



## **EXOUSIA TRUST**

### **The year April 2024 – March 2025**

**Charitable objectives are for the purposes of:**

- (1) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION EITHER IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR OVERSEAS.
- (2) THE ADVANCEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF RELIGIOUS OR OTHER EDUCATION.
- (3) THE RELIEF OF THE AGED POOR SICK OR DISABLED

Our activity for this year continued to fulfil these objectives and are outlined below.

#### **An Overview of our Activity at Our Venue Zac's Place**

Activity at our central Swansea headquarters in George Street remains a core point of delivery of our activity and service within the community.

#### **Changes**

The original vision was that Zac's Place would be a mix of Christian discipleship, the arts, and service to the poor. That vision hasn't changed but where it was seamless and cohesive before, we felt there was the potential risk of these primary activities becoming disconnected. Much of this disjointedness we felt could be traced back to lockdown and the changes that were implemented then.

In October 2024, on a retreat day, it was agreed that we would re-focus, away from being a lunch provider for anyone in need, (which became the focus during the Covid lockdowns and subsequent period), whether they be referred to us or not, back to those

at the heart of our mission originally: the homeless and most vulnerable. To accommodate people fully back inside the venue, rather than just provide takeaway But before we could open our doors properly again the building needed attention.

### **Building work**

The kitchen, toilets and lounge, whilst needing refurbishment and repairs, were all in use, as were the upstairs office and storage spaces. The hall remained unsuitable for use at this time.

During September – October 2024 roof repairs to the main hall and guttering were undertaken. In November 2024 a new electricity supply meter was installed.

Around that time it also became necessary to repair the external fascia of the building after a council refuse lorry severely damaged it.

At the end of March 2025 work began on transforming the corridor, kitchen, and toilets area to bring them up to standard.

### **Zac's Place: Work with homeless and vulnerable**

#### **Food provision**

Our part-time kitchen manager, Claire Thomas, continued to provide excellent meals and run the kitchen efficiently. During this period we obtained a four star rating from the local authority for our practices and facility.

Over the 12 month period we served 8458 hot meals (take away) to those who were either homeless, in housing crisis, and/or in food poverty.

From April 2024 until April 2025 we served hot lunches to up to one hundred people each day on Thursdays and Fridays – 104 days in all. The lunch bags comprised a piece of fruit, cake, a hot and/or cold drink, as well as a hot meal of choice. Each day we offered at least two options plus a vegetarian/vegan choice. The meals prepared in our tiny kitchen were very well received and we were frequently told we provided the best food in Swansea.



These meals were served via the hatch, even after lockdown ended, the lounge space being taken up with the

provisions. And as always we also provided clothes when requested, and the people of Swansea continued to be generous in their responses to our adverts asking for items.

We were able to provide this service thanks to our small but loyal group of volunteers, many of whom have been involved since the first provision at the start of lockdown. Over the period of this report, in the course of 104 days, 8458 meals were produced and given out.

Members of the Wallich Rough Sleepers Intervention Team (RSIT) continued to be on hand every morning to provide help and advice to our guests while serving a light breakfast. Over a 90 day period, January to March 2025, 819 guests/service users attended.

### Clothes provision

We have continued to benefit from donations of money and items and support from individual donors, several local churches, community groups, and companies.

When clothes items were not suitable for our guests we either recycled them or passed them on to charity shops.

### Support

As well as staff from the Wallich we also have visits from the sexual health nurse, the 'at risk' nurse, and the infectious disease nurse, who are all available to give advice or practical help to our guests.

We continue to work with Crisis, and individuals also go into prison and hospital visit sick members of our Zac's Place community.

