Charity No 1155945

Routes to Roots
Christian action on homelessness

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
01/04/2025 *to* 30/04/2026

SECTION A: Reference and Administration Details

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Other names the charity is known by	Routes to Roots, R2R
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Principle address	Genesis Centre Hill Street Poole BH15 1NR Dorset

Trustees

Name	Office	Period	Those entitled to appoint Trustees
Rev Lucy Holt	Chair of trustees	16/05/2025-16/05/2028	✓
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SECTION C: Objectives and activities

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Main Activities	The Trustees have followed guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to activities undertaken in relation to the objects. **Core Work** 1. Providing the Basic Necessities of Life: We provide hot, nutritious lunches five days/week, breakfasts five days/week for rough sleepers, showers with clean towels and toiletries, washing machines and driers, a postal address for those who need one, a clothing store, a chiropodist with new shoes, and an internet café (used for searches and form filling). We also signpost to other services. We open the Genesis Centre as Cool Space during the day heat waves, as well as providing accommodation for SWEP. 2. Partnerships: Our building, the Genesis Centre, continues to be a community building for Poole. It houses our homelessness hub

where we hold our drop ins five days/week and provide access for partners who are working with the same client group, including:

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SWEP, which is run by St. Mungo's for the BCP Council, is held in Poole at the Genesis Centre. We offer 12 beds and take dogs.

Space Youth Project is using the building during school holidays for a weekly evening drop-in session.

We have an Organ Loft Board Room (the building was formerly a Baptist Church built in 1815) and we have offered this for free to any local charity that needs it. We also have a smaller hall which is available for flexible use such as further provision for SWEP, for training provided in-house and by external agencies and as an additional meeting room.

3. Prevention and Social Inclusion: We work with those who are currently housed to help minimise the risk of repeated homelessness. We give support to those who are in danger of losing their tenancies (through whatever means, such as non-payment of top-up fees, etc.). Additionally, we offer positive encouragement to clients who are struggling with addictions. We work with those who might choose to give up their housing because of their isolation and loneliness by encouraging social participation and developing their living skills

4. Engaging the Local Community: We offer opportunities to groups, businesses, and individuals to volunteer, support and fundraise. In order to inform, inspire and raise awareness in local businesses,

	schools, community groups, and churches, R2R volunteers give presentations and talks about the charity's vision and mission. This year we increased Tracy Hayman's hours to include community outreach work. 5. Advocacy: We monitor the current situation for homeless and vulnerably housed people in Poole and act as an advocate for them with police, local government, and services. 6. Life Skills and Wellbeing: Since 2023 we have offered The Pillar Programme, for three verified rough sleepers who are ready for some responsibility. The project provides a structured volunteer placement at the Genesis Centre for 12 weeks. We have been able to provide training for those accessing our services for first aid skills and food hygiene.
Additional information	Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO is a charity based on Christian principles which seeks to serve the needs of rough sleepers and vulnerably housed of all faiths and none. Its statement of faith and ethos is: "Routes to Roots is an organisation whose roots are firmly based in the Christian faith. Our inspiration comes from the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, as recorded in the Bible. We champion the cause of the homeless and the vulnerably housed in Poole. We show them the love of God for all people, not through preaching but through our actions. We also open the eyes of all those who are blind to the needs of the homeless and vulnerably housed in our town. We see Christ in the face of all who seek our help and support. We believe all human beings are made in the image of God and as such should be treated with dignity and self-worth by: • Hearing, and helping to give a voice to the homeless and vulnerably housed people in Poole • Standing with them and not above them • Encouraging participation and engagement rather than dependency • Respecting difference and not expecting or demanding conformity" This statement is published on the charity's website and made available to all members, staff, volunteers and Trustees. The CIO welcomes members, staff, and volunteers without faith or of other faiths who respect its faith and observe its ethos. Trustees of the CIO must show their acceptance of the statement of faith and ethos by signing it on election.

