



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

ST OSCAR ROMERO CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR

On accounts for the year
ended

31st July 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1053384

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/07/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

27/1/2026

Name:

Cheryl KIDD

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Treasurer for Friends of Great Ballard
and also Findon Swimming Club.

Address:

40 PECKHAM CHASE
EASTERGATE
PO20 3AR

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.08.24 Period start date To 31.7.25 Period end date

Charity name: ST OSCAR ROMERO CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR

Charity registration number: 1053384

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	TO advance the education of pupils in the school. Develop relationships between staff, parents & others associated with school.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	We run events during the year for school and the wider communities to raise funds for the school.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	

Additional Information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Fireworks</p> <p>Christmas fair</p> <p>Summer fair</p> <p>Bingo</p> <p>Charity 5K & 10KM</p> <p>Our events not only raise money for the school but bring the school & wider community together.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Good Financial Position
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Aim to keep £5000 in the bank account for any emergency & for putting on events.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	/
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	/
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	/

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charity Commission & Parent/Kind
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	AGM vote

Additional Information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	St Oscar Romero Catholic School For
Other name the charity uses	Friends of Romero (For)
Registered charity number	1053384
Charity's principal address	St Oscar Romero Catholic School Goring Street Goring BN25AF

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	Natalie Luke	Chair		
2	Cardyn Bwstow	Secretary		
3	Laura Hutt	Treasurer		
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Corporate trustees -- names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure**Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details**

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Natalie Luke	Carolyn Bristow
Full name(s)	Natalie Luke	CAROLYN BRISTOW
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	SECRETARY
Date	22.1.25	

Friends of Romero Accounts

August 24 - July 25

Receipt and payments for the year ending 31st July 2025

Income	£
Open Evening	195.32
Christmas Fair	7676.43
Bingo	1720.43
Romero Run	700.72
Sports Day	976.36
Summer Fair	9703.48
Fireworks	25337.82
Film Night	1625.26
Dance Showcase	18.41
Wrestling March	783.40
Wrestling December	947.98
Disco	854.20
Miscellaneous	894.49
Floats	14540.00
Romero Funding - mistake correction	3000.00
Other	
Tuck Shop	1671.05
Uniform	173.00
Your School Lottery	1232.90
Clothes Bank	259.40
Sundries	53.55
Assets	15.19
TOTAL	72379.39

Expenditure	£
Floats	14540.00
Donated to School	27183.16
Tuck Shop	1010.08
Sundries	1594.85
Assets	2869.97
Summer Fair	6236.02
Romero Run	483.08
Sports Day	824.15
Wrestling March	367.39
Wrestling Dec	331.09
Bingo	970.57
Disco	437.95
Film Night	601.46
Open Evening	24.90
Christmas Fair	2773.59
Fireworks	5001.84
Miscellaneous	1968.5
TOTAL	67218.60

START	8551.81
IN	72379.39
TOTAL	80931.20
OUT	67218.60
CLOSING BALANCE	13712.60



Friends of Romero

Annual General Meeting

Tues 16th September 2025 6pm

St Oscar Romero Staff Room

Action Items in red

Post Meeting notes in purple

Present: Natalie Luke; Carolyn Bristow; Chris Reed; Tabettha Loxley-Ellison; Gareth Easton; Kate Kelly; Pete Byrne; Natalie Oliver; Tina Ayre; Penny Scott-Andrews; Hayley Stamper; Nina Ghibaldan; Oana Patap; Patricia King; Caroline Delia; Tunde Szabo Laborcz; Sarah Bird, Michelle Ferris, Alice Lilley; Laura Hutt - joined part way due Flying Start Evening

Apologies: Laura Hutt; Robert Szabo Laborcz; Maxine Brunton; Andrea Chapman; Charlie Gray; Helen Hill; Alison Pope; Jenefer Gillam; Rachael Dines; Toni Lambert; Milly Martin; Debbie Coleman; Holly Shirley; Carly Groves; Sarah Pannell; Sally Worsfold; Trish Barnes; Emily Parker; Jayne Solly; Jenn Hutchinson; Gemma Faires; Allison Mahdi; Heather Calver; Anna Subedar

PB opened the meeting & AGM with a prayer.

