

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1077877

Details

Other names	NUMBER ONE (ROCHFORD SHOP), COMMUNITY CHURCH ROCHFORD, Life Community Church, ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH, ROCHFORD COMMUNITY PROJECTS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	03769768
Registered	1999-10-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	93 Golden Cross Road Rochford Essex SS4 3DH
Phone	07833475253
Website	https://www.lifecc.online

Activities

Objects: A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHARITY (HEREIN CALLED THE TRUSTEES) MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FITB) TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED HARDSHIP OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK AND TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS CAUSED THEREBY IN THE SAID COUNTY AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FITC) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES BY SUCH MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE INCLUDING BY MEANS OF ESTABLISHING AND OPERATING ANY EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT OR ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE SAID COUNTY AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FITD) TO PROMOTE AND FULFIL SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY IN THE SAID COUNTY AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT

Activities: Rochford Community Church Trust's main activity is that of a Christian Church meeting in the town of Rochford, Essex. It is also significantly involved in community activities in the area using the working name of Rochford Community Projects.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ESSEX AND ELSEWHERE IN UK
- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£198,681	£142,846	-	-
2024-03-31	£106,320	£116,534	-	-
2023-03-31	£110,226	£115,602	-	-
2022-03-31	£135,180	£131,081	-	-
2021-03-31	£111,313	£112,839	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Clayton		2026-02-11
Nicholas Maxwell		2019-12-30
Nicky Everett		2022-11-15
Ruth Phyllis Thorn		2021-05-11
Susan Hilary Liberty		2020-04-29

Linked charities

- ASHINGDON UNITED FREE CHURCH (1077877-1)

Accounts

**Annual Report and Accounts
of the Trustees of
Rochford Community Church Trust**

**for the year ended
31 March 2025**

A company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales no. 3769768
A registered charity no. 1077877

Legal and Administrative Information

Charity and Company Information

Full Name: Rochford Community Church Trust

Working Names: Life Community Church
Life House (The Building owned by the Trust)
Rochford Community Projects

Registered Office: 93 Golden Cross Road, Ashingdon, ROCHFORD, Essex. SS4 3DH

Constitution: A company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales

Governing Document: Memorandum and Articles of Association
as amended on 4 October 2012

Company Registration: 3769768
Incorporated on 13 May 1999

Charity Registration: 1077877
Registered on 21 October 1999

Trustees / Directors: Susan H Liberty

Nicholas C M Maxwell

Ruth P Thorn

Nicky Everett (Chair)

Kristoffer Goring (Appointed 09/10/2024)

Company Secretary: Roy Morgan

Leadership
(Prayer & Planning Team) Simon A. Ford (Senior Pastor)
Andy Thorn
Pete Everett
Kerri Eves
Gary Bunker
Lisa Ford
Susan Liberty

Professional advisors

Bankers: Barclays Business Team
Leicester, LE87 2BB

Independent Examiner: Nick Spear ACCA

Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage, London, EC1Y 8AB

Solicitors: Giles Wilson
5 Roche Close, Rochford, Essex, SS4 1PU

History

Rochford Community Church was founded in March 1987 when the entire congregation of a local evangelical church embarked on a new venture. A change of name reflected a fresh, outward-looking approach, including the use of buildings which are familiar and accessible to the general public.

In 1999 the church was incorporated as Rochford Community Church Trust, a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. In 2002 the working name Rochford Community Projects was adopted for use in connection with our wider community involvement. In 2012 the working name Number One (Rochford Shop) was adopted with regard to retail and community activities at a newly acquired premises. As explained below, in December 2014, the Trust adopted Community Church Rochford as its main working name. However, the working names Rochford Community Church, Rochford Community Projects, Number One (Rochford Shop) and Community Church Rochford have since ceased to be used. In September 2021 the Trust adopted Life Community Church and Life House as its working names to signal a new phase in the development of the vision of the church and Trust.

From the start the church was associated with the Cornerstone Network (latterly C.Net). This organisation was dissolved some years ago and links now continue with churches and individuals in England and abroad. The church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

In April 2018 the congregation of Ashingdon United Free Church (AUFC) joined with Community Church Rochford and the respective charities were merged from September 2019 to be known as Rochford Community Church Trust.

Under the merger agreement the Trust inherited a plot of land and the former AUFC church building, providing for the first time a permanent base around which its activities could be centred. The church building is held under an endowment limiting its continuing use "for the holding of religious services of an un-denominational character and for meetings and such other religious and social purposes as the Trustees think proper". The original mission hall was replaced in 1999 by the current building and it remains within the province of the AUFC charity of which the Trust has become sole trustee. The Trust sees the acquisition of the building, known now as Life House, as both a challenge and an opportunity for development and outreach.

Charitable objects

The following are the objects of Rochford Community Church Trust as specified in the Memorandum and Articles of Association:

- (a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule hereto in the County of Essex and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors of the Charity (herein called "the trustees") may from time to time think fit.*
- (b) to relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said County and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit;*
- (c) to advance education in accordance with Christian principles by such means as the trustees may consider appropriate including by means of establishing and operating any educational establishment or establishments in the said County and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit;*
- (d) to promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in the said County and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.*

Our Vision

COMMUNITY ON MISSION

A Jesus centred community empowered to make disciples

A Jesus Community - Jesus changes our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we make spending time in the presence of God a priority. It's the Holy Spirit who comes alongside (John 14:16), shows us where sin is in our lives (John 16:8), reveals Jesus to us (John 15:26) and empowers us live as disciples of Jesus (Acts 1:8)

A Belonging Community - We are adopted as God's son's and daughters into his family. God's family (the church) is where we can find friendship, belonging and purpose.

A Serving Community - We serve as children of God. We give our time, gifting and our resources generously to bless those in and those beyond our church family.

A Discipling Community - We grow in our relationship with God to become more like Jesus in the context of a discipling/training community so that we can fulfil the mission-

ON MISSION

Being on Mission together means we live out our faith in the context of community, following Jesus where he is leading us and seeing the gospel displayed in word and action.

Organisation

We concluded this period with five Trustees. Day-to-day management of the Church's assets is delegated to the Leadership with certain matters including employment and property/land being reserved to the Trustees. New Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Articles of Association at a general meeting or by the existing Trustees. Financial matters are administered by the Finance Manager.