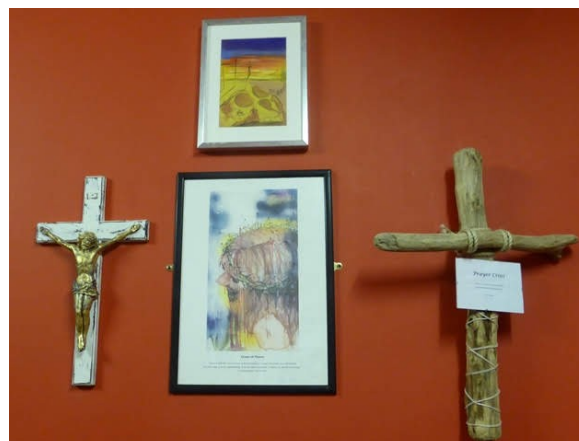
## Zac's Place: A Church Community

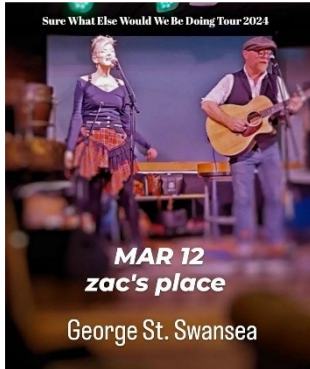
The tag-line of Zac's Place is 'Church for Ragamuffins', from Brennan Manning's book, *Ragamuffin Gospel*. Over the years the format of our church life has varied very little.

We meet, our tribal gathering, for bible study every Tuesday evening, when we look in depth at books of the bible. Everyone, of faith or not, is welcome to attend, to read aloud, even if it's hesitant or stuttering, to comment, to question, and to pray. Some of the most honest and beautiful prayers come unexpectedly following an hour of animated discussion.

At least once a month we share communion, either in the form of bread and juice, or sometimes soup and cake. All are welcome to share this time with us. We have a very faithful band of regulars, some of whom have been with us since the very early days.

As a result of Sean Stillman's Masters research dissertation, time is being spent exploring the avenue of Zac's Place developing as a specific Religious Order as part of its identity and function, in an attempt to ensure both service to the poor and Christian discipleship remain strongly connected.





### **Zac's Place: The arts**

The Beatitudes artwork commission is currently in storage due to the unavailability of the hall space, but remains available to be placed in other venues who wish to display it.

Musicians, Sammy & Kylie Horner have continued to appear and put on a show for us in the lounge annually.

### **Rough Edges Charity Shop**

Rough Edges has continued to open on a reduced scale due to limited numbers of volunteers and no manager in place during this period.

Despite this, it has still managed to generate some small profit and funds to support the wider work of the trust. It still also has a positive impact on the local community.

The ongoing viability of Rough Edges will be reviewed in the next financial year.

### **Exousia Trust Staff (All Part Time)**

Sean Stillman, Minister

Stuart Hardy, Facilities Manager & Chaplain

Claire Thomas, Kitchen Manager

### **Trustees**

James Stewart (Chair), Stephen Gorman (Treasurer), Abby Hanson, and Elizabeth Hinds continued in their roles.

## Volunteers

We are hugely grateful for our small but loyal team of volunteers who, with their hard work, have enabled us to continue the work we do in the community.

At our Zac's Place venue for the provision of food, staff were supported by a team of 18 regular volunteers.

At our Zac's Place Tribal Gatherings (Bible study, prayer and act of Christian worship) we rely on 3 regular volunteers supporting staff.

At Rough Edges our volunteer numbers fell from 3 to 2.



## **Minister Sean Stillman**

- Sean continues to be active in ministry, although now in a reduced capacity due to the progression of Parkinson's disease. In practice this has seen a reduction in pastoral responsibilities and working hours to accommodate this.
- He is concentrating on writing, broadcasting, teaching, and leadership responsibilities in ministry at Zac's Place and among motorcyclists through God's Squad CMC.

Specific highlights during this year included;

- Ongoing regular bible teaching at Zac's Place, in partnership with several others, has been maintained as core activity.
- Ongoing partnership in producing religious broadcast programming for BBC Radio Wales with regular contributions for 'Thought for the Week/Wednesday Word', 'Celebration' and a documentary for 'All Things Considered'. A particular highlight was his programme 'Parkinson's & Me' for BBC Radio Wales was subsequently nominated as a finalist in the The Sandford St. Martin broadcasting awards.
- The Trust continues to support Sean in his International leadership role with God's Squad and supported his travel to encourage these mission communities, in the UK and overseas. In addition, the continuing 75 part video teaching series on Mark's Gospel, for GSCMC, (but also available to the public), collaborating with four other Practical Theologians has been significant.

