



providing crisis packs for those in need

PORCH BOXES

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS



2016

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Cover Photo

A good harvest at the depot.

Welcome 2016

Welcome to our sixteenth Annual Report. It has been another incredibly busy year with further changes and developments.

Our volunteers have many differing roles: packing, delivering, speaking about the work of Porch Boxes to churches and local groups, plus researching and applying for grants to maintain our service.

We have welcomed more new volunteers this year who have added to our small but committed team of workers. We have a regular team who meet on Wednesday mornings at the warehouse and pack and deliver on average 80 bags/boxes per week. In addition to this a small team of other volunteers meet at our other base at Bridge Methodists Church and pack boxes there.

Harvest time once again brought in a large amount of donated goods. People continue to be incredibly generous. This allows us to reach even more people in need. Despite this we continue to have to shop for certain items each week which have now run out.

We continue to be very grateful to have a working relationship with Bury Council who allow us the use of an additional storage space in an industrial unit at Bradley Fold Trading Estate. This has become our main distribution and work centre. We could not operate without this.

Porch Boxes' volunteers also speak about our service to a number of groups during the year. We can offer this service at any time of year.

A growing number of groups continue to support our work with donations throughout the year. A number of churches are now having collections throughout the year, often for specific items which run out quickly. This is especially helpful.

Each year the service reaches new users: we regularly serve groups in Bolton and Oldham as well as in Bury and Rochdale. Many agencies are reporting increased need for Boxes due to cuts in their own budgets and there has been a noticeable increase in families with increased need due to problems with the benefits system.

We are increasingly being approached for help by individuals and are developing ways to be able to provide help for these people. At the moment we are able to signpost them to relevant agencies. We are currently working in partnership with the team at Bury Council Community Support Fund to look at providing a direct access service in Bury town Centre. We also now have food available at 2 GP practices, one in Ramsbottom and one in Prestwich.

Sadly these are tough times and the need for help and support is increasing. Thankfully the generosity of the people of Bury has also been increasing and we have been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of so many individual people this year.

It has been truly amazing; the majority are not named individually in the thank-you pages of this report. Indeed many do not wish to be acknowledged.

In the coming year we would like to increase our presence on social media but our task is to find a volunteer willing to take this aspect on once more for us. This will bring many advantages of additional donations, offers of support and will raise our profile.

Volunteers also now work on a daily basis distributing fresh food surplus from a couple of local supermarkets. Our task is to collect the items sort them and then distribute them that day to the agencies who are able to make use of them. This reduces food wastage and allows families and individuals access to fresh food and some tasty treats also!

I would like to thank the countless numbers of people who have contributed to the continued success of Porch Boxes in so many ways this year. As always it remains a tremendous privilege to act as Chair to Porch Boxes and it is an honour to work with such a committed and dedicated group of volunteers to make a difference to the lives of so many people.



Julia Rowlands
Chair

Trustees' annual report for the period 1 January to 31 December 2016

Reference and administration details

Charity name: Porch Boxes

**Other names by which
Charity is known:** The Porch
Porch Project

Registered charity number: 1089998

Charity's principal address: 46 Starling Road, Radcliffe M26 4LN

**Names of the charity trustees
who manage the charity:** Julia Rowlands Chair
Michael Perrin Treasurer
Alan Wood Secretary
Iain Hodcroft
David Archer
Laurel Avery
Pat White
Sheila Walmsley
Eileen Smith

Website: www.porchboxes.org.uk

Bank: Santander UK plc, Bridle Road, Bootle L30 4GB

Staff: The charity has no paid staff.