SECTION D: Achievements and Performance

Main Achievements	<u>Patron</u> The Venerable Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne has continued to actively support Routes to Roots. <u>Staffing</u> Ben Sargent continued as the Genesis Centre Manager. Tracy Hayman continued to work part-time as the Charity Administrator and was promoted during the year to include work on Community Development. Catherine Home was appointed in 2025 as a part-time project worker. We continued to contract out our bookkeeping to Ann Mace and website management to Conical Sphere. We agreed to appoint Lisa Francis as our CIO Secretary, working ad-hoc hours. Lisa began in April 2025. More than forty volunteers provided our services at the Genesis Centre. <u>Drop-Ins</u> 2025/ 2026 we have continued to provide breakfast Mon to Fri in addition to our lunch provision. Throughout these drop-in times we continue to be joined by partners who provide direct access to support services for our client group. These professional relationships continue to be key in not only meeting immediate needs but also in helping to move people forward. We continue to support people once they have been accommodated both with emotional and practical support. Throughout the year we have been able to provide access to healthcare at the Genesis Centre, with Livewell Dorset providing NHS Health checks, HEP C Trust providing BBV tests, The Healthbus and NHS provided Flu and Covid jabs. We were also able to organise two sessions with Specsavers that enabled a number of our service users the opportunity to have free eye tests and receive free prescription glasses. We value the relationship that we have with Dr Kirk from the Cranborne practice who attends weekly and Jenny Donovan, Chiropodist, who attends monthly and independently fund-raises to provide new boots for our service users. We continue to be joined by a number of businesses providing 'takeover' lunches, including our friends at Bagette & Co, RNLI,

	Nationwide, Wates and the Foundation year Students of Bournemouth & Poole College who have been volunteering their time one afternoon a month since making us their charity of the year. They have sorted clothing donations, cleaned, made up packs of toiletries, planted up pots in the courtyard and wrapped Christmas presents for service users. We are very pleased that over the past year there has been a weekly Sunday lunch offering in the building. This Christmas we were again able to ensure approx. 30 people received a lunch and gift on Christmas day thanks again to our incredible volunteers. <u>Amos House Supported Accommodation</u> The trustees have decided this year to bring this aspect of the project to a close. Notice was given to Green Pastures and we are working with the local authority to ensure the tenants receive help with their future accommodation. <u>Partnerships</u> Having the Genesis Centre has allowed us to invite all the partners who work with our client group to meet with them at our drop ins or at other times. We do not charge them to use the building. During the year, we worked with: 1. St. Mungo's 2. With You Drug & Alcohol Team 3. With You Needle Exchange 4. BCP Housing Options 5. NHS Community Mental Health Team 6. NHS Community Nursing 7. Victim Support 8. SPACE 9. STARS 10. The Police 11. GP Visits onsite 12. Live well Dorset 13. HEP C Trust 14. Specsavers <u>Communication</u> We continue to issue an eNewsletter to keep supporters updated on all that is happening in R2R and the progress we are making at the Genesis Centre. A volunteer manages our social media accounts and posts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

	Volunteer, Trustees, and Staff Members continue to speak at local churches and events about our work. We held our AGM in May 2025 at the Genesis Centre. Our next AGM is planned for May 2026. <u>Genesis Centre</u> Every year since moving into the Genesis Centre in March 2022, we have continued to work on the building's renovation. In 2025 -26, we have managed to complete the following: • Create the Clothing Store • Install blinds/curtains in the Activities Hall • Repointing the Northwest and Northeast facing aspects of the exterior • Replacing the guttering and downpipes with deep flow guttering and downpipes on the Northwest and Northeast facing aspects of the building • Replace the Roof on the main part of the building (over the Main Hall) <u>Business Plan</u> We rewrote our business plan in 2025, which now covers 2025-28. The trustees are working on an action plan to support this.

SECTION E: Financial Review

Policy on Reserves	We have a reserves policy of £50,000 which covers 4-5 months of regular expenditure.
Financial Review	<u>Financial Review 2025-26</u> The year ended on 31 March 2026 has been a difficult one for the trust, with the demands of completing further building works and maintenance. Due to unforeseen circumstances few grant applications were made during the last few months of 2025. These have been resumed in early 2026 with so far good results. Expenditure without building costs was only £7,000 over the budget of £137,000. Donations for the year totalled around £115,000, these included donations from individuals, businesses, local churches and other charitable organisations. Including the following:

Blake Survey Ltd	Lytchett Matravers WI
Castleman Academy (school)	The Oddfellows Brownsea Lodge 4437
Lewis Wyatt Construction	Amey L & N Morden Bingo
Tandoori Nights	Royal Motor Yacht Club
MSP capital	Prama
Bagette	Richard & Jo Kennedy
Coastal Learning (school)	Renny Gye
Unite siemens	Broadstone First School
Bournemouth & Poole College	Asda
Forelle Estates	Inner Wheel
Lauren Etches BCP Housing raffle	Dentistry @68
Masonic charitable foundation	Nationwide
Hamworthy Brownies	Canford Heath Scouts
Pavers	RNLI
Holt Agricultural	Wates

Grants totalling £56,000, £40,000 of these were restricted for the roof repair. We are very grateful to the following for grants:

The Neighbourly FO B&Q Foundation
St Aldhelms Endowment Unrestricted
The Beatrice Laing Foundation
Garfield Weston
Stonebarrow Trust
St Martins Trust
Help the Homeless Grant
Valentines Trust
Talbot Village Trust
Dorset Community Fund

Overall, including the finances of Amos house we have ended the year with a deficit of £44,000. However, this has been largely due to the £87,000 of repairs that have been necessary on the Genesis Centre.

Cash at bank (excluding Amos House) was £62,000, on 31st March 2026, this is in line with our reserves policy but leaves us very little room to manoeuvre.

The trustees are working on a fundraising strategy to increase and diversify our income streams for the future.

SECTION G: Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature	*L J Holt*
Full Name	Revd Canon Lucy Holt
Position	Chair of Trustees
Date	05th May 2026

Charity No 1155945

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31st March 2026

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Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

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Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Katharine A Mellor Gibson (Chair) (Resigned 20.05.25) Rev'd Lucy Holt (Deputy Chair) (Appointed Chair 20..05.25) Sara Turner (Deputy Chair Appointed 20.05.25) Stephen Berger (Resigned 04.11.25) Martin Finch Becki Parsons (Appointed 20.05.25) Rev'd Pat Southgate (Resigned 20.05.25) Andrew Teale (Resigned 31.05.25) Rev'd Pam Wise
Principal Office	Genesis Centre Hill Street Poole BH15 1NR
Charity Registration Number	1155945
Gift Aid Registration	XR62155
Independent Examiner	M A Bilson Dip FS, FCIB 41 Cowslip Road Broadstone BH18 9QZ

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.
In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Reserves

The Reserves set at £50,000, being six months of the Genesis Centre's annual costs.

Approved by the trustees of the charity
And signed on its behalf

Rev'd Lucy Holt
Chair

Date 19.5.26.

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

I report on the accounts of Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO for the year ended 31st March 2026, which are set out on pages 4 - 9

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The trustee's 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the trustees concerning 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 material matters have come to my attention gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 10 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records: or
- the accounts did 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 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.

Signed

M A Bilson Dip FS, FCIB

41 Cowslip Road

Broadstone

BH18 9QZ

Date: 8th MAY 2026

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2026

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from					
Receipts	1	127,039	44,562	171,601	182,002
Amos House	2	12,560	-	12,560	11,700
Total Income	3	**139,599**	**44,562**	**184,161**	193,702
Expenditure on					
Administration	4	77,775	-	77,775	68,532
Genesis Centre	5	32,280	1,503	33,784	28,563
Projects	6	4,338	13,051	17,390	16,228
Renovations	7	40,071	44,589	84,660	38,977
Amos House	8	15,011	-	15,011	12,990
Total Expenditure	9	**169,476**	**59,143**	**228,620**	165,290
Net Income/(Expenditure) before transfer		**(29,878)**	**(14,581)**	**(44,459)**	28,412
Transfers					
Gross Transfers between funds - in		-	10,690	10,690	-
Gross Transfers between funds - out		(2,500)	(8,190)	(10,690)	-
Net Movement in funds		**(32,378)**	**(12,081)**	**(44,459)**	28,412
Total funds brought forward		231,613	45,468	**277,081**	248,669
Total funds carried forward		**199,235**	**33,387**	**232,622**	277,081

