



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
Christian Science Society – Halifax

On accounts for the year
ended

31st January 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1059157

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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:

10th January 2025

Name:

Peter Crowther F.C.A

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

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales

Address:

9 Riverside Court

Halifax

HX3 9LP

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY, HALIFAX.

ANNUAL REPORT, year ending January 31st, 2024.

Charity Number; 1059157. Address, Christian Science Society, Well Head Lane, Halifax, West Yorkshire. HX1 2BL. Telephone: 01422 354208.

Mobile contact: 07742737104, Roy Sladdin.

Trustees, Mr John Flack, Chair of the Board; Mrs A Kite; Mr R Sladdin. Clerk.

1) Christian Science Society, Halifax, is a place of worship and is a branch of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America. The Christian Science movement reaches out to the world, to heal sickness and sin and to bless all mankind.

2) The purpose of our Society is to provide Christian Science services in the Calderdale area. All our services are open to the public. We hold services each Sunday at 10.45am, and on the first Wednesday of each month we hold a Testimony Meeting, at 7.30pm. Early December we hold an annual Thanksgiving Service. Throughout the current year we have been able to continue to hold regular services. The Society also houses a facility for the purchase of authorised Christian Science literature, and there is a library and a reading room available, where members and visitors can read and study in peaceful surroundings, before and after our services. A display window opens on to our Society's frontage where literature, helpful prayers and articles are available to passers by. Visitors do attend our services, some are requiring help and support, and appropriate guidance is given, where this is appropriate.

Halifax Society has a small car park where local office workers park during the week. A food bank collection is ongoing, and produce is regularly delivered to the 'Gathering Place' Halifax. In addition a local housing tenants group hold their annual general meeting on our premises.

3) The Society is managed by the trustees, mentioned above, and our treasurer, is Mrs R.M. Sladdin. Trustee meetings are held every 5/6 weeks, and if an urgent situation arises, an emergency meeting is arranged. Everyone at Christian Science Society, Halifax is a 'lay person,' there are no paid clergy. An Accountants Report for the year is prepared annually by Peter Crowther & Co, Chartered Accountants, 9, Riverside Court, Halifax, HX3 9LP.

Our total income for the financial year ending January 31st, 2024 is £33454; expenditure is £10958. During the year we received a donation from a closing church, (Christian Science Society, Harrogate) of £25,000 plus a bequest of £1,000 from a member who had passed away. Other main sources of income are from collections at Sunday services, sales of literature and car park fees. (See balance sheet for year ended 31st January, 2024.)

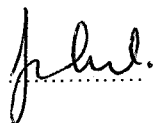
4) The Society's building is well maintained, and in September 2023 the front door and portico was painted; the building is prominently situated where five roads meet. The gardens and surrounding land are well maintained by a professional gardener.

5) Christian Science Society, Halifax has in place a number of policies, such as Anti-Bullying and Harassment, Diversity and Inclusion, Health and Safety, Data Protection and the Protection of Children, and Vulnerable Adults. Whilst we do not at present have a Sunday School, the safety and well-being of children and vulnerable adults is of paramount importance to us. A notice in our foyer outlines the safeguarding policy we have put in place, with particular regard to childcare, and vulnerable adults. The Board/Trustees have agreed that all our policies will be reviewed and updated periodically.

6) Whilst our financial position is sound, the number of people attending our services has decreased recently, and there are fewer people to undertake the various duties, which means that attendees are multi tasking. Our focus therefore for the future is to continue our services and to remain an important place of worship, for the future, and to look at ways of increasing the congregation. We are supported in our aims by resources (not financial) provided by the Mother Church in Boston, USA, as well as by various Christian Science based facilities within the United Kingdom. We shall continue to be guided by our prayers, and as one of our hymns states, 'Long hast thou stood, O church of God, Long midst the tempests assailing, Founded secure on timeless rock, Rises thy light, never failing'.

Prepared by Roy Sladdin, Clerk to the Board,
Christian Science Society, Halifax, HX1 2BL.

Signatures of Trustees: John Flack, J. Alison Kite, Roy Sladdin.

  
27/10/24.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
Well Head Lane, Halifax,
West Yorkshire, Hx1 2B L.
Charity No: 1059157

Accounts for the financial year, 1st February, 2023 - 31st January 2024.

Income	£	
Collection	3459.70	
Literature Sales	1274.00	
Car Park	1680.00	
Donations	26088.50	Includes £25000.00 donated by Christian Science Society, Harrogate, On the closure of their church. £1000.00 bequest from a former Member, & £88.50 in smaller Donations.
Sundries	952.68	Includes £906.80 bank interest from our Virgin Bank charity account. £45.00 room hire. £0.88, correction re our purchase of literature from Christian Science Publishing Society.
Total income	33454.88	

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY, HALIFAX,
Well Head Lane,
HX1 2BL.

Charity No 1059157

Accounts for the financial year, 1st February, 2023 - 31st January, 2024.

Expenditure

£

Stationary/printing/advertising	824.33	
Gas/water/electricity	2942.38	
Servicing of appliances	301.78	
Repairs & renewals	1826.14	
Purchase of literature from Christian Science Publishing Society.	2351.09	
Telephone & insurance	954.18	
Sundry expenses	500.00	includes, £180.00 audit, £300.00 garden maintenance. £20.00 cash in hand.
Cleaning	1250.00	
Total expenditure	10949.90	

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Charity No: 1059157

Accounts for the financial year, 1st February 2023 - 31st January 2024.

Summary	£		
Total income	33454.88	Total expenditure	10949.90
Virgin Bank at 31/01/2023	<u>19545.78</u> 53000.66	Virgin Bank at 31/01/2024	<u>42050.76</u> 53000.66

No uncleared cheques.
No unrecorded credits.

Cash in hand

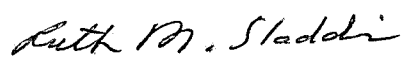
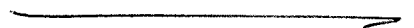
C/F from 2022 to 2023	18.15
Transferred to petty cash	20.00

Items purchased	29.04
Eg stamps hygiene products	

Cash in hand	9.11
Virgin Bank at 31/01/2024	<u>42050.76</u>
Total	42059.87

Total in credit for the year £22495.94

Ruth M Sladdin. (Treasurer)

 09-11-2024


Christian Science Society Halifax

Accounts

For the year ended 31st January 2024

**Christian Science Society Halifax
Receipts and Payments Account
For the year ended 31st January 2024**

Receipts

Collections	3459.70
Sale of literature	1274.00
Car park fees	1680.00
Donations	88.50
Room hire	45.00
Bank interest received	906.80
Bequest	1000.00
Harrogate funds transferred	25000.00

33454.00

Balance at 1st February 2023	19563.93
Add surplus for the year	22495.94

42059.87

Payments

Cleaner	1250.00
Gas and electricity	2674.09
Water	268.29
Fire protection service	199.78
Telephone	165.84
Literature purchased	2350.21
Insurance	788.34
Redecorating	750.00
Stationery, postage and advertising	489.25
Repairs	1083.93
Gardening	300.00
Accountant's fees	180.00
Boiler service	102.00
Advertising	356.33

10958.06

Surplus for the year	<u>22495.94</u>
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33454.00

Virgin Bank	42050.76
Cash in hand	9.11

42059.87

Accountants' Report

We have prepared the receipts and payments account from the accounting records of The Christian Science Society Halifax for the year ended 31st January 2024 and certify that it is in accordance therewith.

**Peter Crowther & Co
Chartered Accountants**

9 Riverside Court, Halifax, HX3 9LP 2nd April 2024