

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
SCARBOROUGH**

**Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2020**

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY SCARBOROUGH

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted Total Funds 2020	Unrestricted Total Funds 2019
<u>Receipts</u>		
Collections	£ 1,476	£ 6,659
Donations	£ 14,661	£ 5,551
Bank Interest	£ 17	£ 110
Rents Received	£ 11,970	£ 10,154
Tax Refunds	£ 1,450	£ 1,101
Grants Received	£ 65,877	£ -
Reading Room Receipts	£ 3,410	£ 3,410
	<u>£ 98,861</u>	<u>£ 26,984</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Bank Charges	£ 89	£ 48
Cleaning	£ 388	£ 1,324
Printing Stationery Advertising	£ 71	£ 273
Lighting & Heating	£ 1,177	£ 1,206
Telephone & Internet	£ 349	£ 339
Insurance	£ 2,586	£ 2,458
Rates & Water	£ 150	£ 534
Reading Room Expenses	£ 356	£ 468
Pianist/Soloist	£ 300	£ 1,575
Donations Made	£ 300	£ 911
Committee on Publication	£ 125	£ 213
Lecture Expenses	£ 2,452	£ 6,326
Repairs & Maintenance	£ 83,409	£ 17,220
Librarian's Fees	£ 2,525	£ 3,229
Letting Agent Fees	£ 1,923	£ 1,634
Legal & Accounting	£ 1,204	£ 1,204
Sundry Expenses	£ 65	£ 141
Website	£ 61	£ 15
Information Technology	£ 6,303	£ -
Dues & Subscriptions	£ 288	£ 172
Monies to Reading Rooms	£ 1,200	£ 1,200
Reading Room Expenditure	£ 3,712	£ 5,160
	<u>£ 109,033</u>	<u>£ 45,650</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	-£ 10,172	-£ 18,665
Balance Brought Forward	£ 41,683	£ 60,348
Retained Earnings		
Balance Carried Forward	<u>£ 31,511</u>	<u>£ 41,683</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted Total Funds 2020	Unrestricted Total Funds 2019
Monetary Assets		
Bank Current Account	£ 16,198	£ 9,905
Management Account	£ 14,509	£ 30,921
Undeposited Funds	£ 148	£ 392
Reading Room Account	£ 656	£ 465
	<u>£ 31,511</u>	<u>£ 41,683</u>

Non Monetary Assets

Freehold Property

The freehold property at 60 Ramshill Road, Scarborough is owned by the charity and was purchased from unrestricted funds

Fixtures Fittings and Equipment

The Charity owns various fixtures, fittings and equipment, including tables chairs, soft furnishings and electrical equipment, all of which were purchased from unrestricted funds and are used for the charity's ongoing activities.

Stock

The charity maintains a small stock of books and church literature for sale to the public.

Approved by the Board on 11 / 01 / 21

and signed on its behalf by:

Carol Daniel

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY SCARBOROUGH

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Christian Science Society

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act)
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act: and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures 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 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 section 41 of the 1993 Act: and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

Have not been met: or

- (2) To which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts be reached.



Alan Moss
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North Yorkshire
Dated 06 January 2021

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY, SCARBOROUGH

Charity Number 1068941

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY – DECEMBER 2020

Aims and Purposes

Christian Science Society, Scarborough as a branch of The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass has been established to promote the cause of Christian Science particularly, but not exclusively, in the region around Scarborough. This Society aims to encourage and support its members and others spiritually, morally, mentally and physically through the study and practice of Christian Science.

Christian Science Society, Scarborough has responsibility for the provision and maintenance of a space for church services[including an online service], Sunday School facility and the provision of a public Reading Room.

Objectives and Activities

The Society is committed to enabling people to learn about and practise Christian Science and to be part of both the local and worldwide community of this church. Our services and testimony meetings put faith into practice through prayer, study of the scriptures, music and the spiritual and moral education of children and young people.

When planning the activities for the year, the Trustees and Members have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We aim to enable people to discover and to live out their understanding of Christian Science in their local community through:

Worship and prayer; studying and engaging with our impersonal Pastor-the Holy Bible and the Christian Science textbook,[Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy,] and developing their knowledge of and trust in God.

Provision of spiritual and moral education for children and young people up to the age of twenty through Sunday School teaching.