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2026

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Receipts from Generated Funds					
CAF		18,000	-	**18,000**	18,586
Church Donations & Membership		9,881	-	**9,881**	12,684
Corporate Donations & Membership		18,840	-	**18,840**	10,917
Gift Aid Tax		5,781	-	**5,781**	5,463
Give Wheel		9,215	-	**9,215**	-
Grant Roof		-	40,000	**40,000**	-
Grants		12,500	3,500	**16,000**	69,500
Other Cash and Cheque Donations		44,307	400	**44,707**	54,535
Regular Donations & Membership		8,515	-	**8,515**	6,777
Roof Donations		-	-	-	2,000
Shoe Donations		-	662	**662**	445
Sundry Income		-	-	-	120
SWEP		-	-	-	975
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For the year ended 31st March 2026

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Charitable Activities					
Administration					
Bank Charges		20			
Bookkeeping		1,155	-	1,155	1,161
Broadband &Telephone		1,527	-	1,527	1,382
Database		282	-	282	264
Employers Ni		-	-	-	197
HR Consultant		1,020	-	1,020	-
Legal Fees		121	-	121	104
Marketing		648	-	648	-
Office Expenses		1,835	-	1,835	1,296
Publicity		-	-	-	52
Staff Pension		1,474	-	1,474	1,265
Staff Salaries		68,256	-	68,256	61,160
Subscriptions		232	-	232	217
Sundry Expenses		485	-	485	714
Website & Publications		720	-	720	720
	4	77,775	-	77,755	68,532
Genesis Centre					
Business Rates		778	-	778	778
Cleaning		5,388	-	5,388	5,175
Consumables		420	-	420	657
Defibrillator		-	1,099	1,099	-
Depreciation		2,518	-	2,518	2,585
Disposal of Fixed Asset		-	-	-	963
Electricity		14,366	-	14,366	8,051
Gas		1,092	-	1,092	1,126
Insurance		4,541	-	4,541	4,340
Laundry Equipment		-	404	404	1,712
Professional Services		-	-	-	275
Refuse		1,097	-	1,097	740
Sundry Expenses		-	-	-	107
Water		2,081	-	2,081	2,054
	5	32,280	1,503	33,784	28,563
Projects					
Clothing		-	-	-	32
Consumable Support		-	-	-	-
Service Users Food Costs		4,253	9,101	13,354	13,218
Shoes		-	1,562	1,562	1,233
Support Costs		85	2,389	2,474	1,745
	6	4,338	13,051	17,390	16,228

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Renovations	7	40,071	44,589	**84,660**	38,977
Amos House					
Lease		12,966	-	**12,966**	11,369
Maintenance		610	-	**610**	186
Management Fee		1,435	-	**1,435**	1,435
	8	**15,011**	-	**15,011**	12,990
Total Expenditure	9	**169,476**	**59,143**	**228,600**	165,290

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 31st March 2026

	2026	2025
	£	£
Fixed Assets	317,711	319,156
Cash at Bank and In Hand		
Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO Account	62,132	102,637
Amos House Account	2,832	5,283
Cash in Hand	48	-
Debtor	-	5
	65,012	107,925
Creditor due within 1 Year	(100)	0
Creditor		
Due after 1 Year		
Talbot Trust	(150,000)	(150,000)
Net Asset Surplus	232,622	277,081

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Notes to the Statement od Assets and Liabilities
As at 31st March 2026

Balance Sheet Notes to the Accounts

Fixed Assets	Hill Street	Equipment	Total 2026	Total 2025
Cost	300,000	25,506	**325,506**	325,771
Additions	-	1,072	**1,072**	2,049
Disposal	-	-	-	(2,316)
Accumulative Depreciation	-	(6,349)	**(6,349)**	(4,537)
	300,000	20,229	**320,229**	320,967
Depreciation Disposal	-	-		772
Depreciation this year	-	(2,518)	**(2,518)**	(2,584)
	300,000	17,711	**317,711**	319,156

Funds Restricted	B.fwd	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	C.Fwd
Activities	2,656	-	-	-	**2,656**
Anonymous	3,288	-	(1,503)	-	**1,785**
BCP Food and Energy	-	6,000	(6,000)	-	**-**
CF Water SS	128	-	-	-	**128**
Community Chest	322	-	(322)	-	**-**
Gye Client Welfare	8,572	-	(383)	(8,189)	**-**
Gye Services Users Support	-	-	(1,384)	8,189	**6,805**
Roof	12,000	37,500	(44,589)	2,500	**7,411**
Shoes	2,002	662	(1,562)	-	**1,102**
Southall Drop-ins	3,000	-	(3,000)	-	**-**
Wellington	-	400	(400)	-	**-**
Therapy	13,500	-	-	-	**13,500**
Total Restricted	45,468	44,562	(59,143)	2,500	**33,387**
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SWEP, which is run by St. Mungo's for the BCP Council, is held in Poole at the Genesis Centre. We offer 12 beds and take dogs.

