



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	06	April	2024		05	April	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

His Place

Other names charity is known by

His Place Community Church Hastings

Registered charity number (if any) 1054331

Charity's principal address

His Place

Church & Community venue

Robertson Street, Hastings

Postcode

TN34 1HL

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	Cllr Nigel Sinden	Chairperson		
2	Nicola Roper	Health & Safety		
3	Caroline Wheeler	Safeguarding		
4	Christine Brewer	Treasurer		
5	Cllr Trevor Webb	Heritage		
6	Keith Forbes	Henry Ward Hall & Publicity		
7	Alan Whitty	Community		

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Keith Forbes	
Trevor Webb	
Nicola Roper	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Heritage Consultant Fundraiser	Dr Katherine Prior	Brighton
Heritage Architect	John Bailey	Thomas Ford & Partners 177 Kirkdale, London, SE26 4QH

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution and trust deed adopted 13 th July 2006
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	<p>Elected by church members, following expression of wish document and profile being sent to all His Place Church members and community members of His Place Charity. Trustees are in place for 5 years then can step down or put themselves forward to be considered again for standing.</p> <p>If for any reason new trustees required during the year due to others stepping down, then these would be elected by trustees sourcing and electing.</p> <p>Anyone reaching 70 years of age must be assessed re suitability and mental capacity for serving as trustee.</p>

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.

Organizational Structure and Network of His Place Charity:

His Place has a managing trustee board composed of individuals with diverse skills that empower the charity's operations. Board members come from various backgrounds, including bookkeeping, mental health, social care, county council services, events management, childcare, catering, and business. His Place is a member of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO), which provides valuable consultancy support. Consultancy also comes from Dr. Katherine Prior, a heritage specialist and fundraising consultant, as well as John Bailey, a heritage architect with approximately 16 years of experience regarding our buildings risk management.

Our strands of work are split into three streams:

His Place Community Church

The church management committee: Nicola Roper, Caroline Wheeler.
Aim: provide weekly church services, fellowship meetings, bible studies and evangelistic outreach under the name His Place Community Church. To share our faith and support people who are searching and enquiring about Christian faith.

The Café & Community Centre

The management committee: Caroline Wheeler, Alan Whitty, Nicola Roper, Christine Brewer.
Aim: Provide income to support with the upkeep and provision of services that His Place provide the wider community, through provision of home-made meals and refreshments, free and subsidised activities. Hire of space for external charities and other organisations.

Henry Ward Hall Community Venue:

The managing committee for HWH are Mike Willis, Keith Forbes, Rachel Mccarron and Nicola Roper. Meeting quarterly and between if required.

HWH aim is to be a community space and hireable pop-up events space for national, regional and local promoters as well as for our own productions. Community use and local dance schools and theatre schools. To increase footfall thorough the building and provide a cultural experience for all. This is as all our outreach streams is a not-for-profit activity. The day-to-day management is run by volunteers and the profit from events is split between charity core costs and community projects.

Relationships with other charities / not for profit groups:

Hastings Street Pastors & Safe Space project:

Hastings Safe Space is a Police and ESCC community funded service. This project relies on volunteers caring and providing first aid and support on Saturday

Night Pastors:-

Nights between 9pm and 1am. This partnership commenced in July 2021 the previous funders for this service was the NHS CCG and ran from 2017 – 2020.

1066 Country Crafters: -

Have worked in partnership for 10 years, providing space for biweekly mental health peer support crafting group and storage. Enabling a safe space and opportunity for his group to succeed in continuing and providing community cohesive space for people who are under the support of community mental health teams supporting in their recovery and reintegration into accessing social opportunities and building friendships and links. They have use of a large space while enjoying interaction with café regulars and sharing there crafting successes.

Ukrainian Saturday School and outreach: -

Krysta Rafalska a Ukrainian who has lived in the UK for 20 years has partnered with His Place to provide education support on Saturdays for GCSE students and primary age children, to include learning English as well as improving their use of Ukrainian and keeping up of traditions. Hosting Ukrainian festivals and remembrance events, film club and a Ukrainian library. Ensuring Ukrainian and English community gather to increase cohesion and acceptance of the Ukrainian community.