Summer Fair 25 - update

NL reported profit from Summer Fair was £5,000. [2024 profit was £6900]

All reported Fair was quieter this year - due to being so hot. Still lots of visitors attending but due to heat. People had a look around and then left, to get out of the heat. The atmosphere was still amazing. Comments that we were competing with other events happening around Worthing. It's impossible to avoid this as so much going on throughout the Summer.

Raffle ticket sales much lower than 2024.

Entertainers were all great & good value for money. Bob, Town Crier, is great, everyone loves seeing him.

Live band, Electric Feel, was great. Interacted with the other performers and great entertainment.

New food choices - nachos & donuts - were a great addition to the BBQ.

BBQ team confirmed BBQ was quieter - less people buying. Queues were easier to manage.

Inflatables were quieter - possibly as they had to be put in the Sports Hall. Too hot for them to be outside. Inside was better than not having them but possibly people didn't see them - despite being clearly advertised.

Overall Summer Fair was a fantastic day, enjoyed by everyone who volunteered & all those who attended.

Forthcoming Events

Wrestling Fri 3rd October

This is a niche event but is quite popular. CB trying to push with school - 25% discount code issued for all school ticket sales.

Rob Noye will not be able to be in the Ring this year - due to a knee injury. Kapow are aware.

RN took the alias "The Teacher" - very popular with the audience.

RN has agreed to return as "The Teacher" but will not be able to do any wrestling.

RN

Please could all available members check volunteer sheet and choose where they would like to work

volunteersignup.org/XKAPC

Fireworks Fri 7th November

PB announced he would like Fireworks to include a Bonfire. This will be built and controlled by Andy Kyte & 3 Firemen friends. AK has all the necessary safety equipment including large portable water container.

AK

All agreed bonfire is traditional and a good addition but needs to be completely safe.

Discussion about having a guy. It was decided this was not suitable.

CB spoken with AK who confirms bonfire will only be possible if the weather conditions are suitable. High winds/wind direction will all be reviewed before going ahead.

NL/CB to liaise with Sean to confirm bonfire is in suitable position to go ahead with Fireworks

NL/CB

After Fireworks finish the event goes very flat - as everything is over. We have booked Electric Feel to perform again. They will do 2 sets - 1800 - 1845 and 1945 - 2030. Hope to encourage additional food/drinks sales - visitors will stay a bit longer.

Issues with BBQ last year. Sausages pre cooked in the kitchen, but due to lack of runners, couldn't get sausages out to the BBQ quickly enough. Many sausages were part cooked so had to be discarded. Need to organise dedicated runners in future.

Discussion around items to be cooked on BBQ: Do we need burgers, sausages & hot dogs?

Decided to simply cook burgers and hot dogs - no sausages. Vegan hot dogs to be available.

Use new hot dog steamer - hot dogs need to be warmed before they go into steamer - it's slow to heat from cold. Not a problem when warm.

Vegan hot dogs to go in a pan on the BBQ.

Do we need veggie burgers? We have never been asked for these & they take 15mins+ to cook. All felt The cooking delay was too long and we have vegan hot dogs, nachos, hot dogs & smores.

Hot dog steamer to be placed alongside BBQ.

We will need to order additional burgers, now not cooking sausages. Need approx 600 burgers.

CB to check those left over from Summer Fair before Fireworks order placed.

CB

Need approx 500 hot dogs - large ones. CB to check Booker's for larger tins of hot dogs.

CB

May need to purchase from multiple shops - jars x 8.

Food & refreshments offering - burgers, hot dogs, vegan hot dogs, nachos, smores, donuts, candy floss, sweets, hot drinks inc Hot Choc, Licensed Bar, shmoo milkshakes, soft drinks Gloware to be sold.

Please could all available members check volunteer sheet & choose where they would like to work volunteersignup.org/4XHJW

Details of further FOR events to be discussed and confirmed.

Funding Requests

Steve Bell - Climbing Club

£645 for new ropes and harnesses.