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document:

Constitution amended and adopted 21 May 2002

How the charity is constituted:

Association consisting of

- individuals (over the age of 18 years) who are interested in furthering the work of the Charity and who have paid any annual subscription laid down from time to time by the Executive Committee [presently set at zero], and
- any body corporate or unincorporated association which is interested in furthering the Charity's work and has paid any annual subscription [presently set at zero] [any such body being called in this constitution a 'member organisation']

Individual members include those who by their presence at meetings or in other ways demonstrate their interest in furthering the work of the charity. Member organisations include:

Bury Christian Fellowship

Radcliffe United Reformed Church

St. Thomas and St. John's Church, Radcliffe

Tottington Methodist church

Trustee selection methods:

Trustees are elected or re-elected annually at the Annual General Meeting held in Spring each year

Additional governance issues:

- All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits. Agreed expenses incurred are reimbursed.
- In accordance with its Constitution, Porch Boxes co-operates with other agencies locally where they are undertaking work similar to that of Porch Boxes.
- Porch Boxes representatives have attended and are willing to attend meetings and forums as required in order to share information relevant to our users and those with a shared interest in countering food poverty.
- The Trustees have identified major risks to the achievement of the charity's objectives and have put in place insurance, policies or practices to seek to avoid the objectives of the charity being frustrated. Policies include Diversity, Equal Opportunities, Health and Safety, Safeguarding, Confidentiality and Support, Supervision and Training of Volunteers.

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of Porch Boxes set out in the Constitution:

The Charity's objects are the relief of poverty and distress primarily amongst people living in the Bury and Rochdale Metropolitan Boroughs in particular but not exclusively by the provision of food, toiletries and other essential goods.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects:

In planning the activities for the year, the Trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at meetings of the Management Committee.

We continued to promote our service with agencies working with vulnerable people in the areas indicated by our Constitution. We do not turn down occasional requests for assistance from contacts within the Metropolitan Boroughs of Oldham, Bolton, Stockport, Blackburn with Darwen and Rossendale, and the Cities of Manchester and Salford. New agencies were provided with service on request. Our service is available to everyone who falls within our charitable objective, i.e. all vulnerable people in crisis need. Grant applications are made when appropriate.

Operations were massively supported by gifts in kind. The work of the charity is publicised amongst community groups such as Churches and schools whenever possible. Our website has proved to be an invaluable path for many agencies, community groups and others to learn of our work and offer support as financial donors, by offering gifts in-kind, and by volunteering. An on-line donation and gift-aiding capability is available.

A great contribution is made by volunteers who serve as Trustees, as packers, as deliverers of packs, as people who collect donations in kind, as publicists in various ways, as fundraisers and as administrators. We thank all these people, without whom there would be no "Porch Boxes".

We are increasingly being asked to support individuals in crisis need directly, we have experienced a growing number of telephone requests from such people. This seems to indicate that there is a need for a direct access service in addition to what we already provide.

We have developed an advice sheet to direct enquirers to partner organisations who do hold Porch Boxes packs. Such partners include local churches, CAB, libraries within the Bury Library Service and Bury Council Community Support Fund.

Additional details of objectives and activities

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year:

The following section sets out the Trustees' assessment of the achievement of the charity this year, having regard to targets set.

Overall numerical targets were met. The referral agencies through which we support vulnerable people in crisis need continue to report a very high degree of satisfaction with the service provided. In particular, they continue to report that Porch Boxes makes a huge difference in the lives of their clients.

Porch Boxes supports many agencies, and assists them in meeting their own objectives. Thus assisting thus in encouraging healthy lifestyles, returning vulnerable people to sustainable lifestyles, preventing crime, reducing dependence on drugs and alcohol and avoiding destitution.

Porch Boxes provides an outlet for the spontaneous urge of many in the community to help those less fortunate than themselves. It also provides opportunities for adults with learning disabilities to make a real contribution to society.

Throughout the year, Porch Boxes has continued to work closely with other groups who are planning and working to support local vulnerable people in crisis need, including the Bury MBC Library Service, the Caritas Centre Bury, and Bury MBC's Bury Support Fund and Freedom Church Foodbank.

The new website is proving valuable and the Trustees are grateful for the work that goes into maintaining this.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves:

Our reserve policy is simply to maintain sufficient cash flow for known commitments. Our current balance would enable the charity to pay the rent, purchase items for crisis packs and volunteer expenses for a period of at least the next two years. This is based on current spending

Details of any funds materially in deficit:

Not applicable

Further financial review details:

The Accounts for 2016 are included in this Report. They have been scrutinised by an Independent Examiner, whose signature is held on the original documents.