The spiritual leadership of the Church rests with Simon Ford and is worked out in the context of the Prayer & Planning Team which comprises of 7 people. We also seek spiritual support and oversight from others outside the church including Andy and Theresa Merrick who head up a partnership of church leaders called Kingdom Legacy.

The Church has no formal membership.

Activities and achievements

In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. A strong commitment to community involvement has continued with 2024/25.

Community activities take place in two contexts, activities managed by the Trust and activities managed by other organisations with which our members are involved. This commitment demonstrates that the Church's activities and achievements are commensurate with its charitable objects.

During the year, members worked with or supported various local organisations. Links have continued with local schools. Many community groups hire our premises providing a range of activities which benefit the local community.

As usual, the Trust is grateful to the large number of volunteers within the church who support its activities.

Sunday gatherings continue to be recorded and content uploaded to YouTube, providing opportunities for individual participation in worship, prayer and communion. The majority of speakers are from within the Church, supplemented by visitors from other churches in the UK and abroad.

Smaller groups have continued to gather including youth groups, children's groups, creative groups, prayer groups, bible study groups and home groups.

Overseas links have continued, particularly with churches and individuals in Poland, Turkey and Africa. We have also sought to strengthen links with other local churches.

Work has been completed on a new patio area to the rear of the building as well as a new children's play area providing a safe level area for outdoor social activities for all ages while we continue to improve and maintain the whole building to a high standard.

We are currently developing a community garden, which includes all ages working in it.

The church is pioneering a Community Supermarket which is funded externally by grants and donations. It aims to serve people in the local community by providing access to affordable food and reduce the impact on foodbanks. The aim is for it to be self-sustaining and become a charity in its own right in the future.

Plans for the future

Grow our people through expressing our values in:

- Relationship (being a caring, loving and supportive community)
- Discipleship (seeking to become more like Jesus in the context of a discipling/training community)
- Releasing people (to consider new ways to reach out, serving beyond our church family)

Grow our mission through:

- Connection - growing the community within, whilst looking at new models for mission and for new opportunities with schools, other churches and community groups.
- Listening - and prayerfully reviewing what we are doing and considering what we should be doing.
- Serving - where opportunities arise, for the benefit of those in our local community, especially those in need.

Grow in excellence by:

- Building strong teams and groups to oversee areas of ministry.
- Developing our building to fulfil our aims and objectives and to enhance public benefit to those around us.
- Pursuing excellence in all we do.

Changes in personnel

Kristoffer Goring (Appointed as trustee on 09/10/2024)

Financial Review:

Income for the year amounted to £198,681 (2024: £106,320). Expenditure in the year was £142,846 (2024: £116,534).

Income less expenditure in the year resulted in a surplus of £55,835 (2024: deficit of £10,214)

Total funds at the year end to carry forward amounted to £361,658, comprising unrestricted funds of £78,355 (2024: £75,596), restricted funds of £63,303 (2024: £5,227) and endowment funds of £220,000 (2024: £225,000).

Reserves Policy

The trustees have not designated a specific reserve fund but have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £30k (which equates to 3 months of unrestricted expenditure). The Trust's income and expenditure are relatively stable, and it is not exposed to any significant financial risks. The general fund is maintained at a level sufficient to meet normal cashflow and most contingencies. A financial contingency plan has been put in place in order that the Leadership (Prayer & Planning) Team and Trustees have a clear process in order to address any adverse financial situations that may occur in the Charity in the future. In order to maintain and control the General Fund balance, a set of trigger points has been agreed between the Leadership Team and Trustees. Collectively, the leaders and trustees undertake regular monitoring and review of the General Fund balance and other elements of the annual budget.

Risk Statement

The Directors have reviewed the risks to which a small charity operating with few employees is exposed. Appropriate procedures are in place to identify, monitor and review these risks on a regular basis.

Directors' Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Directors to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure for the year.

- 1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- 2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- 3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.
- 4. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

We are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the Directors on Aug 1, 2025

and signed on their behalf by:

N. Everett
N. Everett (Aug 1, 2025 15:14:34 GMT+1)

Mrs N Everett

Company number: 3769768
Charity number: 1077877

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025 on pages 8 to 17 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 10 and 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

Nick Spear
Nick Spear (Aug 22, 2025 08:46:48 GMT+1)

Nick Spear ACCA

Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
London
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Date: Aug 22, 2025

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025
Summary Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies	3	102,292	88,598	-	190,890	99,757
Other income and endowments	4	7,791	-	-	7,791	6,563
Total income and endowments		110,083	88,598	-	198,681	106,320
EXPENDITURE ON						
Charitable activities	5	119,009	18,836	5,000	142,846	116,534
Total expenditure		119,009	18,836	5,000	142,846	116,534
Net income/(expenditure)		(8,926)	69,762	(5,000)	55,835	(10,214)
Transfers between funds		11,685	(11,685)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		2,759	58,076	(5,000)	55,835	(10,214)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		75,596	5,227	225,000	305,823	316,037
Total funds carried forward		78,355	63,303	220,000	361,658	305,823

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on page 10-16 form part of these accounts.

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total funds 2024 £
FIXED ASSETS									
Tangible assets	7	28,906	-	220,000	248,906	19,505	-	225,000	244,505
		28,906	-	220,000	248,906	19,505	-	225,000	244,505
CURRENT ASSETS									
Debtors	8	6,897	-	-	6,897	4,886	-	-	4,886
Cash at bank	9	44,652	63,303	-	107,955	52,946	5,227	-	58,172
		51,550	63,303	-	114,853	57,831	5,227	-	63,058
CURRENT LIABILITIES									
Liabilities falling due within one year	10	2,100	-	-	2,100	1,740	-	-	1,740
Net Current Assets		49,450	63,303	-	112,753	56,091	5,227	-	61,318
TOTAL NET ASSETS		78,355	63,303	220,000	361,658	75,596	5,227	225,000	305,823
FUND BALANCES									
Unrestricted funds	11								
General Funds		76,305	-	-	76,305	73,380	-	-	73,380
Designated funds		2,050	-	-	2,050	2,216	-	-	2,216
Restricted Funds	11	-	63,303	-	63,303	-	5,227	-	5,227
Endowment Funds		-	-	220,000	220,000	-	-	225,000	225,000
		78,355	63,303	220,000	361,658	75,596	5,227	225,000	305,823

For the year ended 31 March 2025, the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Responsibilities of directors/trustees:

- a. The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act - however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner whose report forms part of this document.
- b. The directors/trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Directors and signed on their behalf by:

N. Everett
N. Everett (Aug 1, 2025 15:14:34 GMT+1)
N Everett

Date: Aug 1, 2025

Company number: 3769768 The Charity number: 1077877

notes on page 10-16 form part of these accounts.