Agreed. CB to advise Steve Bell and Finance

CB

Luke Davies - Psychology Boost Package for Years 12 & 13

£320 - on off payment for one year

Agreed. CB to confirm prices with Luke Davies and advise Finance

CB

PB advised Steve Davies has requested FOR donate an amount for each year group to be used for Rewards Scheme for each year group. Used to pay for vouchers, trips, gifts. FOR have supported in previous years.

£500 per year group - total £3,500.00 - agreed by meeting.

CB to advise Steve Davies, asking that a Funding Request form be completed, and Finance

CB

Annual General Meeting

Chair's Report

NL presented the Chair's Report.
Copy attached

Treasurer's Report

NL presented the Treasurer's Report, on behalf of LH, for period 01 Aug 24 – 31 Jul 25.
Copy attached

Friends of Romero raised over £37,500 from events this year, Sept 24 - Aug 25.

FOR have donated over £21,000 this financial year to support projects and purchase equipment requested by individual departments.

Tuck Shop raised over £1,075.

Trustees – Natalie Luke, Carolyn Bristow and Laura Hutt stood down as Trustees and Chair, Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Vote then took place for new committee members.

Only three nominees for the three positions - no new members volunteered for the positions

NL stood for position of Chair – nominated by TLE; seconded by CR

NL formally elected

CB stood for position of Secretary – nominated by PB; seconded by TLE

CB formally elected

LH stood for position of Treasurer – nominated by PK; seconded by GE

LH formally elected

All members present agreed elected positions.

Any Other Business

GDPR

CB to send out GDPR consent email to all FOR members.

CB

Imperative to confirm opting in to FOR retaining and using personal details.

Trustees again requested that all FOR members responded to whatsapp polls & emails.

There is no pressure to attend meetings or volunteer, although all help at events is very much Appreciated. But please just let us know - it really does help us plan more effectively.

Football Boots

Liam Durr has asked if FOR can sell secondhand football boots. We can but at present we don't have any boots to sell.

FOR & LD to send out request to parents/carers to donate any unwanted football boots.

Once stocks received FOR will advertise we have them along with secondhand uniform.

Secondhand Uniform

Secondhand uniform is run by Debbie Coleman - thanks Debbie.

Currently we ask for donations for uniform. PB felt we should be increasing prices, especially for PE kit and blazers. DC to review prices and include suggested donation price with uniform.

Your School Lottery

There still seems to be a lack of understanding of Your School Lottery.

Despite various comms being shared with parents, weekly ticket sales are rather low..

SB has kindly agreed to take over admin of YSL for us. This should allow us to effectively advertise the special prize draws and bring awareness to parents/carers that every week the School has a winner.

CB to send SB the YSL publicity sheet - this explains how it works, how to join and prizes etc.

This is a very easy way to raise money for the School with minimal effort.

SB to promote on FOR & school fb, ensuring special prize draws & prizes are advertised.

YSL sheet to be copied and provided for Year 7 Meet the Tutor evening - Thurs 24th Sept

Also to go in new parents packs - along with FOR details. CB to liaise with K Godfrey.

SB/CB

CB

CB

Sponsorship

James and James have very kindly agreed to be our headline sponsors again this year.

Advertising Boards

James & James are again providing advertising boards for Fireworks and Christmas Fair.

Currently 44 volunteers for boards. TA, MF, SB, NG & OP additionally offered to have boards.

CB will send out details re when boards will be put up.

Fireworks - additional details

Joe Fairbairn, IT, has been amazing in supporting FOR designing and printing artwork for advertising board slips, banners and posters for Fireworks. Thank you to Joe.

NG has offered to take posters to put up in shops in Ferring.

PK has offered to take posters

SB has offered to take posters for school.

TA has offered to take 1,000 leaflets to deliver during paper round.

CB to have posters etc printed & left for volunteers.

CB

CB to ask KG/PL to share poster & event details on fb & with feeder schools

CB

CB to ask PL to put Fireworks details on WisePay.

CB

NL to put Fireworks tickets on Sum Up & advertise details on socials.

NL

NL thanked everyone for their support and for attending the meeting.

PB closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next meeting; Tuesday, 4th November 1800 Staff Room