Further comments on the finances of the charity are included as notes to the Accounts, and a commentary in the Assessment of Achievement section of this Report. Those making financial gifts are listed in the Thanks section of this Report (although individual donors are not named there).

Assessment of achievement

The Trustees have established a number of measures to assess the success of Porch Boxes' service. Those measures and our assessment against them are set out briefly.

Measure 1: Satisfaction with service provided to be assured, as expressed by referral agencies

- Unsolicited testimony to the importance of the work of the charity continues to be received.
- Communications with us bear testimony to the responsive nature of the service in providing what customers say they want. They also show that agencies are convinced that the contribution made by Porch Boxes to their work makes a real difference in the lives of their vulnerable clients.

Measure 2: Service to be at the agreed quantitative level, as a minimum

- The numerical target has been agreed as 400 crisis pack equivalents per month, having been increased from 200 CPEs per month in mid-2013.
- For the year under review, the target was met – the monthly average being 450 crisis pack-equivalents which is a slight increase on last year. A monthly output of over 400 CPEs was achieved on five occasions.
- As in recent years, some of the packs are collected by the referral agencies for which we are grateful.
- We are also grateful to the Porch Boxes volunteer drivers.
- Monthly deliveries/collections are shown in the chart.

All units are crisis-pack-equivalents							
Month	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jan	161	110	145	204	359	410	420
Feb	141	134	88	210	238	369	331
Mar	119	217	302	296	517	364	478
Apr	205	123	269	319	316	397	333
May	96	123	155	224	447	392	389
Jun	139	138	169	373	282	324	305
Jul	291	172	194	359	388	446	353
Aug	152	113	114	253	224	304	391
Sep	162	143	81	332	305	386	399
Oct	425	207	312	543	415	323	477
Nov	318	182	275	553	318	319	534
Dec	517	344	606	1060	924	1076	985
Monthly average	227	167	226	394	394	426	450
Target	200	200	200	200	400*	400	400

*Trustees agreed in mid-year to move towards an increased rate of supply of packs

As well as the bare statistics given in the table above, these additional figures add a little colour:

- At Christmas 2016, toys were given to over **100** families, with food also going to each of them.
- At Christmas 2016, too, a further **188** families received Christmas food hampers and **205** individuals received Christmas food bags
- In December we also received cash and numerous Christmas food donations which ensured our Christmas hampers were exceptional this year. Including some very thoughtful reverse advent calendars from local families and businesses.
- During the last days before Christmas day we also received numerous donations of toys which other agencies did not have use for. So we now have a stock of toys which we will ensure reach appropriate children and families throughout this year.
- At Easter 2016, donations of Easter eggs were given to local families.

Measure 3: Budget to be established and met

- A budget has been established for 2016 as shown in the Accounts section. Expenditure will be undertaken against that budget.
- We are very grateful again this year for the very generous level of financial support we have received by way of donations from both individuals and corporate bodies. Once again we would like to record the link with Bury Council and the work with the Bury Support Fund.

Information from agencies:

We always ask our agency users for the reasons why their client needs a box from us. This allows us to try and understand the reasons and trends behind the food poverty issue in our locality. Here are the main reasons:

- ‘sofa surfing’ and ‘rough sleeping’
- moving to managed accommodation causing delays in establishing benefits
- moving to independent living with delays in establishing benefits
- destitute asylum seekers with no recourse to public funds
- DWP delays following change of circumstance appeals
- Running out of money/ inability to budget and manage income and insufficient income to make ends meet.
- Illness and bereavements
- Addiction issues
- fleeing difficult home circumstances
- DWP benefits sanctions/suspension or disallowance

Comments from agencies

This year we have had so many responses from our user agencies and individuals that we have prepared a separate document for this.

