



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2023		31	12	2023

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name The Cross And Stable Church and Community Centre for Downs Barn and Downhead Park

Other names charity is known by Cross and Stable Church and Community Centre

Registered charity number (if any) 1017685

Charity's principal address

1 Stable Yard
Downs Barn
Milton Keynes
Postcode MK14 7RZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Paul Smith	Chair		By virtue of office as Minister of the Church
2	Ric Brackenbury	Secretary		Milton Keynes City Council
3	Chris Pooley			Cross and Stable Church
4	Mike Morris			Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership
5	Trevor Heale			Great Linford Parish Council
6	Paul Trendall			Milton Keynes City Council

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Charity Trust Deed dated 18th January 1993
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Nominated as per section 7 of the Charity Trust Deed.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Day to day running of the church and community centre is delegated to the management committee, with the trustees providing oversight and direction only where required.

2023 saw sustained use of the church and community centre, with bookings returning to pre-pandemic levels. The centre is now being run on a more sustainable basis with a part time bookings clerk in post to manage day to day administration instead of relying on a small core volunteer group, many of whom still serve faithfully on the management committee.

Following the loss in 2022, 2023 saw a significant surplus, due to a grant received from the Cross and Stable charities. This was to fund significant renovations, principally external renovation, replacement patio doors, and electrical work on the Centre.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Overall control of the Cross and Stable Church and Community Centre for Downs Barn and Downhead Park, Milton Keynes; via a Management Committee, for the benefit of the local and wider community.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Upkeep and managing regular and ad-hoc bookings for the church and community centre.

Section D Achievements and performance

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Provision of community facilities for church and community user groups throughout the year.

With long-term renovations made, and a part time bookings officer now in place, significant work has been done ensuring the sustainability of the centre and reducing pressures on key volunteers.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Management Committee has agreed that we should never hold less than £10,000 in current funds; this would be to cover a replacement boiler should the need arise. This is currently exceeded by some margin.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

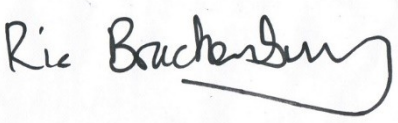
Section F

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Ric Brackenbury

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

27/10/2024

Cross and Stable Management Committee

Ac to 31/12/23

Income and Expenditure from 1st January 2023 to 31/12/2023

printed

12-Oct-24

2021	2,022		2023		2021	2,022		2023
£	£	Income	£		£	£	Expenditure	£
		Rent		owe to end Octobr				
4,025	4,200.00	Sun Church	4,130.00		4,152	4,544.00	Cleaning Anita	4,620.00
990	1,530.00	Sun World of Grace	1,659.00		790	780.00	Window cleaning - 4 weekly	660.00
1,398	2,182.00	Sun Winning Souls	2,192.40		2,557	1,888.00	Ground Maintenance 50 Blades	2,207.00
2,872	1,760.00	M-Fri Mini Professors					Floor	
1,802	2,690.00	closed Centre Stage UK	2,859.60		-	3,478.37	Bookings Officer Brad	3,646.43
		Mon Forward in Faith			828	4,392.70	General Building Cost See Notes	9,257.02
132	60.00	Tues Cairo Cats	66.00		1,365	1,437.58	Insurance Ecclesiastical	1,515.73
352	1,306.25	Thurs U3A Monday Dance	1,336.50		219	591.87	Water Anglia	385.05
330	1,012.00	Tues U3A Tuesday Choir	1,020.80		667	1,055.55	Electric Total Power	1,824.83
		W/Fr					Late Deposit refund	
988	1,300.00	Wed Weight Watchers	1,445.00		2,031	3,053.03	Gas Total Power	7,800.20
		Jumma Prayers	370.50		550	590.96	Phones BT	605.39
		Gamblers Anon			96	31.75	Bank charges	60.00
900	1,734.00	Fri Yoga was Yapsley Trainig	1,271.70		-		alarms	
		Yoga - (Karen Noon)	1,093.40		-		Boiler	
1,218	1,029.00	Great Linford Parish	1,092.00			28,361.76	Renovation	
							Write offs	
2,556	3,674.78	Casual Bookings	4,942.60					
17,563	22,550.03		23,479.50					
		Current Account Interest						
4	330.87	CCLA Deposit Acc Interest	1,032.49					
		Insurance Claim cf £860 in Bld Fd						
		Telephone from Pre-school						
2,669.96	2,678.26	FIT Receipts (Solar Panels)	4,011.53					
	425.00	Fund Raising - Grant	16,000.00					
		Unclaimed deposits						
		Confiscated deposits						
20,237	25,984.16	General Fund	44,523.52		13,256	50,205.57	General Fund	32,581.65
		Building Fund Restr.					Net General fund - 4,058.13	
		Building Fund GRANT					Building Fund Restricted	
		Bell Fund Visiting Bell Ringers					Designated	
20,237	25,984.16		44,523.52				Bell Fund Transfer to Ch	
					0	13,256	50,205.57	32,581.65
					6,981	-	24,221	GAIN (- Loss) 11,941.87
Fund Balances					Bank Balances			
31/12/2021	31/12/2022	Surplus/Deficit	31/12/2023		31/12/2021	31/12/2022	Change	31/12/2023
48,039	23,393	General Fund	11,941.87	35,334.77	17,372	21,691.65	CafCash Account - 8,600.32	13,091.33
100	525	Building F Restr.		525.00	31,779	32,088.76	CCLA Account - 8,990.54	23,098.22
to general fund	to general fund	Building F Desig	to general fund	to general fund	- 1,080	- 800.00	Deposits 160.00	640.00
returned to ch	returned to ch	Bell Fund Desig		returned to ch				
					42	- 29,083.51	D & Cred/to be pstd 29,372.73	289.22
					27	21.00	Cash/unpresented -	21.00
48,139.31	23,918	Total	11,941.87	35,859.77	48,139	23,917.90	Total	11,941.87 35,859.77

Report of the Independent Examiner to Cross and Stable Church and Community Centre Management Committee

I report on the financial statements of the Management Committee for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out in the attached accounts

Respective responsibilities of the Management Committee and the Independent Examiner

As members of the management committee you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and s.144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) do not apply, and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to Examine the accounts under s. 145 of the Act to state any matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the management committee and a comparison of these accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosure 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 I do not express an Audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the charity's state of affairs as at the 31st December 2023 and its incoming resources and application of resources in the year then ended.

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 s. 130 of the Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act and the Regulations, have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



Nicholas Johnson

5th July 2024