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP")", with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements. In making this assessment the trustees have considered the impact of Covid-19 and have concluded that its impact on net income will not be material

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

The cost of raising funds is not significant and has not been separately disclosed

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

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d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

e) Fixed assets and depreciation:

Fixed assets acquired for use by the charity are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life unless they cost less than £5,000 when they are written off on purchase.

Refurbishment costs are written off as the costs are incurred.

Depreciation periods are as follows:

Freehold land	Not depreciated
Freehold buildings	Over 50 years
Fixtures and Fittings	Between 3 and 10 years
Motor Vehicles	5 years

f) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

g) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

h) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption provided by the FRS 102 SORP and has not prepared a Cash Flow Statement for the year.

3 Voluntary income

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
General donations	117,682	78,536
Grants	48,100	3,435
Income tax recoverable	25,108	17,786
	<u>190,890</u>	<u>99,757</u>

4 Other income

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Hall hire	6,214	5,714
Church activities	1,577	850
	<u>7,791</u>	<u>6,563</u>

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

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5 Charitable activity

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
a Direct Charitable Costs		
Salaries, travel and expenses	73,086	60,302
Telephone and utilities	5,495	3,747
Catering	4,440	4,867
Conferences and training	1,400	622
Ministry and miscellaneous expenses	19,829	12,503
Repairs and renewals	4,936	6,836
Depreciation	9,699	7,589
Grants payable Note 5c	14,409	11,413
	<u>133,294</u>	<u>107,880</u>
b Support & Administration	£	£
Governance costs - independent examination fees	2,100	1,740
Printing, postage and stationery	2,980	2,765
Subscriptions and professional fees	2,641	2,345
Insurance	1,831	1,803
	<u>9,552</u>	<u>8,654</u>
Combined charitable activity cost	<u>142,846</u>	<u>116,534</u>

Fees payable to Stewardship, other than for the annual accounts and independent examination, for payroll bureau services and consultancy services, totalled £842 (2024: £730).

c Grants	Institutions £	Individuals £	2025 £
Missionary support	1,100	13,309	14,409
	<u>1,100</u>	<u>13,309</u>	<u>14,409</u>
The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:			
	Institutions £	Individuals £	2024 £
Missionary support	250	11,163	11,413
	<u>250</u>	<u>11,163</u>	<u>11,413</u>

In 2025, no grants of over £1,000 were made to institutions (2024: 0)

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

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6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries & benefits in kind	68,335	56,001
Pension costs	1,364	1,118
Total staff costs	<u>69,699</u>	<u>57,119</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 4 (2024: 3). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff named on the Company Information page. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2025
			£
Members of key management	42,672	906	<u>43,578</u>
			<u>43,578</u>

The following amounts were payable in the previous year:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2024
			£
Members of key management	41,631	874	<u>42,505</u>
			<u>42,505</u>

No remuneration was paid to any other trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them.

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7 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Motor Vehicles	Land & Buildings	Fixtures & Fittings	Total 2025
Valuation (see Note 13)	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2024	-	250,000	25,893	275,893
Additions	7,000	-	7,100	14,100
At 31 March 2025	<u>7,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>32,993</u>	<u>289,993</u>
Accumulated Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	-	25,000	6,388	31,388
Charge for the year	1,400	5,000	3,299	9,699
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,400</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>9,687</u>	<u>41,087</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2025	<u>5,600</u>	<u>220,000</u>	<u>23,306</u>	<u>248,906</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>225,000</u>	<u>19,505</u>	<u>244,505</u>

8 Debtors and Prepayments

	2025 £	2024 £
Tax recoverable	<u>6,898</u>	<u>4,886</u>
	<u>6,898</u>	<u>4,905</u>

9 Cash at Bank and in Hand

Bank operating accounts	<u>107,955</u>	<u>58,172</u>
	<u>107,955</u>	<u>58,172</u>

10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

Accruals	<u>2,100</u>	<u>1,740</u>
	<u>2,100</u>	<u>1,740</u>

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

11 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 01.04.24	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers in the year	Closing balance 31.03.25
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Facilities	3,341	32,354	(10,031)	4,000	29,664
Hardship	227	-	-	-	227
Youth events	940	499	(200)	-	1,240
Cooking on a budget	-	-	(3,000)	3,000	-
Revive Community Supermarket	-	55,495	(4,846)	(18,685)	31,963
EPIC	718	250	(759)	-	209
	<u>5,227</u>	<u>88,598</u>	<u>(18,836)</u>	<u>11,685</u>	<u>63,303</u>
<i>Endowment funds</i>					
Endowed building	225,000	-	(5,000)	-	220,000
	<u>245,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>220,000</u>
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>					
General	73,379	110,083	(108,484)	1,327	76,305
Tithe fund	2,216	-	(10,525)	10,359	2,050
	<u>75,596</u>	<u>110,083</u>	<u>(119,009)</u>	<u>11,685</u>	<u>78,355</u>
	<u>325,822</u>	<u>198,681</u>	<u>(142,846)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>361,658</u>

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds are as follows:

	Bank & cash balances	Other net assets	Total
	£	£	£
Restricted funds	63,303	-	63,303
Endowment funds (property)	-	220,000	220,000
Unrestricted funds	44,652	33,703	78,355
	<u>107,955</u>	<u>253,703</u>	<u>361,658</u>

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 01.04.23	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers in the year	Closing balance 31.03.24
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Facilities	7,008	1,300	(4,967)	-	3,341
Hardship	202	-	(275)	300	227
Youth events	176	812	(48)	-	940
Cooking on a budget	-	2,935	(3,012)	77	0
EPIC	-	1,559	(841)	-	718
	<u>7,386</u>	<u>6,606</u>	<u>(9,143)</u>	<u>377</u>	<u>5,227</u>
<i>Endowment funds</i>					
Endowed building	230,000	-	(5,000)	-	225,000
	<u>230,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>225,000</u>
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>					
General	77,380	99,714	(93,931)	(9,782)	73,379
Tithe fund	1,271	-	(8,460)	9,406	2,216
	<u>78,650</u>	<u>99,714</u>	<u>(102,391)</u>	<u>(377)</u>	<u>75,596</u>
	<u>316,036</u>	<u>106,320</u>	<u>(116,534)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305,823</u>

Transfers: during the year the church spent £7,000 on a new van for the Revive community supermarket, which has been capitalised in tangible fixed assets. An equivalent amount has been transferred out of the Revive restricted fund. Additionally some of the costs of employing staff for the Community supermarket have been re-charged as a transfer out of this fund.

