

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2023

I would like to start by thanking all the volunteers, including those not here today, for all the help and support you have given the charity this year. The shop has gone from strength to strength with sales exceeding last year's record. This has enabled us to increase our donations to local children and to meet the growing demand for counselling. We have also been able to support older local children through volunteering opportunities in the shop.

Staffing remains a problem, particularly cover for illness and holidays, but we have managed reasonably well and closures have been limited. Although we lost Sue we have been fortunate to welcome two new volunteers, Sally and Greta, which help significantly.

I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work to keep the shop and the charity running smoothly, particularly:

- Mike as Treasurer and more importantly his maintenance work particularly with the garages
- Chris as secretary having to deal with all the requests and the social workers
- Rosemary for her expertise with battery toys and electricals
- Ruth, Dawn and Jean for their commitment in keeping the shop tidy and running efficiently.

Finally, I would like to thank you all again and look forward to 2024 being another bumper year.

Andrew Barrett-Miles - Chairmen

Childhelp-Hassocks (registered charity # 1065008) accounts (£s) for y/e December 2023

	<u>2023</u>				% change relative to last year	<u>2022</u>			
	cleared amounts	Opening	Closing	hence true picture		cleared amounts	Opening	Closing	hence true picture
Sales	64946			64946	13	57507			57507
Interest received				0					0
Donations & membership	13			13	-57	30			30
Total receipts	64959			64959	13	57537			57537
Rent and service charge	9500			9500	-5	9950			9950
Waste Disposal charges	2469			2469	11	2234			2234
rates	817			817	14	719			719
telephone	330			330	-2	336			336
electricity	2272			2272	86	1220			1220
Other running costs	2164			2164	-8	2364			2364
solicitor's advice re garage wall	840			840					
garage door springs	450			450					
		uncl'd chqs	uncl'd chqs:				uncl'd chqs	uncl'd chqs:	
Donations to children	43190	2828	5651	46013	33	34646	2870	2828	34604
Total outgoings	62032			64855	26	51469			51427
surplus for the year				104	-98				6110
cash in hand				42562	7				39630
apportioned thus:									
uncleared cheques				5651	100				2828
reserves & accrued debts				9862	24				7947
available to donate				27049	-6				28855
(petty cash)				7					-21

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Childhelp - Hassocks

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

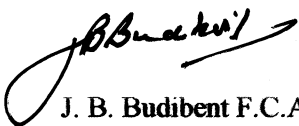
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.



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30 September 2024