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## Treasurer's Report for Routes to Roots AGM 2012

Along with this report are the unaudited Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities for Routes to Roots for the year ended 31 March 2012, showing a £4,538 excess of receipts over payments. Mike Bilson has agreed to audit these for us again. The accounts will be lodged with the Charities Commission as part of our Annual Return by January 2013.

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. Many churches, schools, businesses and individuals have also raised funds for us. Thank you to everyone involved.

Individual membership subscription and church and organisation membership have both increased over last year. As usual I would encourage all members to renew their subscription and see if they can sign a friend up. Please also encourage your church or business to sign up if they aren't already a member.

Other important sources of funding were Gift Aid on donations, grants of Seedbed funding from Bridging Communities and of course the joint POST contract with BCHA from the Borough of Poole.

The decrease in operating costs compared with last year is mainly due to not having a support manager from July. Instead we decided to contract for General Manager services for 6 months and this has proved such a success that we decided to renew the contract.

Food costs have of course increased, and costs of renting the hall and the office have also increased to cover increased costs of electricity and heating.

Again we start the 2012/13 financial year in an uncertain position. The POST contract is due to end in November and we are currently uncertain what will happen then. I estimate that it will cost about £64,000 to continue all our current work, and without the POST contract and additional sources of funding we will start eating into our reserves.

However we continue to step out in faith that God will provide and have allocated £23,799 of our reserves towards finding a permanent home for Routes to Roots. Routes to Roots needs to continue to draw on local support for its work. If you are aware of any potential new sources of funding, please let me or one of the other members of the Executive Committee have details.

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*  
**Treasurer, Routes to Roots**  
May 2012



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## Secretary's Report to AGM 2012

### Membership

I am pleased to report that our membership now stands at 64 individuals and 17 churches or organisations, which is a substantial increase from last year (30% and 70% respectively). This is in contrast to last year when the membership number remained static. However we will continue in our efforts to recruit more members and in particular we would like to have more church membership. Although many of our local churches are represented through individual members, we wish to encourage as many churches as possible to take out membership and be more pro-active in their involvement.

I would also mention our volunteers, around eighty in number, some of whom are paid-up members, but all of whom donate in kind, with each hour worked.

### Changes to the Organisational Structure of R2R

Further to last year's report on changing the Organisational Structure of Routes to Roots, I can report that we are in the process of setting up and registering as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO"), according to the Charities Act 2011, which came into effect on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2012. We are required to transfer all our existing workings to the new CIO. Once established there will be a few changes in the way that Trustees serve and are re-elected, and this will provide a greater stability to Routes to Roots.

### Administration

Having taken over as Acting Honorary Secretary from the beginning of this year, I would like to thank Gabi for all her help and advice, particularly in preparing for this AGM and many thanks also go to Caroline, our Administrator, for assisting with preparation, collating and mailing of the AGM documentation.

Ann Tyson  
Acting Hon Secretary  
Routes to Roots

May 2012