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds are as follows:

	Bank & cash balances £	Other net assets £	Total £
Restricted funds	7,386	-	7,386
Endowment funds (property)	-	230,000	230,000
Unrestricted funds	53,377	25,274	78,651
	<u>60,763</u>	<u>255,274</u>	<u>316,037</u>

12 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity received donations totalling £31,782 (2024: £16,380) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).

During the year the charity also made the following payments to, or for, related parties:

- a) Peter Everett, who is closely related to Nicky Everett, who is a trustee, received employment benefits totalling £5,568 (2024: £0) for working as the Revive Supermarket Manager.

Except as disclosed in note 5 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

13 Members

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £10.

14 Transfer and church merger

During the year ended 31 March 2020 the church merged with Ashingdon United Free Church. The legal transfer of Ashingdon United Free Church to Rochford Community Church Trust ("RCCT") took place on 1st September 2019. As part of that process a parcel of land with limited value (not more than £5,000) was passed to the ownership of RCCT. A church building, held as endowment, was retained in the separate legal charity "Ashingdon United Free Church" (charity number 1077877-1) as advised by the Charity Commission, under the control of the Trustees of RCCT and therefore forming part of these accounts. If the charity were to dispose of the property, the permanent endowment (which includes the church building and land) would revert to the original donors or descendants. The valuation of that property was assessed by the Trustees as £250,000.

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities with Comparatives
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted Funds - General		Unrestricted Funds - Designated		Restricted Funds		Endowment Funds		Total Funds	Total Funds
	Note	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM											
Donations and legacies	3	102,292	93,151	-	-	88,598	6,606	-	-	190,890	99,757
Other income	4	7,791	6,563	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,791	6,563
Total income and endowments		110,083	99,714	-	-	88,598	6,606	-	-	198,681	106,320
EXPENDITURE ON											
Charitable activities	5	108,484	93,931	10,525	8,460	18,836	9,143	5,000	5,000	142,846	116,534
Total expenditure		108,484	93,931	10,525	8,460	18,836	9,143	5,000	5,000	142,846	116,534
Transfers between funds		1,327	(9,782)	10,359	9,406	-	11,685	377	-	-	0
Net movement in funds		<u>2,926</u>	<u>(4,000)</u>	<u>(166)</u>	<u>946</u>	<u>58,076</u>	<u>(2,159)</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,835</u>	<u>(10,214)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:											
Total funds brought forward		73,380	77,380	2,216	1,271	5,227	7,386	225,000	230,000	305,823	311,037
Total funds carried forward		<u>76,305</u>	<u>73,380</u>	<u>2,050</u>	<u>2,216</u>	<u>63,303</u>	<u>5,227</u>	<u>220,000</u>	<u>225,000</u>	<u>361,658</u>	<u>300,823</u>

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1077877

Accounts

**Annual Report and Accounts
of the Trustees of
Rochford Community Church Trust**

**for the year ended
31 March 2024**

A company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales no. 3769768
A registered charity no. 1077877

Legal and Administrative Information

Charity and Company Information

Full Name: Rochford Community Church Trust

Working Names: Life Community Church
Life House (The Building owned by the Trust)
Rochford Community Projects

Registered Office: 93 Golden Cross Road, Ashingdon, ROCHFORD, Essex. SS4 3DH

Constitution: A company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales

Governing Document: Memorandum and Articles of Association
as amended on 4 October 2012

Company Registration: 3769768
Incorporated on 13 May 1999

Charity Registration: 1077877
Registered on 21 October 1999

Trustees / Directors: Samantha C Butt (Resigned 31/12/2023)

Susan H Liberty

Nicholas C M Maxwell

Ruth P Thorn

Nicky Everett (Chair)

Company Secretary: Roy Morgan

Leadership
(Prayer & Planning Team) Simon A. Ford (Senior Pastor)
Andy Thorn
Pete Everett
Kerri Eves
Gary Bunker
Lisa Ford
Susan Liberty

Professional advisors

Bankers: Barclays Business Team
Leicester, LE87 2BB

Independent Examiner: Archie McDowall, BA CA
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage, London, EC1Y 8AB

Solicitors: Giles Wilson
5 Roche Close, Rochford, Essex, SS4 1PU

History

Rochford Community Church was founded in March 1987 when the entire congregation of a local evangelical church embarked on a new venture. A change of name reflected a fresh, outward-looking approach, including the use of buildings which are familiar and accessible to the general public.

In 1999 the church was incorporated as Rochford Community Church Trust, a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. In 2002 the working name Rochford Community Projects was adopted for use in connection with our wider community involvement. In 2012 the working name Number One (Rochford Shop) was adopted with regard to retail and community activities at a newly acquired premises. As explained below, in December 2014, the Trust adopted Community Church Rochford as its main working name. However, the working names Rochford Community Church, Rochford Community Projects, Number One (Rochford Shop) and Community Church Rochford have since ceased to be used. In September 2021 the Trust adopted Life Community Church and Life House as its working names to signal a new phase in the development of the vision of the church and Trust.

From the start the church was associated with the Cornerstone Network (latterly C.Net). This organisation was dissolved some years ago and links now continue with churches and individuals in England and abroad. The church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

In April 2018 the congregation of Ashingdon United Free Church (AUFC) joined with Community Church Rochford and the respective charities were merged from September 2019 to be known as Rochford Community Church Trust.