Trustees Consideration of Major risks and the system and procedures to manage them: -**Building Deterioration –**

Ongoing building safety risk management continues as the building is Grade A at risk on Heritage at Risk register. This risk will not reduce regarding Heritage England rating due to the roof and Cambridge roadside of repairs still required. There has not been any water ingress now for 2 years and the deterioration on Cambridge Road side has not increased since last year. A quinquennial has been completed May 25 and then actions planned for and completed.

Increase in the reviews of the charity operating system, Health, and safety.

- Review of Health and Safety risk management regarding the decay of windows and masonry on Cambridge Roadside of building. Quarterly roof inspection and gutter cleaning completed by Jason Cooper roofer / builder and quotes have been obtained for next phase of works to the building to increase its management of rainwater wastage as well as for stone repairs to Cambridge Road elevation. Works not possible this financial year as we have not succeeded in raising the match funding required to apply for grants required for the works.
- **Review and update of financial management:**
Banking managed by Christine Brewer weekly. Christine manages the pay in element of His Place finances; Alan Whitty manages the outgoing payments. Each income route has its own records for recording financial transactions and two people at a time check the income amounts and sign to confirm the count. Petrol card for Esso now in use to ensure management and billing related to vehicle use is monitored. Christine Brewer, Nicola Roper and Caroline Wheeler now hold debit cards for the charity banking and purchasing. Removing the requirement of regular expenses being repaid as they are now able to purchase supplies for His Place directly and not as a third party. Alan Whitty has also been added to the bank accounts, so he has access to the online banking for management of accounts.

MCA Loan: - (Methodist Funding for Churches)

The heritage build project over ran and did not finish within the allocated Heritage Lottery structured time, we also incurred more expenditure than planned and therefore were not able to redeem all funding that had been planned from Heritage Lottery and we had to provide 19k of match funding ourselves and this had to be covered by MCA loan as we had not succeeded in fundraising in time. Therefore, the loan is for 5 years, can be paid off early, if possible, which is our aim. The loan was 50K up till April 2024 we are paying £ 1,235.49 per month as per the agreement.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

His Place (Charity No. 1054331) exists to be a welcoming home at the heart of Hastings—bringing people together virtually and on site through faith, community, and creativity.

We offer practical care and support to those in need, and provide inclusive spaces where people can connect, learn, and thrive and socialise inclusively. Through our Community Church, The Café & Community Space and the Henry Ward Hall multi-use performance venue, we seek to promote well-being, and enrich the cultural life of our town.

His Place Community Church objective: To advance the Christian faith in accordance with scriptures, providing a place of worship, bible studies, home groups and prayer support, social support and engagement for all ages of the members of His Place and any other Christian family who call upon us or visit us. Completing outreach and evangelism to spread the gospel of the Good News. Increasing Christian cohesion through the whole of Hastings and St Leonards with inter church activities and outreach as identified through our being the home base for “SHADES” Christian theatre company.

Café objective: to be a safe place with the provision of affordable meals, snacks and refreshments for those who choose to access the service. A place where everyone is included and able to meet, eat and socialise. Regardless of social standing, employment, age. Run by church and community volunteers from different social groups to promote inclusion and cohesion for all.

Community centre objective: to provide a safe environment for all where they can access education, social opportunities and resilience training through learning skills, supported problem solving as well as general fun for all ages and abilities. Providing space that can be hired by other charities, community and public sector services ensuring that services required by the public are accessible to all. Filling in the gaps that the community identify and where other services alert us to a need.

Health and wellbeing objective: provide a place where all regardless of challenges, disabilities, age, nationality will feel included. Services to include mental health support, addiction support and life skills to aid people to a full and manageable life, safe space for those coping with / or seeking help to access services relating to domestic abuse, eating disorder, mental health crisis, stalking and general social interactive inclusive groups.