Provision of outreach and public sharing which includes giving one or more free public talks on Christian Science, promotion of the daily, weekly and monthly publications of the Christian Science Publishing Society, online talks and webinars and online presence and outreach of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston USA

To facilitate this work, we provide and maintain a place for holding in person services and a Reading Room where the public may visit and find out more about Christian Science and its benefits in everyday life. We also have a website where there is up to date information and easy access to online services and talks.

Worship and Prayer

The Society offers weekly services on a Sunday. On the second and fourth Wednesday of the month there is an opportunity to take part in a Testimony Meeting, either at lunchtime or in the evening. Those attending these meetings may share personal experiences of how the study of Christian Science helps them in their daily lives.

Our services and testimony meetings are open to all.

Since March 2020, our church building has been closed in obedience to Government guidelines regarding the Covid-19 pandemic. Our services have continued online, welcoming the congregation via Zoom. Attendance has increased threefold remaining constant and including regular attenders from abroad as well as those who would normally attend in person.

This year we have not been able to hold our usual social gatherings with refreshments for example prior to public talks and our annual Thanksgiving Service.

Reading Room

Our Reading Room continues to be one of our primary outreach activities which is usually open for 10 hours a week on three different days.

Since the end of March, it has been closed to the public in line with Government requirements. However, literature and study materials have been sent by post to subscribers or available online.

A new daylight display screen was purchased and placed in the window enabling us to display timely messages about Christian Science activities to the public.

We also have a website giving times of services, notices of upcoming events etc

And we have a Facebook page.

The closure of the church and reading room gave us an opportunity to redesign, renovate and redecorate our church building. This has successfully and beautifully been accomplished in readiness for in person services and visitors to the Reading Room in 2021

Meetings

Since the beginning of lockdown in March we have held all business meetings and services online via Zoom. Board meetings have been held in most months and Members' meetings have followed the usual bi-monthly schedule although some additional meetings have been held to help with the refurbishment project and the redrafting of the Bye-laws.

Public Talks

In June the Society sponsored a public talk on Christian Science entitled Angry No More—it was a webinar held online. This was live streamed to over three hundred people and widely attended via the Internet. A recording of this talk was available for several months. This has shown us how valuable sharing Christian Science ideas online can be and that there is a need for those ideas to be represented there.

Reviews during the year

Health and Safety Policy was reviewed in January. Later on in the year some additional work was done in order to incorporate adherence to Covid -19 guidelines.

A Financial Reserves Policy was developed and adopted in January

The Safeguarding Policy reviewed and updated to acknowledge the new name of the organisation that we have used to guide our policy and training.

Safeguarding Officer was re-appointed

Three members completed online safeguarding courses.

The Data Privacy Policy and notices were reviewed and minor amendments agreed and implemented.

DBS – There is an ongoing program for all members whose role warrants it to be DBS checked. All the current Trustees had checks carried out this year through the Hawthorne Trust.

Our Bye Laws were reviewed, edited, or rewritten, amendments made, discussed thoroughly before being accepted and adopted. This project was made very relevant by our online provision of church services and interest from new attendees. The revision of the Byelaws, once adopted, has enabled us to make it possible for those not living in our geographical area to become members if they wish to do so.

Financial Review

Included with this report. It is pleasing to note that contributions have continued to come in and that through grants received, we have been able to undertake a refurbishment project whilst the church building has been closed owing to Covid-19 guidelines.

Volunteers

We are grateful as always for the committed work of all volunteers and officers of the Society. This year we are particularly grateful for those with online technical expertise.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment to the Executive Board and the election or appointment of church officers is set out in our Society Bye-Laws. The Executive board met monthly and there were regular Members Meetings.

The Bye Laws were reviewed, edited, or rewritten, amendments made, discussed thoroughly before being accepted and adopted by the members.

We provide and maintain the church building which includes our public Reading Room and Sunday School.

Administrative Information

The registered address of the Society is

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Executive Board/Charity Trustees serving in 2020

Jane Dickinson-Scott : Chair

Carol Daniel

Jane Leigh

Ilona McGivern

Approved by the Trustees/Board signed on their behalf by:

Jane Dickinson-Scott [Board Chair]

Signed: *J. Dickinson-Scott*

Date: *17/3/21*