Under the merger agreement the Trust inherited a plot of land and the former AUFC church building, providing for the first time a permanent base around which its activities could be centred. The church building is held under an endowment limiting its continuing use "for the holding of religious services of an un-denominational character and for meetings and such other religious and social purposes as the Trustees think proper". The original mission hall was replaced in 1999 by the current building and it remains within the province of the AUFC charity of which the Trust has become sole trustee. The Trust sees the acquisition of the building, known now as Life House, as both a challenge and an opportunity for development and outreach.

Limitations on the use of the building as a result of Covid 19 meant that 2021/22 provided an opportunity for some modernisation and improvement of the building. This has largely been from the Trust's own income, but the Trust did receive a grant of £10,000 in July 2021. This was Covid-related funding for buildings hired out to the public, but which had to be closed during the pandemic, with consequent loss of income.

Charitable objects

The following are the objects of Rochford Community Church Trust as specified in the Memorandum and Articles of Association:

- (a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule hereto in the County of Essex and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors of the Charity (herein called "the trustees") may from time to time think fit.*
- (b) to relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said County and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit;*
- (c) to advance education in accordance with Christian principles by such means as the trustees may consider appropriate including by means of establishing and operating any educational establishment or establishments in the said County and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit;*
- (d) to promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in the said County and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.*

Our Vision

COMMUNITY ON MISSION

A Jesus centred community empowered to make disciples

A Jesus Community - Jesus changes our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we make spending time in the presence of God a priority. It's the Holy Spirit who comes alongside (John 14:16), shows us where sin is in our lives (John 16:8), reveals Jesus to us (John 15:26) and empowers us live as disciples of Jesus (Acts 1:8)

A Belonging Community - We are adopted as God's son's and daughters into his family. God's family (the church) is where we can find friendship, belonging and purpose.

A Serving Community - We serve as children of God. We give our time, gifting and our resources generously to bless those in and those beyond our church family.

A Discipling Community - We grow in our relationship with God to become more like Jesus in the context of a discipling/training community so that we can fulfil the mission-

ON MISSION

Being on Mission together means we live out our faith in the context of community, following Jesus where he is leading us and seeing the gospel displayed in word and action.

Organisation

We concluded this period with four Trustees. Day-to-day management of the Church's assets is delegated to the Leadership with certain matters including employment and property/land being reserved to the Trustees. New Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Articles of Association at a general meeting or by the existing Trustees. Financial matters are administered by the Finance Manager.

The spiritual leadership of the Church rests with Simon Ford and is worked out in the context of the Prayer & Planning Team which comprises of 7 people. We also seek spiritual support and oversight from others outside the church including Wes and Mary Sutton.

The Church has no formal membership.

Activities and achievements

In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. A strong commitment to community involvement has continued with 2022/23

Community activities take place in two contexts, activities managed by the Trust and activities managed by other organisations with which our members are involved. This commitment demonstrates that the Church's activities and achievements are commensurate with its charitable objects.

During the year, members worked with or supported various local organisations. Links have continued with local schools. Many community groups hire our premises providing a range of activities which benefit the local community.

As usual, the Trust is grateful to the large number of volunteers within the church who support its activities.

Efforts have continued to be directed towards improvement of our building 'Life House' and grounds. Work has been completed on a new patio area to the rear of the building providing a safe level area for outdoor social activities while we continue to improve and maintain the whole building to a high standard.

Sunday gatherings have now fully returned to being in-person whilst we also record and upload content to YouTube, providing opportunities for individual participation in worship, prayer and communion. The majority of speakers are from within the Church, supplemented by visitors from other churches in the UK and abroad.

Smaller groups have continued to gather including youth groups, children's groups, creative groups, prayer groups, bible study groups and home groups.

Overseas links have continued, particularly with churches and individuals in Poland, Turkey, India and Africa. We have also sought to strengthen links with other local churches.

Plans for the future

Grow our people through expressing our values in:

- Relationship (being a caring, loving and supportive community)
- Discipleship (seeking to become more like Jesus in the context of a discipling/training community)
- Releasing people (to consider new ways to reach out, serving beyond our church family)

Grow our mission through:

- Connection - growing the community within, whilst looking at new models for mission and for new opportunities with schools, other churches and community groups.
- Listening - and prayerfully reviewing what we are doing and considering what we should be doing.
- Serving - where opportunities arise, for the benefit of those in our local community, especially those in need.

Grow in excellence by:

- Building strong teams and groups to oversee areas of ministry.
- Developing our building to fulfil our aims and objectives and to enhance public benefit to those around us.
- Pursuing excellence in all we do.

Changes in personnel

Samantha Butt Resigned as a Trustee on 31/12/2023

Roy Morgan appointed as Company Secretary 01/01/2024

Financial Review:

Income for the year amounted to £106,320 (2023: £110,225). Expenditure in the year was £116,534 (2023: £115,602).

Income less expenditure in the year resulted in a deficit of £10,214 (2023 deficit of £5,377)

Total funds at the year end to carry forward amounted to £305,823, comprising unrestricted funds of £73,380 (2023: £77,380), Restricted Fund balance of £5,227 (2023: £7,386) and Endowment funds of £225,000 (2022: £230,000).

Reserves Policy

The trustees have not designated a specific reserve fund but have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £30k (which equates to 3 months of unrestricted expenditure). The Trust's income and expenditure are relatively stable, and it is not exposed to any significant financial risks. The general fund is maintained at a level sufficient to meet normal cashflow and most contingencies. A financial contingency plan has been put in place in order that the Leadership (Prayer & Planning) Team and Trustees have a clear process in order to address any adverse financial situations that may occur in the Charity in the future. In order to maintain and control the General Fund balance, a set of trigger points has been agreed between the Leadership Team and Trustees. Collectively, the leaders and trustees undertake regular monitoring and review of the General Fund balance and other elements of the annual budget.

Risk Statement

The Directors have reviewed the risks to which a small charity operating with few employees is exposed. Appropriate procedures are in place to identify, monitor and review these risks on a regular basis.

Directors' Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Directors to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure for the year.