Thoughts from our volunteers

As a new volunteer I'm thoroughly enjoying my involvement with Porch Boxes. I heard of the project through my church where we collect goods every week which are then distributed by the project to people in need in & around Bury. Listening to Julia talk at church about how people value the packages they receive made me want to be part of the project.

Since I volunteered I've mostly been involved in checking sell by dates on incoming goods & stacking them on shelves. The volunteer group does this for 2 hours, one morning a week. I've also helped to make packages up for delivery & on occasion taken a delivery - an enjoyable adventure! There is a friendly atmosphere & the group pull together as a team to make sure the job gets done. I find the time flies by but it's always it's good to get together for a brew afterwards. **Diane**

I got involved post-retirement as part of wish to continue to contribute usefully in local community. I enjoy the enjoy satisfaction of making a difference to vulnerable lives. I enjoy the atmosphere working with fellow volunteers **Andy**

Volunteering for Porch Boxes started with a sadness at the plight of the homeless. I had spent a couple of years delivering Porch Box donations from my church to the pick up point. When the pick up point changed I ended up delivering our church donations to the warehouse and was pleased to be able to go a step further and enjoy unpacking and shelving.

Being a volunteer gives me a purpose and working with a dedicated team is a good way to spend a morning and gives me a feeling of being a useful member of my community. **Carol**

Well apart from it being fun working with a great bunch of people, I do it to give a little something back. I look in my fridge and freezer some days and wonder what we can have for tea, not because of the limited options, but quite the opposite. We have so much, but I remember what it was like many years ago when there was just too much month left at the end of the wage! **Steve**

Volunteering with Porch Boxes is great. It can be hard work on Wednesday mornings at Bradley Fold but the fantastic team gets stuck in to sorting, packing and delivering with energy and good humour.

The Wednesday session is only part of the work. There are other volunteers at the store in Bridge Methodist Church, and volunteers are busy with Porch tasks every day of the week. **David**

Thanks 2016

Our thanks go to all those many people and organisations who have given gifts of help, food, goods or money. These include;

Ainsworth Methodist Church
All Saints Church, Elton
All Saints Church, Stand
All Saints Church, Brandlesholme
All Saints C.E. Primary School Whitefield
Asda Bury Markerside
Asda Radcliffe
Asda Pilsworth
Asda Foundation
Bolton Road Methodist Church, Bury
Brandlesholme Methodist Church
Bridge Methodist Church, Radcliffe
Bury Christian Fellowship
Bury Fostering team – Social Care
Bury Grammar School for Boys
Bury Library Service [donation drop offs]
Bury Parish Church
Butterstile Community Primary School
Cams Lane Community Primary School, Radcliffe
Capita/O2 Durers Lane
Christians Against Poverty CAP
Chantlers Community Primary School & Pre-School
Chesham Community Primary School, Bury
Christ Church, Ainsworth
Christ Church Baptist/Methodist
Christ Church Church of England Primary School, Ainsworth
Christ Church Church of England Primary School, Walshaw
Christ Church, Ramsbottom
Christ Church, Walmersley
Christ Church, Walshaw
Close Methodist Church, Radcliffe
Co-operative Store – Mile Lane
Co-operative Store – Ainsworth Road
Co-operative Store – Unsworth Pole
Dundee United Reformed Church
Educare for Early Years Walshaw Road Bury
Educare For Early Years Radcliffe
Elton Community Primary School, Bury
Emmanuel Church, Holcombe
Fairfield Community Primary School
Fletcher Socks
Greenhill Community Primary School
Greenmount Community Primary School