Henry Ward hall: to provide a venue where there is entertainment for all, professional and amateur music and theatre events. Providing training positions regarding production management through volunteering for all ages and abilities. Providing income from its activities to aid with the maintenance and management costs for the His Place Building. Contributing to the security of the charity's future.

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)

Activities undertaken:

Church activities:

Sunday services - His Place hosts a service on a Sunday – max no of attendees is 35. The café community is like a non-faith based church group, the majority of café / community users are not Christian and do not attend church. Though they do when in times of struggle request prayer support from the manager and assistant who are His Place church members.

The congregation at His Place is inclusive and multi-cultural members from BAME community, European nationalities also. We have carers supporting people living in Kingswood Nursing home in attendance as well as a young man from a learning disabilities home attending.

Income to the Church is through giving either through the collection or through regular tithes into the bank. This offering from church congregation has totalled: £9,060.51 Gift aid for end of April 2024 £2,336.44

Wednesday fellowship – Prayer and Praise evenings are attracting a regular attendance of up to 10 people. Who spend an hour and half in fellowship praying, singing for community, church activities and whatever is on their heart. This meeting is open to the public and member of other churches and this year we have had 3 visitors join us, two were teenagers from Holy Trinity who came to join in and another was a visitor walking past. We also run this hybrid on occasion to engage with our fellow church members Pep and Rahni who are now based in London.

Fathers Love Fellowship – This is a meeting that is run for 4 weeks 3 times a year and is open to 4 people at a time to have ministry with Stu and Mark from Seaford Baptist Church who run this program for us. It is a growth program and helps born again Christians prepare for outreach as they deepen their faith. The aim is that everyone from His Place will have completed this course by early 2026 when a conference for the Hastings Churches will be undertaken to share the Fathers Love in a day and see revival occur as a result.

Church Outreach activities -

His Place continues to be a lively, integrated church with people from all denominations. The social calendar has continued and worked around restrictions. The activities held have increased friendships, been an opportunity for new people to socialise with us and find out more about His Place. The activities have included meals out, picnics, walks, quiz nights, music events and film nights in café. Home ministry visits have continued and include visits to some members in care settings. The aim is to increase this for the coming year to include taking social and spiritual activities to the people in mental health care provision including nursing home and supported accommodation.

Pastoral support – Pastoral support is for church members and the regulars who attend the café requiring pastoral support for mental health, social challenges. This is delivered by Caroline, Nicola, Stu and Mark who have allocated recipients. The support for some is check in phone calls and crisis support, with others having biweekly home visits or monthly communion visits.

Café:

His Place café continues to be successful as a not-for-profit community café, with a staff of 12 volunteers – covering 528 Volunteering hours a month between them. 101 hours of open hours for access to community and café activities.

The café is open Mon, Wed 10 – 4, Tues, Fri 10 -3, 1st and 3rd Sat months 10 – 3, Tues 2nd and 4th 5.30 – 8pm for games night, Thursdays 2 x a month for Just Friends social gatherings.

All food is homemade and prepared on site. For many guests this is their main meal each day and reduces the financial cost of electric use at home and reduces stress related to shopping and food preparation for the older guests who rely on this provision. For the young people with families and those who are

working and drop by for lunch this is a safe inviting environment where they find an inclusive, enjoyable environment which is low cost and accessible as in the middle of Hastings.

This year has seen an increase in café use by all social groups We have increased to opening every Saturday this year due to the Ukrainian café.

Our volunteers come from various organisations and referrals – including GPs, Mental Health services, Learning disability teams. 4 of our volunteers have provided long service of over 5 years each with 2 of them volunteering for the past 9 years. We have a homeless person volunteering with us as he wishes to contribute to the work of His Place. The volunteers who are open to the community mental health service and the volunteer who is under the Learning disabilities Adult Social Care service have been noted to have maintained / improved their wellbeing when their annual care support reviews are undertaken. This has resulted in social service and the local NHS teams signposting service users to access His Place for its wellbeing support.

