REGISTERED NUMBER: 03439299 (England & Wales)
CHARITY NUMBER: 1065006

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

for

The Michael Roberts Charitable Trust

Limited by Guarantee

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for the year ended 31st March 2024

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Charity Information
for the year ended 31st March 2024

TRUSTEES:	J Ehlers (Chair of Trustees) P Balkwill (resigned 6th March 2024) Rev J Poyntz (appointed 6th March 2024) T A Knott G Pattimore M Parsons A Khan NB: Trustees are also Directors of the Company
REGISTERED OFFICE:	Unit 8 Housham Hall Farm Harlow Road Matching Tye Harlow CM17 0PB
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER:	3439299 (England and Wales)
ACCOUNTANTS:	Pigram & Co 43 Bluebell Drive Stansted Essex CM24 8XP
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:	1065006
BANK:	Barclays Bank Plc 14 The Water Gardens Centre Harlow Essex CM20 1AN

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Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31st March 2024

The Trustees, who are also Directors of the Charity for the purpose of the Companies Act 2006, present their report together with the financial statements of the Company for the year ending 31st March 2024.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the Company in the year under review was that of a Christian Charity, working in the community with a wide range of people, including people with a learning / physical disability, people vulnerable and / or isolated through homelessness or being vulnerably housed and people in crisis with emergency food. The Company also worked with local fresh food companies assisting them to reduce their surplus food by picking it up and redistributing it into the local community to front-line professional care agencies.

The governing document is the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company.

All Trustees offer themselves for election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

..... Andrew Thornton

Dated 3rd July 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted Funds							2024	2023
		General Fund	Maybury Open Door	Harlow Foodbank	Bump to 5	Storehouse Upkeep	Storehouse Rent/Utilities	Bounty Club	Trussell Trust Projects	Redundancy Reserve	Total	Total
INCOME and ENDOWMENTS FROM:		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations & Legacies		111,378	27,969	153,842	12,119	11,100	21,000	103,784			441,192	302,620
Income from Charitable Activities									90,590		90,590	66,710
Investment Income		1,657									1,657	546
Sales								33,788			33,788	-
TOTAL INCOME and ENDOWMENTS		113,035	27,969	153,842	12,119	11,100	21,000	137,572	90,590	-	567,227	369,876
EXPENDITURE ON:												
Income Generation		3,034									3,034	2,823
Expenditure on Charitable Activities												
Salaries		33,985	45,360	156,321	17,742			76,198	8,493		338,099	217,781
Training			78	593							671	1,749
Travel & Subsistance Expenses			210	2,978							3,188	2,008
Rent/Utilities			1,476	6,600			17,766	2,400			28,242	22,020
Telephone & Internet			122	1,685			2,360				4,167	3,004
Printing, Postage & Stationery							1,274				1,274	3,004
Motoring Costs				10,258				3,492			13,750	9,243
Ongoing Costs - Craft, Cleaning, Food, Day-to-Day			6,067	15,765	8,292			28,885			59,009	23,599
Insurance & Professional				5,410			1,714	5,410			12,534	6,918
New Equipment, Renewals & Upkeep						16,809					16,809	7,219
Bank Charges								691			691	473
Charitable Donations		1,000									1,000	1,150
Trussell Trust Projects									58,576		58,576	44,109
Depreciation	4	3,984									3,984	5
Independent Examiner & Accountancy Fees	2	810									810	750
TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON:		42,813	53,313	199,610	26,034	16,809	23,114	117,076	67,069	-	545,838	345,855
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		70,222	(25,344)	(45,768)	(13,915)	(5,709)	(2,114)	20,496	23,521	-	21,389	24,021
Balances brought forward at 1 April 2023		114,391	-	62,670	-	474	943	-	33,321	26,554	238,353	214,332
Transfer between Funds		(45,665)	25,344	-	13,915	5,235	1,171	-	-	-	-	-
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 MARCH 2024		**138,948**	**-**	**16,902**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**20,496**	**56,842**	**26,554**	**259,742**	**238,353**

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Balance Sheet
As at 31st March 2024

	Notes	31st March 2024 £	£	31st March 2023 £	£
FIXED ASSETS	4				
Fixtures & Fittings					
Cost		6,242		6,242	
Less: Depreciation		(6,231)		(6,227)	
			11		15
Motor vehicles					
Bounty Club Van Cost		13,500		13,500	
Foodbank Van Cost		13,431		13,431	
DA68 ZVC Bounty Club		11,940		-	
Less: Depreciation		(30,911)		(26,931)	
			7,960		-
			7,971		15
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors – rent deposit	5	3,750		3,750	
Debtors – Gift Aid		2,571		1,603	
Cash at bank and in hand		255,364		233,736	
		261,685		239,088	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Rent, purchases & Barclaycard		9,104		-	
Amounts falling due within one year	6	810		750	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			251,771		238,338
NET ASSETS			**259,742**		**238,353**
FUNDS					
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General			138,948		114,391
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Foodbank			16,902		62,670
Storehouse Upkeep			-		474
Storehouse Rent/Utilities			-		943
Bump to 5	10		-		-
Bounty Club	9		20,496		-
Redundancy Reserve			26,554		26,554
Maybury Open Door			-		-
Trussell Trust Projects			56,842		33,321
			259,742		**238,353**

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Trustees Statement
For the year ended 31st March 2024

The charity is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2024

The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(a) ensuring that the Company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the Company

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 3rd July 2024 and were signed on their behalf by:

J R Ehlers
Jeanette Ehlers

Gary Pattimore

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2024

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

The Michael Roberts Charitable Trust is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Charity Information page.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 1A "Small Entities" of Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Turnover

Turnover represents donations and gifts, as analysed in the Statement of Financial Activities, measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	-	25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	-	25% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	-	33.3% on cost

Taxation

The Company is a registered charity as defined by the Charities Act 1960 and as such no taxation has been provided for in these accounts.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

3. EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS

The average number of employees during the year was 9.