Guardian Angels RC Primary School
 Harwood Meadows Primary School Bolton
 Hazelhurst County Primary School
 Heaton Park Methodist church
 Heaton Park Community Primary School
 Holcombe Brook Methodist Church
 Holcombe and Hawkshaw Parish
 Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School, Bury
 Holy Cross College Bury
 Hollymount RC Primary School
 Individuals: a number of individuals gave gifts, some anonymously
 Jericho Methodist Church
 Kids Planet Nursery – Prestwich
 Labour Group of Bury MBC
 Ladybird Nursery Ramsbottom
 Lowercroft Primary School
 Millwood Primary Special School, Radcliffe
 Millenium Care Homes Group
 New Jerusalem Church Radcliffe
 Old Hall Community Primary School
 Parish of Kirklees Valley
 Parrenthorn High School, Prestwich
 Pennine Care Teams NHS Various
 Prestwich Job Centre
 Prestwich Methodist Church
 Radcliffe Leisure Centre - staff
 Radcliffe Hall CE/Methodist Primary School Radcliffe
 Roger and Glennys Nicholls
 - Necklace Sale
 - Pre Christmas Lunch
 Sri Sathyasai Charitable Organisation
 St Andrew's Church of England Primary School, Ramsbottom
 St Andrew's and St. Philips Churches, Ramsbottom/Stubbins
 St Andrew's Church, Hillock, Whitefield
 St George's Church, Unsworth
 St Hilda's Church Prestwich
 St. John's Church Seedfield
 St James Parish Church Woolfold
 St John the Baptist Church Bircle
 St John's Church of England Primary School, Radcliffe
 St John with St Mark Church of England Primary School Bury
 St Margaret's Church, Prestwich
 St Marie's Roman Catholic Primary School, Bury
 St Mary's Church, Hawkshaw
 St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Hawkshaw
 St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Prestwich
 St. Mary's Church Radcliffe
 St Mary's Church, Prestwich
 St Luke's Church of England Primary School, Bury

St Paul's Church of England Primary School, Bury
St Peter's Church, Bury
St Peter's Church of England Primary School, Bury
St. Philips Church Stubbins
St Stephen's Church, Elton, Bury
St Stephen's Church of England Primary School, Bury
St Thomas and St John's Church, Radcliffe
St Thomas's Church, Bury
St Thomas's Church of England Primary School, Bury
Summerseat Methodist Primary School
Summerseat Methodist Church
Sunny Bank Community Primary School, Bury
Tottington Methodist Church
Tottington Primary School
Trinity Baptist Church
United Reformed Church, Radcliffe
United Reformed Church, Bury
United Reformed Church, Stand
Wesley Methodist Primary School & Church, Radcliffe
Whitefield Methodist Church
Woodbank Community Primary School

Additional Donors Christmas 2016

Argos Store Bury
Asda Pilsworth
Asda Radcliffe
Asda Marketside
Bury College
Clough & Willis Solicitors Bury
Community Stroke Team Fairfield Hospital
Co-op Group Manchester
Co-op - Unsworth Pole
Engie Uk & Matthew Atterton
Garden City Medical Centre Holcombe Brook
Holy Cross College
Labour Councillors
Our Lady Of Lourdes School & Church
NHS Bury CCG Bury
Prestwich Job Centre
Prestwich Methodist Church
Prestwich Medical Centre
Radcliffe Leisure Centre
Sayers Cake Shop Little Lever
Springs Community Centre
The Hare and Hounds Pub Radcliffe
The Cutting Room Hairdressers Ramsbottom

Walker Sime
Wilde Accountants Radcliffe

Individual Christmas Donations 2016

Adam Rhoden
Adrian Smith
Alan Thew - St. Peter's Church
Family of late Cynthia Brien
Gabriel
Steven Allcok
Katie Tattersall & son
Claire Harris & John Harris
Harry & Christine Brennan
John Harrison
Jade Dutton
Caroline O'Donnell
Yvonne Foster
Katherine Simpson
James Ager
Chedia Varden

Note

In addition there are many individuals who just leave donations with us and no names.

Also some donations are collected at the various libraries in the Borough and we do not always have records of who these donors are

Referral agencies

We have provided packs to the following agencies during 2016.

