



## Treasurer's Report for Routes to Roots AGM 2013

Following this report you will find the unaudited Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities for Routes to Roots for the year ended 31 March 2013, showing a £12,743 deficit of payments over receipts. However, this deficit does not take into account income due from BCHA for the final quarter of 2012/13, gift aid due from HMRC and some payments for 2013/14 made in advance. If these adjustments are made the deficit figure is £4,990.

We hope that Mike Bilson will agree to audit these for us again. The accounts will be lodged with the Charities Commission as part of our Annual Return by January 2014.

I am pleased to report that both our general and restricted donations income has continued to increase with significant donations from schools, churches, businesses and individuals. Although we were late claiming gift aid this year, this also makes a significant difference so please consider this if you are a tax payer. Many churches, schools, businesses and individuals have also raised funds for us. Thank you to everyone involved.

Individual membership subscription has also increased, as has church and organisation membership. I hope everyone will renew their membership and please, continue to encourage your church or business to sign up if they aren't already a member. Remember we can come out and tell the story of Routes to Roots and the difference we make if they'd like to find out more.

Other important sources of funding were grants from Greggs and Dorset County Council and of course the joint POST contract with BCHA from the Borough of Poole.

Operating costs have increased this year, partly due to normal inflation effects but also because of an increase in clients.

Over half our funds are spent on staff and management services, but we couldn't support our clients effectively without them. We would also be unable to operate without our army of volunteers who donate their time and all the businesses and individuals who generously donate food, clothing, scarves, sleeping bags etc. Thank you to everyone.

The future continues to be uncertain with the end of the POST contract in March 2014. We hope to continue working with BCHA but must wait for Council decisions.

It costs about £75,000 to fund our work and we continue to step out in faith that God will provide. We still would like to find a permanent home and have set aside £23,799 towards that.

I would like to put on record my appreciation for all of the hard work undertaken by Caroline Foy in maintaining the books for Routes to Roots this year

*Sarah Percy*

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**Treasurer & Trustee**  
**May 2013**