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures & Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Computer Equipment	Total
COST:	£	£	£	£
At 1st April 2023	6,242	26,931	615	33,788
Additions	-	11,940	-	11,940
At 31st March 2024	6,242	38,871	615	45,728
DEPRECIATION:				
At 1st April 2023	6,227	26,931	615	33,773
Charge for Year	4	3,980	-	3,984
At 31st March 2024	6,231	30,911	615	37,757
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st March 2024	11	7,960	-	7,971
At 31st March 2023	15	-	-	15

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31st March 24	31st March 23
	£	£
Tax recoverable	2,571	1,603
Rent deposit	3,750	3,750
	6,321	5,353

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31st March 24	31st March 23
	£	£
Other creditors and accruals	9,104	-
Accountancy	810	750
	9,914	750

7. RESTRICTED FUNDS

A full description of the restricted funds is contained in the Report of the Trustees. Financial details are contained in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 3.

8. HARLOW FOODBANK

Harlow Foodbank received non-perishable food donations totalling 93,135Kg. This is over 20,000 Kg less than the previous year – a symptom of the cost-of-living crisis affecting all Foodbanks across the UK. During the year 92,459 kg of non-perishable food was distributed to people in crisis and at the end the balance sheet date 676 Kg of non-perishable food was held for distribution in 2024/25. For the first time in our history the charity spent significant amounts of income donated to the Foodbank to purchase supplementary items to make up our food parcels.

9. BOUNTY CLUB

The Bounty Club picked up and distributed 243,085 Kg of surplus food which was made available to households through the Foodbank and Bounty Club operating from St Paul's Church (transferring from January 2024 to the former BHS department store in the town centre). The new venue coincided with the launch of a social supermarket version of the Bounty Club supported by Essex County Council, which, alongside redistributing short-life fresh food picked up daily, also purchases longer life food and essential items to release at lower cost to households on low incomes. This has lowered demand on the Foodbank as well as giving Foodbank clients a way of finding cheaper food as they get back on their feet. This trading model also results in items held in stock over the reporting period, which amounted to £14,198 of stock carried forwards.

10. BUMP TO FIVE

Bump to Five collected around 10,000 items and redistributed nearly 4,000 through 923 referrals supporting 449 families in Harlow. This helped 585 children to receive essential items which included 128 cots and beds, 154 pushchairs, 98 safety gates and 2,834 Kg of clothes in 630 bundles. Surplus donated items were also shipped to Africa through our partners at Phoenix recycling, Harlow. We continue to hold a similar quantity for redistribution this year thanks to generous ongoing donations from the public.

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Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Notes	31st March 2024 £	£	31st March 2023 £	£
Income					
General		111,378		25,685	
Maybury Open Door		27,969		37,738	
Harlow Foodbank	8	153,842		146,359	
Bump to 5	10	12,119		1,750	
Storehouse Upkeep		11,100		7,693	
Storehouse Rent Utilities		21,000		24,300	
Bounty Club	9	137,572		59,095	
Trussell Trust Projects		90,590		66,710	
			565,570		369,330
Other income					
Investment income		1,657		546	
			1,657		546
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWNMENTS			**567,227**		**369,876**
Expenditure details:					
Expenditure on Charitable Activities					
Salary		338,099		217,781	
COMMUNITY SERVICES					
Maybury Open Door		6,067		1,172	
Harlow Foodbank	8	15,765		16,948	
Bump to 5	10	8,292		5,479	
Bounty Club		28,885		-	
Trussell Trust Projects		58,576		44,109	
Storehouse – new equipment, renewals, refurbishment		16,809		7,219	
			472,493		292,708
PROFIT/(LOSS) CARRIED FORWARD			94,734		**77,168**

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Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31st March 2024

	31st March 2024		31st March 2023	
	£	£	£	£
Brought forward		94,734		77,168
OTHER EXPENDITURE				
Rent	28,242		22,020	
Telephone & Internet	4,167		3,004	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	1,274		3,004	
Motoring Costs	13,750		9,243	
Training	671		1,749	
Accountancy	810		750	
Donations	1000		1,150	
Publicity & Income Generation	3,034		2,823	
Insurance & Professional	12,534		6,918	
Bank Charges	691		473	
Travelling	3,188		2,008	
		69,361		53,142
		25,373		24,026
Depreciation				
Motor vehicles	3,980		-	
Fixtures & Fittings	4		5	
		3,984		5
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		**21,389**		**24,021**

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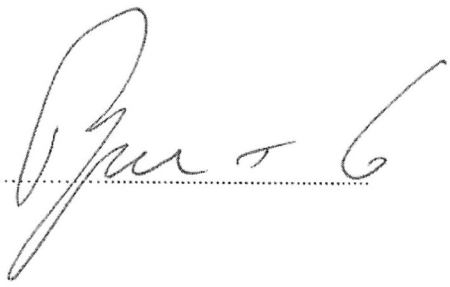
Annual Review Statement

The attached Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 have been prepared from information, records and explanations supplied and in accordance with current guidelines.

No issues worthy of being reported to the Treasurer have arisen during the year.

I am satisfied that the deficit of Income over Expenditure of £21,389 represents the charity's activities for the period and that the carried forward monetary balances agree with the bank and building society accounts of the charity.

Signed: .....



Date: 5th July 2024

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