The café is a safe place used by statutory and 3rd sector services to meet their clients. Our regular professional guests include social services, HomeWorks, Mental Health community team. 2 Substance misuse groups. All sorts LGBTQ+ youth counselling service, Occupational therapists, Rough Sleeper keyworkers.

This year's café income has been £27,107.00 . which is a profit increase of £8,403.00 from last year.

Community Centre:

The café has increased its room hire and use by community with the sensory /meeting room now back in use following the last water ingress in 2023. Due to the increased need for space for community groups and workshops the foyer area of the first floor is used weekly by AA group and monthly by community engagement groups and the half landing comfy area is used daily by walk in social groups which include a knitting circle, reading group and men's met ups.

The community activities which His Place run and those for the groups who hire our spaces are all inclusive regarding nationality, ethnicity, disability etc unless there a closed group such as AA or Hard of hearing group which states the eligibility criteria. Disabled guests are catered for through person centred planning in the event they inform us of any challenge that we have not foreseen and ensured adaption to enable engagement. For 2023 – 2024 the community choir has been rehearsing upstairs and is accessible for ambulatory disabled, with a plan to rehearse downstairs should a power chair use wish to join who can not transfer onto stair lift and into a manual wheelchair. The plan to provide ramp access to the first floor from Cambridge Road will be resolved by July 2024.

Grant from Stewardship Banks for our support with the community providing warm space during the months November to March 2025. The grant was for £1000.

1066 County Crafters: -

This peer support group is in its 9th year with us and we have seen many people regain their health, find employment and therefore move on from this crafting group which meets twice a week to enjoy crafting together, conversation and therefore supporting there wellbeing. To attend this group the participant must be receiving support from the Sussex Partnership NHS Trust community treatment teams. The participant self-refers or can be referred. Alan who runs it part of the His Place community team now and supports with maintenance of our building and this came about because of him partnering with us as a place to deliver his support group.

Warm Space:

This has been our 2nd year of running warm space. The financial impact that this provides us has again enabled us to extend our winter opening hours and provide support with access to employment support, managing finances,

accessing third party support services, increasing social opportunities and providing a space safe for people to enjoy, keep warm and reduce their personal expenditure at home therefore reducing their risk of hardship. The men's social group which started 2 year ago still continues because of warm space.

Refugee Buddy Project English Class:

Language Class is in its 2nd year at His Place, the Refugee Buddy Project are provided with the hall space free of charge every Tuesday as to charge them for the use would prevent them providing this much needed support to our international guests relying in the love and support of the community to learn the language, culture of Britain as they come to terms with living in our country and town. This service provides them with a safe space and opportunities to mix and get to know the other guests that feel at home at His Place.

His Place Meet and Greet Community Lunch – our monthly meal have not continued due to reduced attendance, so they had altered to special occasions such as Valentine's friendship lunch, summer community lunch and Christmas lunch. This has been successful with bringing in regulars as well as new guests for a three-course community meal.

Building Hire:

Building hires this year has brought in a £ 5,216.74 This is a increase from last year, with the extra venue hire and the recommencement of entertainment on site through Henry Ward Hall. This is expected to grow further in 2024 – 2025 as the building is now fully open again.

Just Friends -

This is in its 3rd year of being located at His Place meeting 2 x a month. Once is a cuppa social and the other is a sit-down meal with entertainment on a Thursday afternoon. Providing social inclusion for people who are single and wishing to be part of a social group. This group is for over 18's and their main age group is 30 – 70s currently.

Hastings Safe space -

This is in its 4th year with us post Covid and continues to provide safety and welfare support to those who are in town on a Saturday night enjoying the night entertainment as well as those who are vulnerable and on the streets through homelessness or mental health crisis and feeling lost. They continue to be funded by the Police in conjunction with East Sussex County Council. They're working hours have reduced though due to the reduced hours of support required in the community and the reduction of volunteers. They know provide the service from 8pm till 1am with live feet on the street from 9pm and a member of their team at the His Place base praying throughout.