- 1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- 2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- 3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.
- 4. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

We are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the Directors on... Sep 14, 2024 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

N Everett
N Everett (Sep 14, 2024 07:55 GMT+1)

Mrs N Everett

Company number: 3769768
Charity number: 1077877

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024 on pages 7 to 16 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 9 and 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

Archie McDowall
Archie McDowall (Sep 30, 2024 11:31 GMT+1)

Archie McDowall, BA CA

For and on behalf of:
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
London
EC1Y 8AB

Date: Sep 30, 2024

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024
Summary Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies	3	93,151	6,606	-	99,757	102,509
Other income and endowments	4	6,563	-	-	6,563	7,717
Total income and endowments		99,714	6,606	-	106,320	110,225
EXPENDITURE ON						
Charitable activities	5	102,391	9,143	5,000	116,534	115,602
Total expenditure		102,391	9,143	5,000	116,534	115,602
Net income/(expenditure)		(2,678)	(2,536)	(5,000)	(10,214)	(5,377)
Transfers between funds		(377)	377	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(3,055)	(2,159)	(5,000)	(10,214)	(5,377)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		78,651	7,386	230,000	316,037	321,414
Total funds carried forward		75,596	5,227	225,000	305,823	316,037

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on page 9-15 form part of these accounts.

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total funds 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS									
Tangible assets	7	19,505	-	225,000	244,505	22,094	-	230,000	252,094
		19,505	-	225,000	244,505	22,094	-	230,000	252,094
CURRENT ASSETS									
Debtors	8	4,886	-	-	4,886	4,859	-	-	4,859
Cash at bank	9	52,946	5,227	-	58,172	53,377	7,386	-	60,763
		57,831	5,227	-	63,058	58,236	7,386	-	65,623
CURRENT LIABILITIES									
Liabilities falling due within one year	10	1,740	-	-	1,740	1,680	-	-	1,680
Net Current Assets		56,091	5,227	-	61,318	56,556	7,386	-	63,943
TOTAL NET ASSETS		75,596	5,227	225,000	305,823	78,651	7,386	230,000	316,037
FUND BALANCES									
Unrestricted funds	11								
General Funds		73,380	-	-	73,380	77,380	-	-	77,380
Designated funds		2,216	-	-	2,216	1,271	-	-	1,271
Restricted Funds	11	-	5,227	-	5,227	-	7,386	-	7,386
Endowment Funds		-	-	225,000	225,000	-	-	230,000	230,000
		75,596	5,227	225,000	305,823	78,651	7,386	230,000	316,037

For the year ended 31 March 2024, the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Responsibilities of directors/trustees:

- a. The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act - however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner whose report forms part of this document.
- b. The directors/trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Directors and signed on their behalf by:

N Everett
N Everett (Sep 14, 2024 07:55 GMT+1)
N Everett

Date:

Company number: 3769768

Charity number: 1077877

The notes on page 9-15 form part of these accounts.

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

Notes to the Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention [as modified by the revaluation of certain assets, which are measured at fair value through the Statement of Financial Activities].

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements. In making this assessment the trustees have considered the impact of Covid-19 and have concluded that its impact on net income will not be material

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

The cost of raising funds is not significant and has not been separately disclosed

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

Notes to the Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

e) Fixed assets and depreciation:

Fixed assets acquired for use by the charity are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life unless they cost less than £5000 when they are written off on purchase.

Refurbishment costs are written off as the costs are incurred.

Depreciation periods are as follows:

Freehold land	Not depreciated
Freehold buildings	Over 50 years
Fixtures and Fittings	Between 3 and 10 years

f) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

g) Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is exempt from taxation under the Income & Corporation Taxes Acts.

h) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption provided by the FRS 102 SORP and has not prepared a Cash Flow Statement for the year.

3 Voluntary income

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
General donations	78,536	79,853
Grants	3,435	5,000
Government grants (note 3a)	0	0
Income tax recoverable	17,786	17,656
	<u>99,757</u>	<u>102,509</u>

4 Other income

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Hall hire	5,714	6,887
Church activities	850	830
	<u>6,563</u>	<u>7,717</u>

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5 Charitable activity

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
a Direct Charitable Costs		
Salaries, travel and expenses	60,302	57,747
Telephone and utilities	3,747	3,324
Gifts to speakers	0	0
Catering	4,867	2,018
Venue costs	0	0
Conferences and training	622	1,180
Ministry and miscellaneous expenses	12,503	7,282
Repairs and renewals	6,836	9,725
Depreciation	7,589	7,589
Grants payable Note 5c	11,413	20,113
	<u>107,880</u>	<u>108,978</u>
b Support & Administration	£	£
Governance costs - independent examination fees	1,740	1,380
Printing, postage and stationery	2,765	1,211
Subscriptions and professional fees	2,345	2,347
Insurance	1,803	1,686
	<u>8,654</u>	<u>6,624</u>
Combined charitable activity cost	<u>116,534</u>	<u>115,602</u>

Fees payable to Stewardship, other than for the annual accounts and independent examination, for payroll bureau services and consultancy services, totalled £730 (2023: £635).

c Grants	Institutions £	Individuals £	2024 £
Missionary support	250	11,163	11,413
Relief of poverty	0	0	0
	<u>250</u>	<u>11,163</u>	<u>11,413</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2023 £
Missionary support	875	13,910	14,785
Relief of poverty	0	5,376	5,376
	<u>875</u>	<u>19,286</u>	<u>20,161</u>

In 2024, no grants of over £1,000 were made to institutions (2023: 0)

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6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries & benefits in kind	56,001	54,635
Pension costs	1,118	1,077
Total staff costs	<u>57,119</u>	<u>55,712</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 3 (2023: 3). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff named on the Company Information page. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2024
			£
Members of key management	41,631	874	<u>42,505</u>
			<u>42,505</u>

The following amounts were payable in the previous year:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2023
			£
Members of key management	40,616	844	<u>41,460</u>
			<u>41,460</u>

No remuneration was paid to any other trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them.