Space Youth Project is using the building during school holidays for a weekly evening drop-in session.

We have an Organ Loft Board Room (the building was formerly a Baptist Church built in 1815) and we have offered this for free to any local charity that needs it. We also have a smaller hall which is available for flexible use such as further provision for SWEP, for training provided in-house and by external agencies and as an additional meeting room.

3. Prevention and Social Inclusion: We work with those who are currently housed to help minimise the risk of repeated homelessness. We give support to those who are in danger of losing their tenancies (through whatever means, such as non-payment of top-up fees, etc.). Additionally, we offer positive encouragement to clients who are struggling with addictions. We work with those who might choose to give up their housing because of their isolation and loneliness by encouraging social participation and developing their living skills

4. Engaging the Local Community: We offer opportunities to groups, businesses, and individuals to volunteer, support and fundraise. In order to inform, inspire and raise awareness in local businesses,

	schools, community groups, and churches, R2R volunteers give presentations and talks about the charity's vision and mission. This year we increased Tracy Hayman's hours to include community outreach work. 5. Advocacy: We monitor the current situation for homeless and vulnerably housed people in Poole and act as an advocate for them with police, local government, and services. 6. Life Skills and Wellbeing: Since 2023 we have offered The Pillar Programme, for three verified rough sleepers who are ready for some responsibility. The project provides a structured volunteer placement at the Genesis Centre for 12 weeks. We have been able to provide training for those accessing our services for first aid skills and food hygiene.
Additional information	Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO is a charity based on Christian principles which seeks to serve the needs of rough sleepers and vulnerably housed of all faiths and none. Its statement of faith and ethos is: "Routes to Roots is an organisation whose roots are firmly based in the Christian faith. Our inspiration comes from the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, as recorded in the Bible. We champion the cause of the homeless and the vulnerably housed in Poole. We show them the love of God for all people, not through preaching but through our actions. We also open the eyes of all those who are blind to the needs of the homeless and vulnerably housed in our town. We see Christ in the face of all who seek our help and support. We believe all human beings are made in the image of God and as such should be treated with dignity and self-worth by: • Hearing, and helping to give a voice to the homeless and vulnerably housed people in Poole • Standing with them and not above them • Encouraging participation and engagement rather than dependency • Respecting difference and not expecting or demanding conformity" This statement is published on the charity's website and made available to all members, staff, volunteers and Trustees. The CIO welcomes members, staff, and volunteers without faith or of other faiths who respect its faith and observe its ethos. Trustees of the CIO must show their acceptance of the statement of faith and ethos by signing it on election.

SECTION D: Achievements and Performance

Main Achievements	<u>Patron</u> The Venerable Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne has continued to actively support Routes to Roots. <u>Staffing</u> Ben Sargent continued as the Genesis Centre Manager. Tracy Hayman continued to work part-time as the Charity Administrator and was promoted during the year to include work on Community Development. Catherine Home was appointed in 2025 as a part-time project worker. We continued to contract out our bookkeeping to Ann Mace and website management to Conical Sphere. We agreed to appoint Lisa Francis as our CIO Secretary, working ad-hoc hours. Lisa began in April 2025. More than forty volunteers provided our services at the Genesis Centre. <u>Drop-Ins</u> 2025/ 2026 we have continued to provide breakfast Mon to Fri in addition to our lunch provision. Throughout these drop-in times we continue to be joined by partners who provide direct access to support services for our client group. These professional relationships continue to be key in not only meeting immediate needs but also in helping to move people forward. We continue to support people once they have been accommodated both with emotional and practical support. Throughout the year we have been able to provide access to healthcare at the Genesis Centre, with Livewell Dorset providing NHS Health checks, HEP C Trust providing BBV tests, The Healthbus and NHS provided Flu and Covid jabs. We were also able to organise two sessions with Specsavers that enabled a number of our service users the opportunity to have free eye tests and receive free prescription glasses. We value the relationship that we have with Dr Kirk from the Cranborne practice who attends weekly and Jenny Donovan, Chiropodist, who attends monthly and independently fund-raises to provide new boots for our service users. We continue to be joined by a number of businesses providing 'takeover' lunches, including our friends at Bagette & Co, RNLI,

