

SHELDON COMMUNITY CHURCH

189 WHITECROFT ROAD

SHELDON

BIRMINGHAM

B26 3RL

Registered Charity: 1069691

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

AND

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of Sheldon Community Church

Registered Charity number 1069691

On the accounts for the year ended 31 January 2025

Set out on the following pages

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 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2022 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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 to be reached.

Signed *L A Silver*

Date: 13 August 2025

Luke Silver, HNC Business & Finance

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY 2025

The Church Council (CC) of Sheldon Community Church (SCC) is committed to enabling people of all ages to find faith in God and become part of our church community.

Objectives

When planning our activities for the year, the CC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In accordance with our Constitution, SCC's purposes (or objects) for the benefit of the public are:

1. To advance the Christian Faith
2. To relieve sickness and financial hardship, and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support
3. To advance education in such parts of the United Kingdom (UK) or the world as the CC from time to time may think fit.

Activities

At SCC, we purpose to equip and empower church members to live out and share their faith through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Pastoral care
- Community provision; missionary and outreach work

Our weekly Family Service incorporates worship, spiritual encouragement and ministry, whilst opportunities are provided for prayer. 'Glow Kids' facilitates an age-related environment for children to worship and learn from the Bible. Communion is taken on the first Sunday of the month. All are welcome to attend SCC services.

Our young people are encouraged to actively serve in SCC, both practically and spiritually. They have enjoyed social events, combined worship services with other youth groups organised by Assemblies of God (AoG) and Birmingham City Mission (BCM), and attended a summer camp.

The CC value Safeguarding as an important characteristic of our culture. Through our Policy, regular training and updates, we are able to positively communicate this principle to our church community.

‘Shared Interest Groups’ provide our church community with space to build personal relationships, be accountable and grow spiritually together. ‘Party in the Park’ during the summer, annual conferences and social activities for all ages compliment pastoral care.

Helping those in need is an important demonstration of our faith. This ranges from providing hampers to families within the Sheldon community, to packing shoeboxes and sending them to children around the world for Christmas.

SCC continues to partner with several charities, disaster relief agencies and missionary organisations in the UK and around the world, in alignment with our Missions Policy. As well as belonging to AoG GB, SCC remains a member of Hatchford Brook Churches Together and is part of various missional collaborations around the city of Birmingham.

Volunteers

The CC would like to thank all of our volunteers at SCC who work so hard to ensure we are able to function as a vibrant church community.

Financial Review

The primary source of funding for SCC are the free will offerings of church members. This is supplemented by income tax recovered under the HMRC Gift Aid scheme. We are thankful to every person who gives within the life of our church.

The CC recognise the importance of a Reserves Policy to help practise good stewardship and financial management. It is CC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to three months of operating costs, or a minimum of £7,500.

Financial assets in excess of agreed reserves will generally be held in liquid form, but may be invested in line with the church's risk profile, as per the CC's Investment Policy. Restricted funds on deposit are designated to purchase land / buildings for SCC in accord with our Charitable Articles.

The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts.

CHURCH COUNCIL AND TRUSTEES

Matthew Atkins (Chair)

Tim Peel

Nathan Atkins

Rachel Sizer

Esther Atkins

STATEMENT

We certify that that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Atkins', is written over a horizontal blue line.

Print name: M. ATKINS

Date: 21/07/2025

Sheldon Community Church
Registered Charity No 1069691
Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31 January 2025

Receipts	2024/25 £	2023/24 £	Payments	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
Donations - tithes, offerings and other income	49,513	49,007	Ministry expenses	53,804	43,504
Gift Aid on Donations Recovery from HMRC	5,605	10,698	Missions	4,968	5,650
Funding (Unrestricted) - Church / Other	-	-	Funding (Unrestricted) - Church / Other	-	-
Funding (Restricted) - Church	929	-	Funding (Restricted) - Church	929	-
Funding (Restricted) - Shop	-	-	Funding (Restricted) - Shop	-	-
Funding (Restricted) - Youth	-	-	Funding (Restricted) - Youth	-	-
SAMC (No. 3 Funding)	-	877	SAMC (No. 3 Funding)	236	951
Appeals (Restricted) - Building Fund	-	-	Appeals (Restricted) - Building Fund	-	-
Appeals (Restricted) - Other	-	505	Appeals (Restricted) - Other	-	505
Hope Community Shop	155	13,360	Hope Community Shop	45	15,178
Youth activity income (camp, subs)	-	-	Youth activities	-	-
Minibus Hire (including sale)	-	-	Minibus expenses	-	-
Savings Interest	14,957	11,331	Establishment & Administrative expenses	4,323	4,473
			Church Activities & Projects	2,845	1,865
			Miscellaneous	900	2,153
Total	71,159	85,778	Total	68,050	74,279

Balances at 1.2.24	£	Balances at 31.1.25	£
Kingdom Bank Ltd - Savings	158,024	Kingdom Bank Ltd - Savings	163,251
Redwood Bank - Savings	134,925	Redwood Bank - Savings	134,925
Hampshire Trust Bank - Savings	-		
Lloyds *4604 - Church	27,263	Lloyds *4604 - Church	25,271
Lloyds *9568 - Youth	301	Lloyds *9568 - Youth	301
Lloyds *7568 - Funding Account	657	Lloyds *7568 - Funding Account	421
Lloyds *3768 - Hope Shop	13,689	Lloyds *3768 - Hope Shop	14,115
Hope Shop PayPal account	306	Hope Shop PayPal account	-
Zettle Account (by PayPal)	10	Zettle Account (by PayPal)	-
Cambridge & Counties - Savings	90,000	Cambridge & Counties - Savings	90,000
Total	425,175	Total	428,284

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31 January 2025

Fixed Assets	£	£
Church Premises - insurance value	Nil	
Equipment	8,292	
Total Fixed Assets		8,292
Current Assets		
Kingdom Bank Ltd - Savings	163,251	
Redwood Bank - Savings	134,925	
Cambridge & Counties - Savings	90,000	
Lloyds *4604 - Church	25,271	
Lloyds *9568 - Youth	301	
Lloyds *7568 - Funding Account	421	
Lloyds *3768 - Hope Shop	14,115	
Hope Shop PayPal account	-	
Zettle (by PayPal)	-	
Total Current Assets		428,284
Total Assets		436,576
Liabilities	NIL	
Net Assets		436,576