Rough Sleepers Initiative –

This was their 2nd year of this provision but at the end of this financial year the funding was pulled by the NHS and Eastbourne Council who provided homeless people with mental health or addiction problems housing with support from social services, OT, therapist etc. They provided a successful café hub for these individuals once a week in are hall. It has been a place for them to start re-integrating and learning skills in an organised setting. Aiding in opportunity for these people regardless of their physical / mental state an opportunity to be accessing service within a public space providing opportunity to fit in and meet our customers while being in their safe environment and learning new skills including how to maintain a tenancy.

Sussex hard of hearing –

This is the 2nd year that they have held their monthly support group for people who are deaf or hard of hearing at His Place. It's a safe environment for them to access the café and mix with our customers as well as have their own organised session where there is sometimes a special guest speaker or for them to discuss the challenges they are experiencing and helping each other through peer support.

Knit and Natter – this is a social group that meet once a week at the café, don't pay rent for space as they meet within the main area. It's a large group of ladies of all ages enjoying knitting, teaching new people the skills and having fun.

French Lessons – A gentleman from Hastings came to us looking for a new place to undertake conversational French lessons for beginners. Over a cuppa he and his attendees practice French and for new people they are supported to learn the language. This retired gentleman has become part of the His Place Community Family through his regular attendance to run his group.

Surviving Christmas – This charity joined us for the first time requiring new premises for the feeding of 150 people Xmas day and boxing day who otherwise would be a lone or out on the streets. They fitted in well with His Place and took over the whole venue for 4 days in the lead up to Xmas. With the feedback being that the venue had a very homely feel to it this time and that their attendees found it more comfortable as a result. This was the first year and there going to be back for Christmas 2025.

Diabetes UK Group – This support group is new to His Place and comes weekly. It's an opportunity for people who are newly diagnosed or long standing to meet with fellow diabetics and provide peer support to one another as well as have talks and learn from professionals on new advice as it comes out. They have also been a support to people who have come in and are at risk of becoming diabetic.

Hope – G – this is a community group who have started to attend His Place café for the meetings where they discuss issues important to them and work out aims of how to make positive change and support the wider community.

Dementia Friends – This is a careers group who come monthly to have a cuppa and share the challenges they have. As a result of there attendance carers are now brining loved ones who have dementia to the café.

NHS wellbeing training – The national NHS organisation has started using us as a Hastings venue for when it is running wellbeing training and awareness for the wider community and organisations that support the community.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Volunteer engagement to provide the community services including part of the Henry Ward Hall service and church activities within His Place.

- The café only has 12 volunteers of whom 4 attend the church, this highlights the strength of His Place and the commitment the community has to it. The volunteers who we attract are those whom finding employment is a challenge, we provide person centred volunteering opportunities and welcome all who are eligible to work with us. We have ex-offenders who integrated into the team, and everyone has a risk assessment completed and safeguarding practice in place. We pride ourselves on serving all and providing opportunities regardless of someone's history. When required due to safeguarding needs, we will arrange volunteering tasks within teams to happen out of public opening hours and ensure that every volunteer feels appreciated and is respected within His Place. Social support is volunteering is the community pastoral support which includes welfare checks face to face, phone calls all happening outside of the café or church open hours a lot of which occur in evenings and weekends to ensure mental health breakdown does not occur and support to contact professionals is provided.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Volunteer hours in the year have been approximately.

Areas of volunteering	Annual hours of work delivered	Cost if these staff were paid living wage rather than being volunteers, without Tax & NI added on to the bill.
Café:	6,336 hrs	£72,483.84
Church serving drinks	52 hrs	£ 594.88
Ministry team hours re service / bible study leading / prayer meetings for non-paid church staff	100 hrs	£ 1,144.00
Maintenance:	360 hrs	£ 4,118.40
Social Support:	104 hrs	£ 1,189.76
Administration:	1300 hrs	£14,872.00
Cleaning and general support	208 hrs	£ 2,379.52
Henry Ward Hall	452 hrs	£ 5,170.88
	Total annual	£105,097.28