	Nationwide, Wates and the Foundation year Students of Bournemouth & Poole College who have been volunteering their time one afternoon a month since making us their charity of the year. They have sorted clothing donations, cleaned, made up packs of toiletries, planted up pots in the courtyard and wrapped Christmas presents for service users. We are very pleased that over the past year there has been a weekly Sunday lunch offering in the building. This Christmas we were again able to ensure approx. 30 people received a lunch and gift on Christmas day thanks again to our incredible volunteers. <u>Amos House Supported Accommodation</u> The trustees have decided this year to bring this aspect of the project to a close. Notice was given to Green Pastures and we are working with the local authority to ensure the tenants receive help with their future accommodation. <u>Partnerships</u> Having the Genesis Centre has allowed us to invite all the partners who work with our client group to meet with them at our drop ins or at other times. We do not charge them to use the building. During the year, we worked with: 1. St. Mungo's 2. With You Drug & Alcohol Team 3. With You Needle Exchange 4. BCP Housing Options 5. NHS Community Mental Health Team 6. NHS Community Nursing 7. Victim Support 8. SPACE 9. STARS 10. The Police 11. GP Visits onsite 12. Live well Dorset 13. HEP C Trust 14. Specsavers <u>Communication</u> We continue to issue an eNewsletter to keep supporters updated on all that is happening in R2R and the progress we are making at the Genesis Centre. A volunteer manages our social media accounts and posts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

	Volunteer, Trustees, and Staff Members continue to speak at local churches and events about our work. We held our AGM in May 2025 at the Genesis Centre. Our next AGM is planned for May 2026. <u>Genesis Centre</u> Every year since moving into the Genesis Centre in March 2022, we have continued to work on the building's renovation. In 2025 -26, we have managed to complete the following: • Create the Clothing Store • Install blinds/curtains in the Activities Hall • Repointing the Northwest and Northeast facing aspects of the exterior • Replacing the guttering and downpipes with deep flow guttering and downpipes on the Northwest and Northeast facing aspects of the building • Replace the Roof on the main part of the building (over the Main Hall) <u>Business Plan</u> We rewrote our business plan in 2025, which now covers 2025-28. The trustees are working on an action plan to support this.

SECTION E: Financial Review

Policy on Reserves	We have a reserves policy of £50,000 which covers 4-5 months of regular expenditure.
Financial Review	<u>Financial Review 2025-26</u> The year ended on 31 March 2026 has been a difficult one for the trust, with the demands of completing further building works and maintenance. Due to unforeseen circumstances few grant applications were made during the last few months of 2025. These have been resumed in early 2026 with so far good results. Expenditure without building costs was only £7,000 over the budget of £137,000. Donations for the year totalled around £115,000, these included donations from individuals, businesses, local churches and other charitable organisations. Including the following:

	Blake Survey Ltd	Lytchett Matravers WI
	Castleman Academy (school)	The Oddfellows Brownsea Lodge 4437
	Lewis Wyatt Construction	Amey L & N Morden Bingo
	Tandoori Nights	Royal Motor Yacht Club
	MSP capital	Prama
	Bagette	Richard & Jo Kennedy
	Coastal Learning (school)	Renny Gye
	Unite siemens	Broadstone First School
	Bournemouth & Poole College	Asda
	Forelle Estates	Inner Wheel
	Lauren Etches BCP Housing raffle	Dentistry @68
	Masonic charitable foundation	Nationwide
	Hamworthy Brownies	Canford Heath Scouts
	Pavers	RNLI
	Holt Agricultural	Wates

Grants totalling £56,000, £40,000 of these were restricted for the roof repair. We are very grateful to the following for grants:

The Neighbourly FO B&Q Foundation
St Aldhelms Endowment Unrestricted
The Beatrice Laing Foundation
Garfield Weston
Stonebarrow Trust
St Martins Trust
Help the Homeless Grant
Valentines Trust
Talbot Village Trust
Dorset Community Fund

Overall, including the finances of Amos house we have ended the year with a deficit of £44,000. However, this has been largely due to the £87,000 of repairs that have been necessary on the Genesis Centre.

