

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1149860**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 MARCH 2024  
FOR  
CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BEXHILL**

Ashdown Hurrey Auditors Limited  
Statutory Auditors  
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity Number**

1149860

##### **Principal Address**

Bexhill Foodbank  
19 - 20 Station Road  
Bexhill-on-Sea  
East Sussex  
TN40 1RE

##### **Trustees**

W Gubby  
S Parry  
Rev. J Frais  
R Lawrie  
C Gadsden  
C Cole  
C Hill  
L Young - Appointed 28 June 2023

##### **Independent Examiner**

Ashdown Hurrey Auditors Limited  
20 Havelock Road  
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#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

Constitution adopted 24 April 2012 as amended on 17 November 2012.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

1. The advancement of the Christian Faith for the public benefit.
2. To further such charitable purposes as are exclusively charitable and connected to the charitable work of the charity in particular but not exclusively the relief of need in the community of Bexhill and Rother for those in need by reason of their youth or other social or economic disadvantage through the running the Foodbank.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The Trustees engaged Ashdown Hurrey, Accountants in October 2023 and computerised Accountancy Software programme to input our accounts.

**CIO Status** – Churches Together in Bexhill CIO became a registered charity 1205042 October 2023. The assets and liabilities were handed over on 31st March 2024.

**Premises** – the Lease on Station Road was renewed under favourable terms in 2023. The Battle Foodbank continues to work out of the Upper Rooms at St. Mary's Hall. Much of the year was spent in negotiations for a potential move within Bexhill but these came to naught and in March 2024 new leasehold premises were obtained in Sackville Road to enable the Foodbank to offer an advice service as well as administration space.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Receipts** – Total income for the year was £215,513, slightly lower than the previous year. We continue to give thanks to the local Churches, businesses, organisations and individuals who have generously donated and supported CTiB, enabling us to outreach and witness the Good News in Bexhill & the surrounding villages. Over £11,000 was reclaimed via Gift Aid.

The Trustees are conscious to use the money donation wisely and efficiently.

**Grants** - Trussell Trust, East Sussex County Council, Hastings Volunteer Food Network Grants have enabled us to employ a Volunteer’s Manager and through Citizen Advice, advice services have continued to grow. Grants have also enabled us to offer a wider range of food and other items to those who seek help – fresh fruit and vegetables and a wide variety of toiletries.

**Payments** - Total Expenditure was £188,653 which is significantly higher than last year. The Charity employs 2 members of staff. The volunteer manager’s role is paid for through Trussell Trust Grant. We have also utilised a Grant from Trussell Trust enabling us to provide a Benefits Adviser in addition to our foodbank services.

Due a reduction in food donations received, as a result of the cost of living crisis we have increased our expenditure on food 100% during the year. We have also provided additional non food items to many clients.

**Reserves & Bank Accounts** - Following the Financial Report of 2022/23 – we are aware of our role as Stewards of the Lord’s provision. We continue to look at banking resources for the long and short term.

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

.....  
Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BEXHILL**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Churches Together in Bexhill**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Churches Together in Bexhill for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 Trust 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.

S.R. Sampson BFP FCA FCIE DChA  
Ashdown Hurrey Auditors Limited  
20 Havelock Road  
Hastings  
East Sussex  
TN34 1BP

Date: .....

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BEXHILL

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

				Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Donations	2	-	82,144	82,144	88,985
Grants	3	-	89,509	89,509	83,626
CTiB Subscriptions & Donations		1,073	-	1,073	-
Foodbank Battle Branch		-	10,847	10,847	12,375
Miscellaneous Receipts		-	-	-	2,974
Hub for Ukraine		-	16,189	16,189	26,353
Chrstian Aid		-	-	-	8,356
Acts 435		-	645	645	225
Interest		4,102	-	4,102	706
Gift Aid		-	11,004	11,004	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>5,175</u>	<u>210,338</u>	<u>215,513</u>	<u>223,600</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Outreach		56	-	56	77
Admin		-	-	-	121
School Outreach		968	-	968	727
Bank Charges		248	-	248	86
Grant Distribution		-	20,893	20,893	22,170
Food Costs		-	34,527	34,527	17,919
Non-food Purchases		-	6,408	6,408	-
Premises		-	14,260	14,260	13,794
Insurance		-	3,189	3,189	1,497
Van Expenses		-	1,861	1,861	1,276
Staff		-	45,140	45,140	21,136
Office Expenses		-	4,158	4,158	5,975
Training		-	639	639	-
Foodbank Battle Branch		-	10,104	10,104	13,185
Hub for Ukraine		-	9,509	9,509	10,819
Staff / Volunteer Expenses		-	3,015	3,015	3,607
Christian Aid		1,462	-	1,462	6,894
Grant Expenditure - Debt Adviser		-	28,170	28,170	-
Acts 435		-	645	645	225
Miscellaneous		306	-	306	-
Legal and Professional		-	3,095	3,095	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>3,040</u>	<u>185,613</u>	<u>188,653</u>	<u>119,508</u>
<b>NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)</b>		<u>2,135</u>	<u>24,725</u>	<u>26,860</u>	<u>104,092</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>1,060</u>	<u>296,741</u>	<u>297,801</u>	<u>193,709</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>3,195</u></u>	<u><u>321,466</u></u>	<u><u>324,661</u></u>	<u><u>297,801</u></u>

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### STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.03.2024 Total funds £	31.03.2023 Total funds £
<b>Monetary Assets</b>					
General Account		3,195	18,015	21,210	16,037
Foodbank Bexhill		-	24,110	24,110	56,120
Foodbank Battle		-	24,294	24,294	23,285
BMM Account		-	255,047	255,047	202,359
		<u>3,195</u>	<u>321,466</u>	<u>324,661</u>	<u>297,801</u>
<b>Debtors</b>					
Accounts Receivable		-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Accounts Payable	4	-	84,422	84,422	51,960
		<u>-</u>	<u>84,422</u>	<u>84,422</u>	<u>51,960</u>

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

.....  
Trustee

.....  
Trustee

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

#### 2. DONATIONS

	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
	£	£
Churches	4,606	3,653
Individuals	53,947	65,236
Organisations	11,487	7,867
CAF	8,306	12,229
Fundraisers	2,573	-
GASDS	1,225	-
	<u>82,144</u>	<u>88,985</u>

#### 3. GRANTS

	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
	£	£
Trussell Trust	65,482	65,217
ESCC	22,027	18,409
Hastings Voluntary Food Network	2,000	-
	<u>89,509</u>	<u>83,626</u>

#### 4. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
	£	£
Rother Voluntary Action - Ukraine Hub	13,173	1,393
Trussell Trust - CAB Debt Adviser	54,975	35,720
Trussell Trust - Foodbank VM	15,664	13,385
Christian Aid - Lent	-	1,462
HMRC	337	-
NEST Pensions	273	-
	<u>84,422</u>	<u>51,960</u>



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### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

#### **5. FUTURE OF THE CHARITY**

This is the final accounting period of this registered charity (charity number: 1149860), the activities of the charity will transfer to Churches Together in Bexhill, registered as a CIO under charity number 1205042.