Our aim is to eventually be able to have a paid staff and welcome volunteers to and increase all aspects of the His Place work to include outreach programs as well taking services, activities out into the community.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- Increasing community use** of space in the café and Henry Ward Hall pop up events. The building has seen more than 8000 people through our doors in the year, from increase of room hire, community groups using free space and audience for events in Henry Ward Hall. Everyone engaging with the feel of the place which is one of love and acceptance and witnessing the continued involvement and restoration of the grade 2 listed building. Church has 2 wheelchair users coming a week and accessing using a roll out ramp. The Henry Ward Hall events now welcome regular people who have had strokes and another person who is a regular who has a muscular dystrophy. There have been performers who have diagnosis of autism, blindness and others who must use wheelchairs. This has been a welcome change showing the wider Hastings Community that we are a place which welcomes all and no one's health challenge gets in the way of them being active in their desire to be a customer / performer or participant throughout the range of activities we offer. This has also taught the youth that attend events that nothing can get in the way of your dreams if you don't give up.
- Teamwork:** We have one administrator paid for 8 hours of core administration a week everyone else volunteers their time to ensure the charity activities have continued. Until we are at a stage where the building is saved, we will not be able to pay staff. This adds to the commitment and desire our volunteers have in serving the community. Management of the building and teamwork in ensuring high standards of hygiene remained high and health and safety continue to be observed ensuring our community can continue to access and enjoy a full range of activities, services, and opportunities at His Place. Retaining volunteers some of which have now been serving in the café for 9 years. As a result of the Henry Ward Hall opening and the previous heritage projects, we have recruited some event volunteers, but they are not able to provide support during working hours of the café due to being in employment.
- Henry Ward Hall:** Has exceeded expectation with the amount of show hires we have had and the promoters who return to us for events. This has ensured the attendees know of the His Place Charity it's work and engaged in excess of 6000 people attending shows this year and experiencing the architecture and it's acoustics which cannot be found elsewhere in Hastings to this standard. In total we have had 6 events this year. Totalling income of £1,400.00
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- Trustee team:** The trustee team being increased in number and skills has made a positive impact in moving His Place and the services forward. With 2 councillors, nurse and business-related professionals joining the team. All who have been involved with the charity in some way for over past 5 years whether that be from attending services or bringing groups or individuals to receive support from His Place. Therefore, firsthand experience of His Place aiding in their knowledge and shared experience on both sides of the charity.
- Rough Sleepers initiative:** this NHS service started out as a small group activity 2 years ago and has grown. The outcome for the service users has been that they are now welcome in the community, engaging in courses, some are housed independently now. The negative side is that this service ended in April 2024 as funding had to be redirected and therefore from the NHS. We have not got the sponsorship or grants yet to re-create this service, but the service users are able to access our current welfare opportunities and activities although they are not solely for Rough Sleepers. The OTs are remaining on contact and relying on His Place to find funding in the future to create a new partnership working option.
- Increased engagement from the public:** The running of Henry Ward Hall has aided in the increase of public engagement with His Place

Section D

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Charity and the increase footfall of café and community engagement through awareness of the services provided.

- Welcoming all nationalities and ethnicities into His Place:**
 We continue to see an increase in homeless & refugees accessing His Place. Although the Rough Sleepers Initiative has come to an end this April because of funding cuts from there services the attendees are still accessing support through His Place community strand. Therefore, we have succeeded in continuing to provide a cohesive and inclusive community venue.
- Extended Fellowship team:** We have welcomed Pastor Stuart and Worship leader Mark to our church team, and they are supporting twice a month with ministry on Sundays, guidance for His Place Community Church.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

His Place has a policy requiring that 10k spread across the café and church bank accounts is maintained. This is to ensure that should there be sudden stop in income, or unexpected maintenance bills that the costs can be covered. This if required for a period where the café and church were not able to be open for income stream that the running costs for the building would be maintained for 6-month period. The monthly income and expenditure are monitored and trends of change in income, giving and expenditure monitored by the chair of trustees and treasurer.