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7 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land & Buildings	Fixtures & Fittings	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Valuation (see Note 13)			
At 1 April 2023	250,000	25,893	275,893
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>250,000</u>	<u>25,893</u>	<u>275,893</u>
Accumulated Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	20,000	3,799	23,799
Charge for the year	5,000	2,589	7,589
At 31 March 2024	<u>25,000</u>	<u>6,388</u>	<u>31,388</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	<u>225,000</u>	<u>19,505</u>	<u>244,505</u>
At 1 April 2023	<u>230,000</u>	<u>22,094</u>	<u>252,094</u>

8 Debtors and Prepayments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Tax recoverable	4,886	4,860
	<u>4,886</u>	<u>4,905</u>

9 Cash at Bank and in Hand

Bank operating accounts	58,172	60,763
	<u>58,172</u>	<u>60,763</u>

10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

Accruals	1,740	1,680
	<u>1,740</u>	<u>1,680</u>

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11 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 01.04.23 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers in the year £	Closing balance 31.03.24 £
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Facilities	7,008	1,300	(4,967)	0	3,341
Hardship	202	0	(275)	300	227
International Needs	-	0	0	-	-
Youth events	176	812	(48)	-	940
Cooking on a budget	-	2,935	(3,012)	77	-
EPIC	-	1,559	(841)	-	718
	<u>7,386</u>	<u>6,606</u>	<u>(9,143)</u>	<u>377</u>	<u>5,227</u>
<i>Endowment funds</i>					
Endowed building	230,000	-	(5,000)	-	225,000
	<u>245,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>225,000</u>
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>					
General	77,380	99,714	(93,931)	(9,782)	73,379
Tithe fund	1,271	-	(8,460)	9,406	2,216
	<u>78,650</u>	<u>99,714</u>	<u>(102,391)</u>	<u>(377)</u>	<u>75,596</u>
	<u>331,036</u>	<u>106,320</u>	<u>(116,534)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305,823</u>

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds are as follows:

	Bank & cash balances £	Other net assets £	Total £
Restricted funds	5,227		5,227
Endowment funds (property)		225,000	225,000
Unrestricted funds	52,946	22,650	75,596
	<u>58,172</u>	<u>247,650</u>	<u>305,823</u>

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 01.04.22 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers in the year £	Closing balance 31.03.23 £
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Facilities	14,766	5,830	(4,788)	(8,800)	7,008
Hardship	250	0	(48)	0	202
International Needs	0	9,180	(9,350)	170	0
Youth events	188	0	(13)	0	176
	<u>15,205</u>	<u>15,010</u>	<u>(14,198)</u>	<u>(8,630)</u>	<u>7,386</u>
<i>Endowment funds</i>					
Endowed building	235,000	0	(5,000)	0	230,000
	<u>235,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>230,000</u>
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>					
General	69,413	95,215	(86,894)	(354)	77,380
Tithe fund	1,796	0	(9,510)	8,984	1,271
	<u>71,209</u>	<u>95,215</u>	<u>(96,404)</u>	<u>8,630</u>	<u>78,650</u>
	<u>321,413</u>	<u>110,225</u>	<u>(115,602)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>316,037</u>

Transfers: during the year the church spent £8,800 on patio and landscaping work which was been treated as a capital item in the previous year accounts. This payment was in accordance with the terms of the facilities fund and accordingly an equivalent amount was transferred out of the facilities fund.

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The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds are as follows:

	Bank & cash balances £	Other net assets £	Total £
Restricted funds	7,386		7,386
Endowment funds (property)		230,000	230,000
Unrestricted funds	53,377	25,274	78,651
	<u>60,763</u>	<u>255,274</u>	<u>316,037</u>

12 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity received donations totalling £16,380 (2023: £19,310) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).

Except as disclosed in note 5 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

13 Members

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £10.

14 Transfer and church merger

During the year ended 31 March 2020 the church merged with Ashingdon United Free Church. The legal transfer of Ashingdon United Free Church to Rochford Community Church Trust ("RCCT") took place on 1st September 2019. As part of that process a parcel of land with limited value (not more than £5,000) was passed to the ownership of RCCT. A church building, held as endowment, was retained in the separate legal charity "Ashingdon United Free Church" (charity number 1077877-1) as advised by the Charity Commission, under the control of the Trustees of RCCT and therefore forming part of these accounts. If the charity were to dispose of the property, the permanent endowment (which includes the church building and land) would revert to the original donors or descendants. The valuation of that property was assessed by the Trustees as £250,000.

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities with Comparatives
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted Funds - General		Unrestricted Funds - Designated		Restricted Funds		Endowment Funds		Total Funds	Total Funds
	Note	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM											
Donations and legacies	3	93,151	87,499	-	-	6,606	15,010	-	-	99,757	102,509
Other income	4	6,563	7,717	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,563	7,717
Total income and endowments		99,714	95,215	-	-	6,606	15,010	-	-	106,320	110,225
EXPENDITURE ON											
Charitable activities	5	93,931	86,894	8,460	9,510	9,143	14,198	5,000	5,000	116,534	115,602
Total expenditure		93,931	86,894	8,460	9,510	9,143	14,198	5,000	5,000	116,534	115,602
Transfers between funds		(9,782)	(354)	9,406	8,984	377	(8,630)	-	-	0	-
Net movement in funds		(4,000)	7,967	946	(526)	(2,159)	(7,818)	(5,000)	5,000	(10,214)	(5,377)
Reconciliation of funds:											
Total funds brought forward		77,380	69,413	1,271	1,796	7,386	15,205	230,000	235,000	316,037	321,414
Total funds carried forward		73,380	77,380	2,216	1,271	5,227	7,386	225,000	230,000	305,823	316,037

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

Accounts

**Annual Report and Accounts
of the Trustees of
Rochford Community Church Trust**

**for the year ended
31 March 2023**

A company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales no. 3769768
A registered charity no. 1077877

Legal and Administrative Information

Charity and Company Information

Full Name: Rochford Community Church Trust

Working Names: Life Community Church
Life House (The Building owned by the Trust)
Rochford Community Projects

Registered Office: 93 Golden Cross Road, Ashingdon, ROCHFORD, Essex. SS4 3DH

Constitution: A company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales

Governing Document: Memorandum and Articles of Association
as amended on 4 October 2012

Company Registration: 3769768
Incorporated on 13 May 1999

Charity Registration: 1077877
Registered on 21 October 1999

Trustees / Directors: Samantha C Butt (Chair)

Susan H Liberty

Nicholas C M Maxwell

Ruth P Thorn

Nicky Everett (Appointed 15/11/2022)

Stephen G Halliwell (resigned 30/04/2022)

Susan R Burt (resigned 15/11/2022)

Company Secretary: To be appointed.