## **Facilities Manager Stuart Hardy**

### **Building/venue management**

Stu was responsible for overseeing and managing the venue, the emergency food provision service, the volunteers and one staff member.

This involved waste collections, venue cleaning, set up and set down for emergency food provision and for tribal gathering, shopping for food and equipment related to the emergency food provision, utilities meter reading, general maintenance, banking for Zac's Place and Rough Edges and ongoing sorting and clearance of the main hall and former office space. He also oversaw and/or carried out annual service contracts for boiler maintenance, fire equipment maintenance and portable appliance testing.

### **Training**

In April 2024 Stu began at Waverley Abbey College studying for the Certificate of Contemporary Chaplaincy. This involved a weekly online lecture (term-times only), the completion of 6 modules, and 150 hours placement with Exousia Trust.

### **Pastoral**

Stu began joining the Wallich Rough Sleepers Intervention Team on their morning runs once a week, 7-8am, checking in on rough sleepers throughout the city. He paid regular home visits to people related to the community associated with Zac's Place.

In May 2024, Stu was the celebrant for a funeral of a person related to the community associated with Zac's Place. He also attended funerals in July, October and November of community members associated with Zac's Place as well as hospital (ICU) visits for a person related to the community associated with Zac's Place.

He is one of the group teaching/leading at Zac's Place - A Church for Ragamuffins, Tribal Gathering.

### **Partnerships**

We are grateful for all those who work beside us or enable us.

Alongside The Wallich, other partners included Matt's Cafe, St. Mary's Church and City Church who shared responsibility for daily food provision in the city.

The City and County of Swansea continued to support our efforts, with small grants.

God's Squad Christian Motorcycle Club also provided valuable partnership in supporting us and using our space for Christian ministry and pastoral support in the community.

### **Support**

During this year the Trust's efforts have been funded by the support of:

- individuals, churches, community groups and crowd funding/sponsored events;
- small grants;
- a grant from the Welsh Government towards the building refurbishment;
- royalties from Sean Stillman's 'God's Biker' book (SPCK), radio writing and presenting fees (BBC Wales);
- ministry gifts from speaking engagements by various members of the team;

- income from our Rough Edges charity shop;
- Gift Aid continues to be a significant benefit.

### **Summing up**

From last year's report: *We see people as just that, people who are valued, who have a story, with real needs and dreams. We see people as needing a community to belong to, and we see a community that can support each other and learn from each other.*

That remains as valid today as it was then.

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## Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 5th April 2025

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total This Year</u>	<u>Total Last Year</u>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>				
Zacs Place donations received	2,935	-	2,935	4,487
Grants Received	-	24,500	24,500	2,847
Insurance Claims	5,180	-	5,180	-
Regular Donations received	66,152	-	66,152	50,548
Casual Donations	9,190	-	9,190	20,796
Royalty Income	132	-	132	515
Hire of Building	-	-	-	-
Rough Edges Project	11,429	-	11,429	16,842
Bank Interest Received	-	-	-	-
Tax Rebate from Gift Aid	4,383	-	4,383	4,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>99,402</b>	<b>24,500</b>	<b>123,902</b>	<b>100,035</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
Rough Edges Project Direct Costs	8,147	-	8,147	9,111
Grants/Gifts made in furtherance of objectives	382	-	382	3,160
Costs of Operating the Charity <i>Note 9</i>	84,097	194	84,291	80,863
Running costs of George Street property	14,247	13,815	28,062	7,719
Depreciation Charge	1,559	552	2,111	2,706
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>108,432</b>	<b>14,561</b>	<b>122,993</b>	<b>103,560</b>
<b>NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>(9,031)</b>	<b>9,939</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>(3,524)</b>
Transfers Between Funds	-	-	-	-
<b>NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE) After Transfers</b>	<b>(9,031)</b>	<b>9,939</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>(3,524)</b>
Gains/Losses on Fixed Assets	0	(39)	(39)	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	<b>(9,031)</b>	<b>9,900</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>(3,524)</b>
Total Funds Brought Forward	205,358	38,177	243,535	247,059
Total Funds Carried Forward	196,327	48,077	244,404	243,535

