



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

01 01 2024

To

Period end date

31 12 2024

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	To 17 th October 2024	By virtue of office as Minister of the Church
2	Rev Chi Okpala	Chair	From 17 th October 2024	By virtue of office as Minister of the Church
3	Ric Brackenbury	Secretary		Milton Keynes City Council
4	Paul Trendall		To 7 th October 2024	Milton Keynes City Council
5	Graham Eaton		From 17 th October 2024	Milton Keynes City Council
6	Chris Pooley			Cross and Stable Church
7	Mike Morris			Office of Stantonbury Ecumenical Moderator
8	Trevor Heale		To May 2024	Great Linford Parish 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 trustees providing oversight and direction only where required.

2024 saw the highest level of bookings and income since the COVID-19 pandemic. However casual bookings were lower than in previous years showing the importance of the regular users of the centre to the ability to maintain in good order.

A £6,000 grant from the separate Cross and Stable Charities (incorporating the on-site workshops) was agreed in year. This is for major works to sand and varnish the floor, refurb and flush out heating pipework, and for planned audio system upgrades.

Our bookings clerk is now managing bookings day to day; this increases the sustainability of the centre rather than relying on volunteers, and ensures a consistent service and point of contact for our users.

The charity has more than adequate reserves to remain a going concern.

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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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

Building work carried out in the year included re-surfacing the floor, fence repairs and boiler maintenance.

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.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

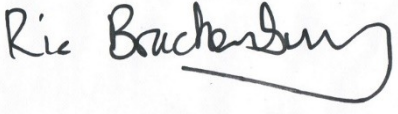
None. The accounts show a surplus in the 2024 calendar year.

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

02/10/2024

Cross and Stable Management Committee

Income and Expenditure from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

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2023		2024		2023		2024
	Income	£		Expenditure		£
	Rent		owed			
4,130	Sun Church	4,920.00		4,620	Cleaning	4,552.00
1,659	Sun World of Grace	1,905.00	175.00	660	Window cleaning - 4 weekly	720.00
2,192	Sun Winning Souls	2,209.20	356.40	2,207	Ground Maintenance 50 Blades	2,436.96
	M-Fri Mini Professors					
2,860	closed Centre Stage UK	2,915.00	1,130.00	9,257	General Running Costs	306.95
	Mon Forward in Faith			1,516	Insurance Ecclesiastical	1,538.23
1,021	Tues U3A Tuesday Choir	1,212.60	283.80	385	Water Anglia	583.30
66	Tues Cairo Cats	-		1,825	Electric Total Power	1,724.29
1,272	W/Fr Yoga	400.05		7,800	Gas Total Power	5,185.01
1,445	Wed Weight Watchers	1,530.00	360.00	605	Phones/Broadband BT	573.50
371	Thurs Friday Jumma Prayers	1,207.00		60	Bank charges	60.00
1,337	Thurs U3A Monday Dance	2,128.75	387.00		Late Deposit refund	
1,093	Fri Yoga	1,047.20			Alarms	
1,092	Great Linford Parish	1,180.80	590.40		Boiler	
4,543	Casual Bookings	3,289.80		3,646	Bookings Officer	2,659.49
23,080		23,945.40	3,282.60		Renovation	
16,000	Grants from Charities	6,000.00			Occasional Maintenance	
	Current Account Interest				Floor	3282.00
1,032	CCLA Deposit Acc Interest	1,205.92	-		Fence	1750.00
	Insurance Claim				Error	0.00
	Telephone from Pre-school				Boiler	2293.83
4,012	FIT Receipts (Solar Panels)	3,306.35			electrical	384.00
	Unclaimed deposits				Guttering etc	520.00
	Confiscated deposits					
44,123.52	General Fund	34,457.67		32,582	General Fund	28,569.56
	Building Fund Restr.				Building Fund	Restricted
	Building Fund GRANT					Designated
	Bell Fund Visiting Bell Ringers				Bell Fund	Transfer to Ch
44,123.52		34,457.67	3,282.60	32,582		28,569.56

11,542

GAIN (- Loss) 5,888.11

Fund Balances			
31/12/2023	Surplus/Deficit	31/12/2024	
34,935	General Fund	5,888.11	40,647.88
525	Restricted.		1,100.00
to general fund	Building F Desig	to general fund	to general fund
returned to ch	Bell Fund Desig	returned to ch	returned to ch
35,459.77	Total	5,888.11	41,747.88

Bank Balances			
31/12/2023	Change	31/12/2024	
13,091	CafCash Account	2,280.81	15,372.14
23,098	CCLA Account	1,183.44	24,281.66
640	Deposits	40.00	600.00
289	D & Cred/to be pstd	2,383.86	2,673.08
21	Cash/unpresented	-	21.00
35,859.77	Total	5,888.11	41,747.88

Report of the Independent Examiner to Cross and Stable Management Committee

I report on the financial statements of the Cross and Stable Management Committee for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out in the attached accounts.

Responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

As Trustees 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, do not apply and that an independent examination is sufficient.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Trustees and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosure in the accounts, and seeking explanation 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 at 31st December 2024 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 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records, to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, and to comply with accounting requirements, have not been met.

In my opinion there is no matter to which attention should be drawn in order to obtain a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Nicholas Johnson

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Date:

31 May 2025