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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
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# **BELFAST DOMESTIC MISSION TO THE POOR OF BELFAST CHARITY INFORMATION**

## **Trustees at 31 March 2024**

The Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland Trustee Company  
Rev Chris Hudson  
Ms Monica Burns

## **Registered Charity Number**

103374

## **Independent Examiner**

Gavin Reid and Company  
Unit 1  
212-218 Upper Newtownards Road  
Belfast  
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# BELFAST DOMESTIC MISSION TO THE POOR OF BELFAST

## Trustees' Report

Year ended 31 March 2024

- 1 Belfast Domestic Mission for the Poor of Belfast (known as Belfast Domestic Mission or the Mission) was established in 1852, to help alleviate poverty, support Sunday Schools and discussion groups and provide practical support to those in need. This is the public benefit we promote. There is no harm or private benefit from our purposes and we have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit requirement statutory guidance.
- 2 Our Charity Number is 103374. Trustees registered with the Charity Commission are Rev Chris Hudson, Ms Monica Burns and the NSPCI Trustees Company. The official address of the Mission is All Souls' Church, 5 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast BT9 6AZ
- 3 The Trustees are happy to report that activities on behalf of the Belfast Domestic Mission are increasing.
- 4 Donations to the NSPCI Widows Fund were discontinued, after review by the Trustees. Donations to Sunday Schools continued and to the North Belfast Book Fund, to purchase books to disburse to children of disadvantaged families. Disbursement on an ad hoc basis of £20 and £25 TESCO vouchers continue, to families and individuals identified locally as being in need. Help for purchase of school uniforms, PE kit and shoes was provided to a number of families.
- 5 The Mission received M&G dividends of £5,891 as well as Department for Communities dividends of £147 and £88 in interest from the bank. The bank balance of the Mission at the end of the financial year is £37,029 as noted in the accompanying accounts.
- 6 The Trustees held two meetings during the year. Communication with those members who are frail and unwell continues by phone and, for those with access, by email.
- 7 It was agreed that Sunday Schools and the North Belfast Book Fund would be supported with an increased donation from financial year 2023/2024. Rev Chris Hudson reported that it was unnecessary to continue to provide financial support to the NSPCI Widows Fund, a situation which can be reviewed, should the Fund's financial situation change significantly for the worse.
- 8 Discussions took place with the Food Kitchen in North Belfast about a significant monthly donation of funds to support their work. While the initial meeting was very positive, we have not heard from them since. We will continue to reach out and offer financial support in financial year 24/25.
- 9 A larger float of TESCO vouchers is being made available for disbursement, following the decision last year to aim for a spend of at least £5,000 per annum to target the poor of Belfast through practical support



Signed on behalf of NSPCI Trustees  
Monica Burns

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## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF BELFAST DOMESTIC MISSION TO THE POOR OF BELFAST**

In accordance with our engagement, and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have compiled the financial statement of the charity which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account, the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and the related notes from the books of account and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the charity's trustees in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the trustees that we have done so and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees, as a body, for our work or for this report.

We have carried out this engagement in accordance with guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and have complied with the ethical guidance laid down by the Institute relating to members undertaking the compilation of financial statements.

You have acknowledged on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31 March 2024 your duty to ensure that the company has kept proper books of account and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view under the Companies Act 2006.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.

*Gavin Reid and Company*

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**Chartered Accountants**  
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**BT4 3ET**

4 July 2024

# BELFAST DOMESTIC MISSION TO THE POOR OF BELFAST

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
<b>INCOME</b>		
M&G dividends	5,891	5,719
DFC dividends	147	152
Bank interest	<u>88</u>	<u>76</u>
	<u>6,126</u>	<u>5,947</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Donations	800	335
Professional fees	1,200	-
Bank fees	34	31
Ministers' Widows Fund	-	200
All Souls Church Kids Club	-	100
First Church Rosemary Street	-	100
Newtownards Sunday School	-	100
	<u>2,034</u>	<u>866</u>
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	4,092	5,081
<b>FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 APRIL 2023</b>	<u>45,554</u>	<u>40,473</u>
<b>FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 MARCH 2024</b>	<u>49,646</u>	<u>45,554</u>

There were no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the Receipts and Payments Account above.

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Investments	12,857	12,857
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Bank current account	<u>37,029</u>	<u>32,697</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	49,886	45,554
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accruals	(240)	-
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>49,646</u>	<u>45,554</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>		
Balance brought forward	45,554	40,473
Surplus for the year	<u>4,092</u>	<u>5,081</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>49,646</u>	<u>45,554</u>

# **BELFAST DOMESTIC MISSION TO THE POOR OF BELFAST**

## **STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (CONTINUED) TRUSTEE'S STATEMENTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

In approving these financial statements as trustee of the charity I hereby confirm:

- (a) that I acknowledge my responsibilities for:
  - (1) ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records; and
  - (2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus for the year then ended.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 4 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by



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Monica Burns