Baird

Trustee

Dated: 10 June 2024