

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

for

AMEN

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

The objectives of AMEN are

1. The advancement of the Christian religion 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, disabled and disadvantaged.

Key actions taken to fulfil these objectives are described in the Achievements and Performance section of this report.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

This was another busy year for AMEN with several special appeals running alongside the usual fund raising and support of our partners.

Our Romanian partners continued to support Ukrainian refugees arriving in their towns but also by taking humanitarian aid across the border. The AMEN appeal raised over £20,000 by April 2022 which was sent to help with this work.

In September 2022 there were catastrophic floods in Pakistan and another special appeal raised over £2000 which was sent out to help with practical aid provided to those in need by our Pakistan contacts.

In February 2023 another special appeal was launched to raise money to help Romanian partners, Tijs and Jessica, to continue the renovation work on the Community Centre so that it can be used again.

The Trustees met five times for official meetings - twice joined by Gareth and Malou Bolton. Between meetings Trustees were in regular contact with each other and with the AMEN partners by email and phone. At a special meeting held in March 2023 Sharon Bass was appointed as a new AMEN Trustee.

AMEN partners Tassie (Nigeria) and Francis & Alison (India) visited the UK and met local supporters in Worthing.

Simon Williams visited Romania in June and also in December when he was joined by Chris Chatfield, Wayne and Sarah Gander and Malcolm Nicholls for the shoebox delivery trip. The Boltons visited a number of the partners in India and the Philippines on their trips in September and were in Serbia in November.

All visits abroad are paid for by the individuals themselves and do not use donated funds.

Newsletters, designed by Malou, were sent out to AMEN supports in May and October and the monthly prayer update was sent out by email and was available on the website.

The Romanian Christmas shoebox appeal received good support across England and 2645 shoeboxes were collected along with four pallets of goods such as baby items and warm blankets. Also on the truck were much needed solar lamps and candles which were taken to Ukraine.

We continued to be grateful for the team of volunteers who helped AMEN in many practical ways so that we could achieve so much.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Funds carried over from one year to the next are either:

1. Restricted funds donated for particular projects being undertaken by one or more of our partners. If the funds are carried over it is usually because the project is in progress and the funding is phased. As at 31 March 2023 there were restricted funds of £84,617 (2022: £102,284).
2. General funds which are held against emergency needs which may arise from time to time. The intention of the Trustees is to hold approximately £3,000 for general emergencies and under £10,000 for major projects. As at 31 March 2023 there were general funds of £8,914 (2022: £5,920).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

AMEN is constituted as a Trust dated 2nd September 1995. Trustees are appointed by unanimous agreement of existing Trustees, being people who existing Trustees believe will add to the ability of the Trust to meet its objectives.

Any new Trustees are provided with details of the work of AMEN and copies of past Trustees minutes and reports. Other induction is provided by conversations with existing Trustees covering relevant issues relating to the Trust.

All Trustees have regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1057626

Principal address

79 North Road
Dartford
Kent
DA1 3ND

Trustees

C Chatfield
Mrs J D White
S J Williams
Mrs S W Bass (appointed 11.3.23)


Independent Examiner

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Approved by order of the board of trustees on23/9/23..... and signed on its behalf by:



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C Chatfield - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
AMEN**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of AMEN

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of AMEN (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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 Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



N Dodd FCA

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Date: 23/09/2023

AMEN**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		100,283	124,732	225,015	267,917
Investment income	2	348	-	348	8
Total		<u>100,631</u>	<u>124,732</u>	<u>225,363</u>	<u>267,925</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Projects and administrative costs		<u>7,772</u>	<u>232,264</u>	<u>240,036</u>	<u>250,569</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	6	<u>92,859</u> <u>(89,865)</u>	<u>(107,532)</u> <u>89,865</u>	<u>(14,673)</u> <u>-</u>	<u>17,356</u> <u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		2,994	(17,667)	(14,673)	17,356
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>5,920</u>	<u>102,284</u>	<u>108,204</u>	<u>90,848</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>8,914</u></u>	<u><u>84,617</u></u>	<u><u>93,531</u></u>	<u><u>108,204</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		8,914	84,617	93,531	108,204
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>8,914</u>	<u>84,617</u>	<u>93,531</u>	<u>108,204</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		8,914	84,617	93,531	108,204
NET ASSETS		<u>8,914</u>	<u>84,617</u>	<u>93,531</u>	<u>108,204</u>
FUNDS	6				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				8,914	5,920
Restricted funds:					
Projects				84,617	102,284
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>93,531</u>	<u>108,204</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23 September 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
C Chatfield - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 and not prepared a cashflow statement.

The presentational currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

Statutory details regarding the charity can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

The trustees consider the charity to be a going concern and the accounts have been prepared on this basis.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted and designated funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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

Financial instruments

The charity only has one financial instrument being cash at bank. This represents liquid funds held in a UK bank account.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Bank interest	348	8
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3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

During the year one trustee was reimbursed £3,101 (2022: £4,847) for project costs incurred on behalf of the charity.

Another trustee also received £1,077 (2022: £852) as reimbursement for postage, stationery and project costs incurred on behalf of the charity.

4. STAFF COSTS

The charity had no employees during the year.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	89,861	178,056	267,917
Investment income	8	-	8
Total	<u>89,869</u>	<u>178,056</u>	<u>267,925</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Projects and administrative costs	7,612	242,957	250,569
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	82,257	(64,901)	17,356
Transfers between funds	(89,326)	89,326	-
Net movement in funds	(7,069)	24,425	17,356
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	12,989	77,859	90,848
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>5,920</u>	<u>102,284</u>	<u>108,204</u>

AMEN**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023****6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	5,920	92,859	(89,865)	8,914
Restricted funds				
Projects	102,284	(107,532)	89,865	84,617
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>108,204</u>	<u>(14,673)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,531</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	100,631	(7,772)	92,859
Restricted funds			
Projects	124,732	(232,264)	(107,532)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>225,363</u>	<u>(240,036)</u>	<u>(14,673)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	12,989	82,257	(89,326)	5,920
Restricted funds				
Projects	77,859	(64,901)	89,326	102,284
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>90,848</u>	<u>17,356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>108,204</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	89,869	(7,612)	82,257
Restricted funds			
Projects	178,056	(242,957)	(64,901)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>267,925</u>	<u>(250,569)</u>	<u>17,356</u>

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year the charity received donations in the sum of £8,600 (2022: £10,600) from Compass Travel (Sussex) Limited and a further £4,766 (2022: £3,900) from the Compass Travel Trust.

Chris Chatfield is a director of Compass Travel (Sussex) Limited and a trustee of the Compass Travel Trust.

Three trustees also made unconditional donations to the sum of £11,085 (2021: £8,228) during the year.