If we have a period of lower income and need to use the reserves to ensure our core bills are paid then as soon as possible we will build up the reserves again through increase of activity and were possible ensuring our suppliers are providing utilities and services at the best possible price to keep our liabilities low. Therefore not affecting the pocket of our intended customers / service users who rely on our services and may not be able to access us if we were required to increase our service costs.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

- Church collection / tithing and general donations Income - £ 25,483.99 this income is used for the running costs of the building including utilities, insurance, maintenance.
- Café - £27107.61 – this income has increased from previous years as the guests and service user footfall has increased also. Due to the cost of living crisis we have been mindful of people's needs and restrictions of their situation and have kept our prices the same as we do not have a mortgage and we are not for profit and at this time it has been possible to provide service with out risking our own situation. The buying prices are checked regularly to ensure we can change suppliers if required to enable to manage financial standing.
- Donations - £16,423.48 His Place continues to see visitors and others providing donations for general use of the services we provide.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Mrs C Brown	Alan Whitty
Full name(s)	Mrs C Brown	Alan Whitty
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Community Trustee.
Date	24/10/25	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

HIS PLACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

1054331
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
06/04/2024

To

Period end date
05/04/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Building Fund Donaions	1,358	-	-	1,358	203
Cafe Sales	27,108	-	-	27,108	18,704
Church Collection	9,061	-	-	9,061	13,087
Donations/Legacies	16,423	-	-	16,423	469
Gift Aid	2,336	-	-	2,336	1,765
Fundraising Activities	1,228	-	-	1,228	76
Loan MCA	-	-	-	-	20,000
Insurance Claim	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	105	-	-	105	58
Room Hire	5,217	-	-	5,217	1,375
Transfers between accounts	6,685	-	-	6,685	80,770
LWP vat Return	843	-	-	843	-
Grants	8,314	-	-	8,314	78,178
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	78,678	-	-	78,678	214,685
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	78,678	-	-	78,678	214,685

A3 Payments

Administration Costs	7,166	-	-	7,166	8,461
Audio Visual supplies/Software	10,242	-	-	10,242	6,091
Chrsian outreach	305	-	-	305	8,865
Freelance/Contractors	3,322	-	-	3,322	47,299
Fundraising Costs	-	-	-	-	1,510
Cafe supplies	14,061	-	-	14,061	11,816
Insurance	8,010	-	-	8,010	8,872
Licences	1,840	-	-	1,840	2,320
Maintenance/building supply and services	9,084	-	-	9,084	274,467
Miscellanous	100	-	-	100	50
Publicity/Marketing	1,826	-	-	1,826	12,976
Phone /Internet	1,185	-	-	1,185	1,417
Utilities	14,761	-	-	14,761	7,509
Volunteer Expenses	4,821	-	-	4,821	4,645
Waste/Clearance	1,666	-	-	1,666	1,759
QWA QWA	1,986	-	-	1,986	2,163
Catering Equipment	218	-	-	218	4,917
Transfer to Cafe Account	6,200	-	-	6,200	30,020
Transfer to General account	235	-	-	235	50,750
Equipment for grant activities	47	-	-	47	21
Loan Repayment	13,638	-	-	13,638	-
Sub total	100,714	-	-	100,714	485,928

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	100,714	-	-	100,714	485,928
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 22,036	-	-	- 22,036	- 68,024
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	25,220	-	-	25,220	93,243
Cash funds this year end	3,184	-	-	3,184	25,219

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank + Church accounts	2,984		-
	Cash	200	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	3,184		-
		OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Fixed Assets		-	36,000
	Non Fixed Assets		-	49,269
	Building		-	210,959
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	MCA Loan	Church	25,000	30 June 2027
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
M C Brewster	CHRISTINE BREWSTER	
Alan Whitty	Alan Whitty	24/10/25

INDEPENDANT EXAMINATION OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR
HIS PLACE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of His Place for the year ended 5th April 2025.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination that have given me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Barraclough', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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