

Chorley Christian Book Centre Trust – 518002

Annual Report 2023

The Chorley Christian Book Centre has had another successful year trading and meeting the needs of the people of Chorley and the surrounding areas.

We continue to be grateful for the loyal service and time given by our 8 volunteers to man the shop each week. They also offer a welcome, a listening ear and support to customers and lonely people who may come for a chat.

None of the volunteers receive any payment for the service they give.

We are thankful that we have been able to continue to give monthly financial support for the work of Connect based in Sunderland working with offenders leaving prison to gain new skills and also to Cascot, working in schools with a Christian Ministry and outreach in the Manchester area.

We have given other small gifts amounting to £350. All churches receive at least 10% off their orders to assist their finances. Any books left over at the end of our January sale are donated to Renewal Northwest, another Christian charity or to International Aid, a charity based in the area with outreach to many places abroad.

The Charity Trustees meet on a regular basis for prayer and oversight of the running of the shop and any concerns on the building maintenance.

Yvonne Barkby (Charity Trustee)

Chorley Christian Book Centre

Income & Expenditure Account: Year to 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Sales	33,239	33,460
Opening stock	30,205	32,271
Purchases	20,113	18,061
Closing stock	<u>(28,116)</u>	<u>(30,205)</u>
	22,202	20,127
Gross profit	<u>11,037</u>	<u>13,333</u>
Rates	112	212
Water	260	286
Gas/Electricity	1,507	1,481
Insurance	0	734
Telephone & Broadband	1,073	976
Repairs & Maintenance	3,890	287
Alarm Costs	643	645
Stationery & wrapping	0	24
Postage	90	0
Advertising & sponsorship	0	0
Parking, Fuel etc	50	0
Honorarium management	2,500	2,500
Staff gifts	575	0
Bank charges	1,019	604
Miscellaneous	44	260
Cleaner	2,100	700
Exhibition Exs	0	0
Other Cleaning Exs	55	0
Total overheads	<u>13,917</u>	<u>8,709</u>
Net trading surplus (deficit)	<u>(2,880)</u>	<u>4,624</u>
Charitable gifts	3,600	3,600
	<u>(6,480)</u>	<u>1,024</u>
Add interest on bank accounts	5	7
Net surplus/ (deficit) for the year	<u><u>(6,475)</u></u>	<u><u>1,031</u></u>

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Balance Sheet: As at 31 December 2023

Fixed assets	£
Property at cost	16,500

Current assets

Stock	28,116
Debtors & prepayments	0
Cash at bank	16,526

Creditors & accruals	0
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Net current assets	<u>61,141</u>
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General Fund

Balance at 01.01.2023	67,617
Deficit for the year	(6,476)
Balance at 31.12.2023	<u>61,141</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CHORLEY CHRISTIAN BOOK CENTRE TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Chorley Christian Book Centre Trust for the year ended 31 December 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 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 Charity 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.

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