

**Business Alpha Edinburgh**

**Financial statements  
for the period ended 30 June 2003**

# Business Alpha Edinburgh

## Trustees report

### Vision

We exist to help business professionals consider what life is really about, look at the claims of Christianity and know Jesus. We do this by making ourselves available and offering an attractive city centre environment where guests can participate in the Business Alpha course, make some Christian friends among people from similar business backgrounds and then participate in an optional follow-up course. The aim is to help each guest eventually develop a church connection.

### Objectives

'To know Christ and make Him known'

We are an interim, transitional, facilitating, evangelistic expression of the wider Church. We exist to foster a network of Christians and to create an environment in which seekers in the business community can learn about the claims of Christianity and can grow in personal faith, both on the Business Alpha course and in follow-up groups.

We seek to serve the business community in Edinburgh, particularly 'pre-believers' looking into the spiritual dimension of life, young Christians and also Christians questioning their faith.

We deliver the Alpha course, tailored to fit into a lunchtime city-centre business setting. We subsequently nurture guests in follow-up courses, notably 'A Life Worth Living'.

We befriend those who come into our environment, seeking to nurture their spiritual growth and, over time, to help them find their way into a local church – whether near their home or near their place of work.

### Structure and responsibilities

A charitable trust (the Trust) has been created to operate Business Alpha Edinburgh. Six trustees from across the business community have been appointed to oversee the Trust. The financing of the Trust is principally undertaken by private benefactors and support has also been provided by OASIS Edinburgh, Macdonald Hotels and Viewforth Parish Church.



Iain Archibald (Trustee)



Alison Anderson (Treasurer)

4 July 2003

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## Income and expenditure account For the period ending 30 June 2003

	Notes	15 months ended 30 June 2003 £
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	3	6,141
Open plate donations	3	7,849
Gift aid reclaimable	6	1,101
<b>Total income</b>		<b><u>15,091</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Guest expenses	4	10,000
Marketing and support costs	5	3,398
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b><u>13,398</u></b>
<b>Surplus for the period</b>		<b><u>1,693</u></b>

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Balance sheet  
As at 30 June 2003

	Notes	30 June 2003 £
<b>Current assets</b>		
Gift aid recoverable	6	196
Current bank account		1,499
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>1,695</u>
<b>Funds – unrestricted</b>		
Trust capital		2
Surplus for the period		1,693
		<u>1,695</u>

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## Notes to the financial statements For the period ending 30 June 2003

### 1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been drawn up for the period to 30 June 2003 to provide an indication of the progress the Trust has made since inception at 1 April 2002.

These financial statements have been prepared by the Treasurer and are not subject to audit.

The principal accounting policies are as follows:

#### *Accounting bases*

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 2 (Accounting for Charities) and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 1992.

- The Income and Expenditure Account sets out fully the Trust's activities;
- Since the Trust has no separate funds, no separate Statement of Financial Activities is presented; and
- Since the Trust is not a large charity, no Cashflow Statement is presented.

#### *Income and expenditure*

Income and expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, except for income from appeals and donations which is accounted for when received.

### 2. Trustees' expenses

No expenses were reimbursed to trustees during the year.

### 3. Donations (including open plate donations)

The Trust is financed principally by private benefactors and 'open plate' donations made each lunchtime of the course.

### 4. Guest expenses

Guest expenses comprise the accommodation and catering costs of the courses.

### 5. Marketing and support costs

Marketing and support costs comprise costs of producing posters, flyers and newsletters to promote the courses.

**6. Gift aid recoverable**

We recover Gift Aid from the Inland Revenue on all applicable donations after each course.