Bury Metropolitan Borough

Access and Crisis Team (Mental Health), Fairfield Hospital
Action For Children Kay St.
Adullam Floating Support, Bury
Bail Support - Bass Stonham
Bethany Project (Adullam Homes)
Bolton Road Methodist Church
Bury Out of hours Emergency Social Care Team Bradley Fold
Bury Drug and Alcohol Team One Recovery
Bury MBC, housing Resettlement Team, Town Hall
Bury MBC, Adult Services (Social Care)
Bury MBC, Bury Support Fund
Bury MBC, Children's Disability Team
Bury MBC, Children's Services Advice and Assessment
Bury MBC, Children's Services, Early Help Team
Bury MBC, Children's Services Safeguarding Team
Bury MBC, Community Mental Health Team Humphrey House
Bury MBC, Education Department, Parent Support Advisers
Bury MBC, Library Service [various]
Bury MBC, School Attendance Team
Bury MBC, Social Services Textile Hall
Bury MBC, CLAS
Bury MBC Rough Sleepers Audit via Freedom Church
Bury Rough Sleepers Project, Calico Enterprise Ltd
Bury & Rochdale Youth Offending Team
Butterstile Children's Centre, Prestwich
Bury Care Leavers [The Extra Mile]
Calico Floating Support Housing
Caritas Centre, Bury (with The Red Door)
Catlecroft House [Bury young People]
Chesham Children's Centre - Bury East
Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Radcliffe
Communic8te Bury
Contour Housing, Whitefield & Bolton
Creative Support Limited, Ormrod Court
Creative Support , Market Street Bury
Creative Living Centre
Eagles Wing Refugee and Asylum Support @ Mosses Centre
Early Break, Radcliffe
Early Break [Holding Families]
Eastward Community Primary School
Ellen Court, Radcliffe, Great Places Housing Group

Greater Manchester Probation Service, Bury
Health Visitor Teams, Community Nursery Nurses throughout the Borough
Healthy Minds, Bury
Homestart
Home Treatment Team, Irwell Unit, Fairfield Hospital
Housing Link, The - Bury
Housing Link, The – Radcliffe
Igneus Kay St. Bury
Little Oaks Children’s Centre - Bury East
Military Vets, IAPT NHS Pennine Care
Milltown House
NHS Pennine Trust, Moorgate Diabetic Nurses
PCSO’s Bury
Pennine care - Nursing Teams, Family Practitioners and Health Visitors Various
Praxis Care, Bury
Prestwich Jobcentre
Prestwich Children’s Centre
Princes Trust Bury
Project Nova [Military veterans]
Rachel House (Barnardos)
Radcliffe Works
Radcliffe Children’s Centres
Radcliffe Primary Care Centre Health visitors
Ramsbottom GP’s
Redvales Children’s Centre [Bury East]
Richmond Fellowship Radcliffe
SCIL Team, Troubled Families Project
Six Town Housing, Tenancy Sustainment
Six Town Housing, Winter Warmer Packs
St. Margaret’s Church Prestwich
St Mary’s Church, Radcliffe
St Thomas and St John’s Church, Radcliffe
Starting Fresh
Standguide, Bury
Stepping Stones Children’s Centre
Streetwise 2000
Team Oasis
The Work Company, Bury
Tottington Methodist Church
Victim Support
Women’s Housing Action Group, Bury
Whitefield Children’s Centre
Women Of Worth
Woodbank with Elton Children’s Centre
Working Well Kay St.

Rochdale Metropolitan Borough

Gabriel Court Rochdale (Barnardos)
Kirkholt Drop-In Centre
Langley Children's Centre
Leopold Court
Rochdale MBC, Children in Care Team
Rochdale MBC, Social Services, Young People's Support Team
Rochdale and Oldham Probation Service
Stepping Stones – Floating Support Service- St. Chad's Rochdale
Stepping Stones, Ashburn House - Heywood
Stepping Stones, Redfern House Rochdale
Stepping Stones, Parkside – Middleton
Turning Point – Westcliffe House
Women's Housing Action Group, Rochdale (Refuge, Rose Court and Tenancy Support)