Cash at bank (excluding Amos House) was £62,000, on 31st March 2026, this is in line with our reserves policy but leaves us very little room to manoeuvre.

The trustees are working on a fundraising strategy to increase and diversify our income streams for the future.

SECTION G: Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature	*L J Holt*
Full Name	Revd Canon Lucy Holt
Position	Chair of Trustees
Date	05th May 2026

Charity No 1155945

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31st March 2026

Genesis Centre
Hill Street
Poole
BH15 1NR

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

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Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Katharine A Mellor Gibson (Chair) (Resigned 20.05.25) Rev'd Lucy Holt (Deputy Chair) (Appointed Chair 20..05.25) Sara Turner (Deputy Chair Appointed 20.05.25) Stephen Berger (Resigned 04.11.25) Martin Finch Becki Parsons (Appointed 20.05.25) Rev'd Pat Southgate (Resigned 20.05.25) Andrew Teale (Resigned 31.05.25) Rev'd Pam Wise
Principal Office	Genesis Centre Hill Street Poole BH15 1NR
Charity Registration Number	1155945
Gift Aid Registration	XR62155
Independent Examiner	M A Bilson Dip FS, FCIB 41 Cowslip Road Broadstone BH18 9QZ

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.
In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Reserves

The Reserves set at £50,000, being six months of the Genesis Centre's annual costs.

Approved by the trustees of the charity
And signed on its behalf

Rev'd Lucy Holt
Chair

Date 19.5.26.

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

I report on the accounts of Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO for the year ended 31st March 2026, which are set out on pages 4 - 9

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The trustee's 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the trustees concerning 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 material matters have come to my attention gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 10 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records: or
- the accounts did 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 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.

Signed

M A Bilson Dip FS, FCIB

41 Cowslip Road

Broadstone

BH18 9QZ

Date: 8th MAY 2026

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2026

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from					
Receipts	1	127,039	44,562	171,601	182,002
Amos House	2	12,560	-	12,560	11,700
Total Income	3	**139,599**	**44,562**	**184,161**	193,702
Expenditure on					
Administration	4	77,775	-	77,775	68,532
Genesis Centre	5	32,280	1,503	33,784	28,563
Projects	6	4,338	13,051	17,390	16,228
Renovations	7	40,071	44,589	84,660	38,977
Amos House	8	15,011	-	15,011	12,990
Total Expenditure	9	**169,476**	**59,143**	**228,620**	165,290
Net Income/(Expenditure) before transfer		**(29,878)**	**(14,581)**	**(44,459)**	28,412
Transfers					
Gross Transfers between funds - in		-	10,690	10,690	-
Gross Transfers between funds - out		(2,500)	(8,190)	(10,690)	-
Net Movement in funds		**(32,378)**	**(12,081)**	**(44,459)**	28,412
Total funds brought forward		231,613	45,468	**277,081**	248,669
Total funds carried forward		**199,235**	**33,387**	**232,622**	277,081

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2026

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Receipts from Generated Funds					
CAF		18,000	-	**18,000**	18,586
Church Donations & Membership		9,881	-	**9,881**	12,684
Corporate Donations & Membership		18,840	-	**18,840**	10,917
Gift Aid Tax		5,781	-	**5,781**	5,463
Give Wheel		9,215	-	**9,215**	-
Grant Roof		-	40,000	**40,000**	-
Grants		12,500	3,500	**16,000**	69,500
Other Cash and Cheque Donations		44,307	400	**44,707**	54,535
Regular Donations & Membership		8,515	-	**8,515**	6,777
Roof Donations		-	-	-	2,000
Shoe Donations		-	662	**662**	445
Sundry Income		-	-	-	120
SWEP		-	-	-	975
	1	**127,039**	**44,562**	171,601	182,002
Amos House Receipts					
Rental Income	2	**12,560**	-	12,560	11,700
Total Receipts	3	**139,599**	**44,562**	**184,161**	**193,702**

