

# **SCARBOROUGH CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**

**Registered Charity Number 1068941**

## **Trustees Annual Report & Financial Statement For the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

**(incorporating the Financial Statement for the same time period) (to be attached after the AGM in March 2025)**

**Christian Science Society 60 Ramshill Road Scarborough YO11 2QG Website:  
scarboroughchristianscience.com**

This report is the Trustees Annual Report and covers the activities of Scarborough Christian Science Society for the year 2024 and the financial statement covering the same period.

### **Reference & Administration Details**

#### **Charity Details**

**Name: Scarborough Christian Science Society**

**Registered Charity Number: 1068941**

**Address: 60 Ramshill Road, Scarborough, N. Yorks, YO11 2QG**

### **Names of the Trustees who manage the Charity for the calendar year 2024**

**Name and Office:** Marlene Scott Chair of the Executive Board

Peter Daniel-Board member

Alex Mills- Board member

Note 1. There were no resignations in the period covered by this report

### **Name of Bookkeeper**

Alan Moss

AJ Bookkeeping 4 Cromwell Road Scarborough YO11 2DR

### **Names of others with delegated responsibilities:**

Carol Daniel – Treasurer and Clerk; Safeguarding remit

Peter Daniel– President(Members Meetings); First Reader –Ilona McGivern

Second Reader – Carol Daniel;

Librarian – Peter Daniel;

Sunday School Superintendent- Jane Dickinson Scott

Note 2. The Charity has no employees. All activities are carried out by volunteers or self-employed persons.

## **Structure, Government and Management Description of the Charity's Objects**

To maintain, practise and raise awareness of the Truth as set forth in the Bible and in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. This is done through church activities including, but not limited to, providing regular church services and testimony meetings, offering Sunday School classes, maintaining a public Reading Room and sponsoring Christian Science talks – all for the public benefit.

## **Type of Governing Document**

The Society is governed by an official set of Bye-Laws. Originally adopted in 2005 and amended (according to the rules laid down at each amendment date) in 2015 and December 2020.

## **How the Charity is Constituted**

Scarborough Christian Science Society is a non-incorporated charity under the advancement of religion designation.

## **Trustee Selection Method**

The Executive Board is elected by the Society membership annually by ballot and may have 3-5 members. This Board constitutes the Charity Trustees. The rules are set out in the Bye-laws.

## **How New Trustees are inducted and Trained**

New Trustees are given access to recent minutes of Trustee/Board meetings and all policies in place are available to them. A joint meeting of the retiring Board and the new Board is scheduled before the new Trustee period begins. All Trustees are given access to the Charity Commission document concerning expectations of Charity Trustees and on public benefit.

## **Statutory Declaration on Public Benefit**

The Trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

## **Executive Summary and Reports of Activities, Achievements and Performance**

The Executive Board/Charity Trustees have continued to meet most months of the year via Zoom as some Trustees are not locally resident to enable in person meetings. At all the Trustees meetings the Treasurer has provided an update on the Society's finances. During this period, the following policies were reviewed and appropriately amended:- Financial Reserves where some amendments were needed to cover increased obligations of being landlords

to flats whose income is vital to the Society and increased maintenance for the church as new energy saving measures come online; Conflicts of Interest Policy and Declarations; Data Privacy where some amendments were needed to clarify what data is held; Health & Safety Policy and Financial Oversight Policy; Safeguarding and Disclosure and Barring associated policies need amendment due to requiring a new umbrella body to oversee DBS checks. Consideration was also given to a Social Media Policy but not instigated at this time of recording. The minutes of Trustee meetings do record the review schedule and any amendments.

The Trustees have also set the agendas for the bi-monthly Members' Meetings and made various proposals for discussion at those meetings. Themes for prayer are also discussed and then implemented to support the needs of the community.

A significant donation received this year from a church of our denomination that had to close down wished Scarborough to carry on with the same charitable purposes they had. Thus, members of the Society decided to devote a good proportion of this money to the furtherance of outreach to the public by supporting a project to reinvigorate the York Reading Room along with other Yorkshire based Christian Science societies and churches. This project is ongoing and some members of this Society are on the organising committee. The donation can also assist with providing more lecture outreach.

### **Church Services**

We were so happy to continue in-person Sunday services in church during the year and we have been able to livestream these services in order to reach those who cannot attend church in person. The livestream Sunday services can be easily accessed through our website where there is an immediate link available. We thank our member who regularly carries out this role that means the Sunday livestream is available every week. We have invested in upgrading the technology and are considering extra personnel to carry it out effectively. We have also been holding an in-person testimony meeting at lunchtime on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month and it is now available via Zoom to anyone who would prefer to access such a meeting at that time of day. Alongside this we have continued providing an online Zoom meeting in the evenings on the same Wednesdays and it is encouraging to report that these meetings generally attract a greater number from a wider region than are able to attend in person at the church premises. We are grateful to a former member who is the technical host for the evening meetings. This kind of provision has brought about a further application for supporting our work through membership of the Society.

We continue to prayerfully support the idea of welcoming children more regularly into the refurbished Sunday School and nursery area. Sometimes we do have visiting young people of church members into the

Nursery/Sunday School and on what is termed Association Sunday we have welcomed a large number of students of a listed Christian Science Teacher to our church and Sunday School.

### **Reading Room**

Our Reading Room is open on a regular basis on Wednesdays 10-12 and 2-4 and on Saturdays 10-12. Visitors come in to make enquiries about our denomination and during the year there have been 35 visitors who have engaged in deep and meaningful conversations. We have continued the regular Bible Reading activity in the Reading Room on a Wednesday afternoon and have made this available to join online via Zoom. In the recent readings of the Sermon on the Mount we have had people joining us online from other parts of Yorkshire, all over the UK, Italy, Germany, Canada, USA and Switzerland.