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## Balance Sheet

As at 5th April 2025

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total This</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>Total last</u> <u>Year</u>
<b><u>Fixed Assets -Tangible</u></b>				
George Street Property	46,735	28,265	75,000	75,000
Fixtures & Equipment	1,250	0	1,250	2,385
Motor Vehicles	5,250	0	5,250	5,888
	<u>53,235</u>	<u>28,265</u>	<u>81,500</u>	<u>83,272</u>
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>				
Debtors - Gift Aid	4,000	0	4,000	8,065
Bank Main A/c & Cash	-8,689	19,812	11,123	6,912
Bank Zacs Place A/c	130,340	0	130,340	126,688
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Gateway Support A/c	0	0	0	0
Media Bank Account	837		837	1,095
	<u>145,617</u>	<u>19,812</u>	<u>165,429</u>	<u>159,745</u>
<b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>				
Creditors & Accruals	1,250	0	1,250	1,200
Net Pay Control	106	0	106	-2,592
PAYE Creditor	955	0	955	661
Pension Control	214	0	214	214
	<u>2,525</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,525</u>	<u>-518</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>143,092</u>	<u>19,812</u>	<u>162,904</u>	<u>160,262</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	196,326	48,077	244,404	243,535
Total Net Assets	<u><u>196,327</u></u>	<u><u>48,077</u></u>	<u><u>244,404</u></u>	<u><u>243,535</u></u>
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### 6. Depreciation Calculation:

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Cost at 5.4.25	<u>24766</u>	<u>75000</u>	<u>10050</u>	<u>109816</u>
Accumulated Depreciation 6.4.24	22730	0	4163	26893
Charge this year	1474	0	638	2111
Released on disposal	688	0	0	688
Accumulated Depreciation 5.4.25	<u>23516</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4801</u>	<u>28317</u>
<b>Net Book Value 5.4.25</b>	<b>1250</b>	<b>75000</b>	<b>5250</b>	<b>81499</b>

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### 7. Creditors & Accruals

	<b><u>This Year</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
Accounting Accrual	1250	1200

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## 8. Restricted Funds: Are broken down as follows:

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Food Poverty fund	9912	2500	785		11627
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Balances of Funds Held:	Fixed			Total
	Assets	Bank & Cash	Liabilities	
George Street	28265	8185	0	36450
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Purchases for resale	389	0	389
Salary & pension	44060	41466	2594
Bank Charges	0	37	(37)
Motor & Travel Expenses	6558	6746	(187)
Storage	0	0	0
Repairs & Maintenance	750	2156	(1405)
Stationery, Postage & Advertising	560	499	61
Small tools, Equipment, uniform	1140	1461	(321)
Telephone & Internet	1746	1564	182
Subsistence & Sundries	21397	17568	3829
Vehicle Hire	216	216	0
Events & shop costs	0	0	0
Books & Training	0	1565	(1565)
Subscriptions	1807	2853	(1047)
Insurance	3999	3207	792
Professional Fees	0	0	0
Accounting & Book keeping Fees	1668	1525	143
Uniform	0	0	0
Refreshments Purchased	0	0	0
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Vehicle Hire	216	216	0
Events & shop costs	0	0	0
Books & Training	0	1565	(1565)
Subscriptions	1807	2853	(1047)
Insurance	3999	3207	792
Professional Fees	0	0	0
Accounting & Book keeping Fees	1668	1525	143
Uniform	0	0	0
Refreshments Purchased	0	0	0
	<b>84291</b>	<b>80863</b>	

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Exousia Trust (1002581)**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025, which are set out on the following pages.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act);
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.


**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....  Nicola Jayne Lewis

Date...3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026.....