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2026

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Charitable Activities					
Administration					
Bank Charges		20			
Bookkeeping		1,155	-	1,155	1,161
Broadband &Telephone		1,527	-	1,527	1,382
Database		282	-	282	264
Employers Ni		-	-	-	197
HR Consultant		1,020	-	1,020	-
Legal Fees		121	-	121	104
Marketing		648	-	648	-
Office Expenses		1,835	-	1,835	1,296
Publicity		-	-	-	52
Staff Pension		1,474	-	1,474	1,265
Staff Salaries		68,256	-	68,256	61,160
Subscriptions		232	-	232	217
Sundry Expenses		485	-	485	714
Website & Publications		720	-	720	720
	4	77,775	-	77,755	68,532
Genesis Centre					
Business Rates		778	-	778	778
Cleaning		5,388	-	5,388	5,175
Consumables		420	-	420	657
Defibrillator		-	1,099	1,099	-
Depreciation		2,518	-	2,518	2,585
Disposal of Fixed Asset		-	-	-	963
Electricity		14,366	-	14,366	8,051
Gas		1,092	-	1,092	1,126
Insurance		4,541	-	4,541	4,340
Laundry Equipment		-	404	404	1,712
Professional Services		-	-	-	275
Refuse		1,097	-	1,097	740
Sundry Expenses		-	-	-	107
Water		2,081	-	2,081	2,054
	5	32,280	1,503	33,784	28,563
Projects					
Clothing		-	-	-	32
Consumable Support		-	-	-	-
Service Users Food Costs		4,253	9,101	13,354	13,218
Shoes		-	1,562	1,562	1,233
Support Costs		85	2,389	2,474	1,745
	6	4,338	13,051	17,390	16,228

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2026

	Ref	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
		£	£	£	£
Renovations	7	40,071	44,589	**84,660**	38,977
Amos House					
Lease		12,966	-	**12,966**	11,369
Maintenance		610	-	**610**	186
Management Fee		1,435	-	**1,435**	1,435
	8	**15,011**	-	**15,011**	12,990
Total Expenditure	9	**169,476**	**59,143**	**228,600**	165,290

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 31st March 2026

	2026	2025
	£	£
Fixed Assets	317,711	319,156
Cash at Bank and In Hand		
Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO Account	62,132	102,637
Amos House Account	2,832	5,283
Cash in Hand	48	-
Debtor	-	5
	65,012	107,925
Creditor due within 1 Year	(100)	0
Creditor		
Due after 1 Year		
Talbot Trust	(150,000)	(150,000)
Net Asset Surplus	232,622	277,081

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO
Notes to the Statement od Assets and Liabilities
As at 31st March 2026

Balance Sheet Notes to the Accounts

Fixed Assets	Hill Street	Equipment	Total 2026	Total 2025
Cost	300,000	25,506	**325,506**	325,771
Additions	-	1,072	**1,072**	2,049
Disposal	-	-	-	(2,316)
Accumulative Depreciation	-	(6,349)	**(6,349)**	(4,537)
	300,000	20,229	**320,229**	320,967
Depreciation Disposal	-	-		772
Depreciation this year	-	(2,518)	**(2,518)**	(2,584)
	300,000	17,711	**317,711**	319,156

Funds Restricted	B.fwd	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	C.Fwd
Activities	2,656	-	-	-	**2,656**
Anonymous	3,288	-	(1,503)	-	**1,785**
BCP Food and Energy	-	6,000	(6,000)	-	**-**
CF Water SS	128	-	-	-	**128**
Community Chest	322	-	(322)	-	**-**
Gye Client Welfare	8,572	-	(383)	(8,189)	**-**
Gye Services Users Support	-	-	(1,384)	8,189	**6,805**
Roof	12,000	37,500	(44,589)	2,500	**7,411**
Shoes	2,002	662	(1,562)	-	**1,102**
Southall Drop-ins	3,000	-	(3,000)	-	**-**
Wellington	-	400	(400)	-	**-**
Therapy	13,500	-	-	-	**13,500**
Total Restricted	45,468	44,562	(59,143)	2,500	**33,387**
Unrestricted Funds	231,613	139,599	(169,476)	(2,500)	**199,235**
Total Funds	**277,081**	**184,161**	**(228,620)**	**-**	**232,622**