Outside, by our front door, we maintain a literature distribution box for all our church publications. The Christian Science Monitor is taken regularly and is very popular with passers-by. It is a weekly news magazine, which has won many accolades for its low-ego, high-curiosity journalism. Its mission is to injure no man and to bless all mankind. We also often feature quotations from the weekly Sentinel magazine in our public facing window. As it is written by hand on a flip chart, it attracts attention and many passers-by stop to read the messages they find there, providing uplifting ideas to the community. The Christian Science Journal is a monthly publication that is stocked. It includes a worldwide directory of Christian Science Practitioners who make themselves publicly available to respond to requests for prayer. They work with people of any location, background, culture or faith. We are happy to note that one of our members is listed in this directory.

### **Lecture**

An important activity for our outreach is that of providing a lecture to the public on Christian Science. This year in April we held an in-person lecture entitled “A Lasting, Healing Solution to Hopelessness” given by Alison Hughes CS alongside an Open Day for the Reading Room. We had an enthusiastic visitor, new to the ideas of Christian Science who travelled from West Yorkshire to attend the lecture who then spent much time in conversation with the lecturer afterwards.

We also were able to sponsor another lecture, given by Philip Hockley CS at HMP Lindholme to a number of men and staff there which was recorded and afterwards made available to all at the prison via their computer network. It was entitled “A Way out of Crime, Addiction and Disability.”

### **Prison Chaplaincy work**

It is very pleasing to report that one of our members is now on the chaplaincy team that supports prisoners in various facilities in the Yorkshire region. She was a key link this year in facilitating the lecture in HMP Lindholme and the

lecturer was happy to report that her work has established excellent relations with the chaplaincy team there and the atmosphere was most welcoming. She keeps us regularly updated on the nature of the input she can provide and the members support this work by providing access to Christian Science publications that may help and uplift those she works with.

### **Thanks to volunteers**

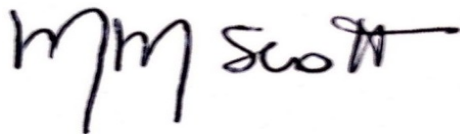
Some of our activities could not go ahead successfully without the support of members, non-members and relatives of members. We would like to thank those who have given their time and expertise in carrying out some maintenance work, in supporting the Reading Room work and conducting livestreaming. We also appreciate the dedication of our pianist who travels some distance to play for our Sunday Services.

The Financial Review for the period covered by this Trustees Annual Report will be prepared by our bookkeeper for presentation at the Members Annual Meeting in March 2025. It will be approved and signed off at that meeting by all members, including the Trustees and sent to the Charity Commission.

This Trustees Annual Report was agreed by the retiring Board of Trustees

Signed:

Date: 16/12/2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M M Scott', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Board Chair

# CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY SCARBOROUGH

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

I report on the accounts of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2024

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Society'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 not required.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY SCARBOROUGH

### Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

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 examined 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.

Yours faithfully,

Alan Jones  
A J Bookkeeping  
4 Cromwell Road  
Scarborough  
North Yorkshire  
Date: 10 February 2025



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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

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Total Funds 2023
<b>Receipts</b>		
Collections	£ 1,330	£ 1,198
Donations	£ 61,263	£ 6,201
Bank Interest	£ 1,131	£ -
Rents Received	£ 12,120	£ 12,150
Tax Refunds	£ 1,423	£ 1,449
Grants Received	£ 1,976	
Insurance Claim		
Reading Room Receipts	£ 3,634	£ 2,674
	<u>£ 82,877</u>	<u>£ 23,672</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Bank Charges	£ 144	£ 137
Cleaning	£ 1,250	£ 1,229
Printing Stationery Advertising	£ 2,031	£ 24
Lighting & Heating	£ 4,505	£ 3,497
Telephone & Internet	£ 588	£ 534
Insurance	£ 2,831	£ 3,050
Rates & Water	£ 230	£ 249
Travel Expenses	£ 95	£ 118
Pianist/Soloist	£ 1,090	£ 1,020
Donations Made	£ 5,375	£ 300
Committee on Publication	£ 325	£ 150
Lecture Expenses	£ 415	£ 3,571
Repairs & Maintenance	£ 3,726	£ 6,066
Technical Host	£ 1,836	£ 1,638
Letting Agent Fees	£ 1,745	£ 1,750
Legal & Accounting	£ 1,550	£ 1,440
Sundry Expenses	£ 336	£ 151
Website	£ 223	£ 36
Information Technology	£ 10,049	£ 101
Dues & Subscriptions	£ 1,041	£ 944
Monies to Reading Rooms	£ 2,650	£ 1,400
Reading Room Expenditure	£ 3,449	£ 2,806
	<u>£ 45,484</u>	<u>£ 30,211</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	£ 37,393	-£ 6,539
Balance Brought Forward	£ 74,354	£ 80,893
Retained Earnings		
Balance Carried Forward	<u>£ 111,747</u>	<u>£ 74,354</u>



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## SCARBOROUGH

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Total Funds 2024		Unrestricted Total Funds 2023	
Monetary Assets				
Bank Current Account	£	44,159	£	38,604
Savings Account	£	66,133	£	35,000
Undeposited Funds	£	1,046	£	498
Reading Room Account	£	409	£	252
	£	111,747	£	74,354

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025

and signed on its behalf by:

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