Elsewhere

African and Caribbean Mental Health Services Manchester Team
Blackburn & Darwen District Without Abuse [BDDWA]
Bolton Guild of Help
Bolton Homeless Welfare Bolton Town Hall
Bolton Hub
Bolton Night Stay (Bolton Young People's Housing)
Bolton money Skills
Bolton Social Services, Homelessness Unit, Benjamin Court
Brothers of Charity
City Heart
Fortalice – Lewis House Bolton
Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit
Lucas Project, Bolton (Bolton Young People's Housing)
Muamba House, Bolton
North Manchester General Hospital Home Nursing
Out There (supporting families of prisoners), Hulme
PFD Project Front Door Bolton (Bolton Young People's Housing)
Refugee Action
Rochdale Road, Bolton Caritas
Rossendale Borough Housing
Royal Bolton Hospital Chaplaincy
Sarah Lodge Bolton
Support Initiatives North West [Southport Base]

PORCH BOXES
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR 1st JANUARY 2016 TO 31st DECEMBER 2016

[All funds are restricted]

Item	2016	2015 (for comparison)	2017 Budget
		INCOME	
Grants			10000.00
Bury Council	0.00	20000.00	
Donations			5000.00
Individual Donations	1121.75	2980.79	
Radcliffe United Reformed Church	56.17	119.75	
Kirklees Valley	120.00	200.00	
Bury Christian Fellowship	500.04	500.04	
Bolton Road Methodist Church	0.00	68.97	
Radcliffe Childrens Centres	0.00	45.00	
Christ Church Baptist/Methodist	167.42	432.88	
Roger & Glennys Nicholls			
- Necklace Sale	25.00	0.00	
- Pre Christmas Lunch	25.00	60.00	
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	45.00	296.34	
DRM Industrial Fabrics	0.00	200.00	
Courteeners	0.00	500.00	
Egerton Lodge 1392	0.00	250.00	
Christchurch Ainsworth Cubs	0.00	5.87	
All Saints Stand	450.00	494.22	
Soroptimist International	0.00	75.00	
Chantlers Primary School	0.00	207.49	
Bury Lions	0.00	50.00	
TSB Radcliffe	0.00	100.00	
ASDA Foundation	50.00	0.00	
Holy Cross College	284.20	0.00	
Parish of Holcombe & Hawkshaw	141.00	0.00	
St George's Church Unsworth	300.00	0.00	
Holcombe Brook Methodist	300.00	0.00	
Fletcher (Socks)	400.00	0.00	
Whitefield Methodist	50.00	0.00	
CAP Radcliffe	150.00	0.00	
TOTAL	4185.58	26614.81	15000.00
		EXPENDITURE	
Purchase of Items for Packs	15102.47	8967.20	11500.00
Insurance	555.35	497.83	550.00
Postage/Stationery etc	16.80	93.60	150.00
Mileage & Travel Costs	42.18	69.96	425.00
Charity Checkout Subscription	115.20	115.20	125.00
Rent	2100.00	2100.00	2100.00
Contingency/Sundries	265.72	39.20	150.00
TOTAL	18197.72	11882.99	15000.00
NET DEFICIT	[14012.14]	14731.82	

**PORCH BOXES
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR 1st JANUARY 2016 TO 31st DECEMBER 2016**

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

	2016	2015 [for comparison]
	£	£
Brought Forward	44768.46	30036.64
Net Surplus [Deficit]	[14012.14]	14731.82
Carried Forward	30756.32	44768.46

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

1. Routine provision of crisis pack contents and the provision of volunteer effort are of a non-monetary value and do not therefore show in the accounts either as income or expenditure.

Original Signed by Michael Perrin Treasurer

Date 1st February 2017

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Porch Boxes

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2016.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees 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 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- * examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- * to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- * to 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 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 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
- * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and 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.

Original signed by H Baxter

Relevant professional qualification or body: None

Date: 10th February 2017

STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity Law requires the trustees of the Management Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs for that Charity, and of the results 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
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonably prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on the 'going concern' basis unless it is inappropriate to presume this charity will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for:

- Keeping proper accounting records which 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 1993.
- The safeguarding of the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and detection of other irregularities.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Michael Perrin
Treasurer



Julia Rowlands
Chair

February 2017