Leadership
(Prayer & Planning Team) Simon A. Ford (Senior Pastor)
Andy Thorn
Pete Everett
Kerri Eves
Gary Bunker
Lisa Ford
Susan Liberty

Professional advisors

Bankers: Barclays Business Team
Leicester, LE87 2BB

Independent Examiner: Archie McDowall, BA CA
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage, London, EC1Y 8AB

Solicitors: Giles Wilson
5 Roche Close, Rochford, Essex, SS4 1PU

History

Rochford Community Church was founded in March 1987 when the entire congregation of a local evangelical church embarked on a new venture. A change of name reflected a fresh, outward-looking approach, including the use of buildings which are familiar and accessible to the general public.

In 1999 the church was incorporated as Rochford Community Church Trust, a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. In 2002 the working name Rochford Community Projects was adopted for use in connection with our wider community involvement. In 2012 the working name Number One (Rochford Shop) was adopted with regard to retail and community activities at a newly acquired premises. As explained below, in December 2014, the Trust adopted Community Church Rochford as its main working name. However, the working names Rochford Community Church, Rochford Community Projects, Number One (Rochford Shop) and Community Church Rochford have since ceased to be used. In September 2021 the Trust adopted Life Community Church and Life House as its working names to signal a new phase in the development of the vision of the church and Trust.

From the start the church was associated with the Cornerstone Network (latterly C.Net). This organisation was dissolved some years ago and links now continue with churches and individuals in England and abroad. The church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

In April 2018 the congregation of Ashingdon United Free Church (AUFC) joined with Community Church Rochford and the respective charities were merged from September 2019 to be known as Rochford Community Church Trust.

Under the merger agreement the Trust inherited a plot of land and the former AUFC church building, providing for the first time a permanent base around which its activities could be centred. The church building is held under an endowment limiting its continuing use "for the holding of religious services of an un-denominational character and for meetings and such other religious and social purposes as the Trustees think proper". The original mission hall was replaced in 1999 by the current building and it remains within the province of the AUFC charity of which the Trust has become sole trustee. The Trust sees the acquisition of the building, known now as Life House, as both a challenge and an opportunity for development and outreach.

Limitations on the use of the building as a result of Covid 19 meant that 2021/22 provided an opportunity for some modernisation and improvement of the building. This has largely been from the Trust's own income, but the Trust did receive a grant of £10,000 in July 2021. This was Covid-related funding for buildings hired out to the public, but which had to be closed during the pandemic, with consequent loss of income.

Charitable objects

The following are the objects of Rochford Community Church Trust as specified in the Memorandum and Articles of Association:

- (a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule hereto in the County of Essex and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors of the Charity (herein called "the trustees") may from time to time think fit.*
- (b) to relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said County and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit;*
- (c) to advance education in accordance with Christian principles by such means as the trustees may consider appropriate including by means of establishing and operating any educational establishment or establishments in the said County and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit;*
- (d) to promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in the said County and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.*

Our Vision

COMMUNITY ON MISSION

A Jesus centred community empowered to make disciples

A Jesus Community - Jesus changes our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we make spending time in the presence of God a priority. It's the Holy Spirit who comes alongside (John 14:16), shows us where sin is in our lives (John 16:8), reveals Jesus to us (John 15:26) and empowers us live as disciples of Jesus (Acts 1:8)

A Belonging Community - We are adopted as God's son's and daughters into his family. God's family (the church) is where we can find friendship, belonging and purpose.

A Serving Community - We serve as children of God. We give our time, gifting and our resources generously to bless those in and those beyond our church family.

A Discipling Community - We grow in our relationship with God to become more like Jesus in the context of a discipling/training community so that we can fulfil the mission-

ON MISSION

Being on Mission together means we live out our faith in the context of community, following Jesus where he is leading us and seeing the gospel displayed in word and action.

Organisation

We concluded this period with five Trustees. Day-to-day management of the Church's assets is delegated to the Leadership with certain matters including employment and property/land being reserved to the Trustees. New Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Articles of Association at a general meeting or by the existing Trustees. Financial matters are administered by the Finance Manager.

The spiritual leadership of the Church rests with Simon Ford and is worked out in the context of the Prayer & Planning Team which comprises of 7 people. We also seek spiritual support and oversight from others outside the church including Wes and Mary Sutton.

The Church has no formal membership.

Activities and achievements

In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. A strong commitment to community involvement has continued with 2022/23

Community activities take place in two contexts, activities managed by the Trust and activities managed by other organisations with which our members are involved. This commitment demonstrates that the Church's activities and achievements are commensurate with its charitable objects.

During the year, members worked with or supported various local organisations. Links have continued with local schools. Many community groups hire our premises providing a range of activities which benefit the local community.

As usual, the Trust is grateful to the large number of volunteers within the church who support its activities.

Efforts have continued to be directed towards improvement of our building 'Life House' and grounds. Work has been completed on a new patio area to the rear of the building providing a safe level area for outdoor social activities while we continue to improve and maintain the whole building to a high standard.

Sunday gatherings have now fully returned to being in-person whilst we also record and upload content to YouTube, providing opportunities for individual participation in worship, prayer and communion. The majority of speakers are from within the Church, supplemented by visitors from other churches in the UK and abroad.

Smaller groups have continued to gather including youth groups, children's groups, creative groups, prayer groups, bible study groups and home groups.

Overseas links have continued, particularly with churches and individuals in Poland, Turkey, India and Africa. We have also sought to strengthen links with other local churches.

Plans for the future

Grow our people through expressing our values in:

- Relationship (being a caring, loving and supportive community)
- Discipleship (seeking to become more like Jesus in the context of a discipling/training community)
- Releasing people (to consider new ways to reach out, serving beyond our church family)

Grow our mission through:

- Connection - growing the community within, whilst looking at new models for mission and for new opportunities with schools, other churches and community groups.
- Listening - and prayerfully reviewing what we are doing and considering what we should be doing.
- Serving - where opportunities arise, for the benefit of those in our local community, especially those in need.

Grow in excellence by:

- Building strong teams and groups to oversee areas of ministry.
- Developing our building to fulfil our aims and objectives and to enhance public benefit to those around us.
- Pursuing excellence in all we do.

Changes in personnel

Nicky Everett was appointed as a Trustee on 15th November 2022

Andy Thorn, Pete Everett, Sue Liberty, Gary Bunker were brought into the new Prayer & Planning Team on 5th March 2023 alongside Simon Ford, Kerri Eves and Lisa Ford who were part of the previous Vision Team.

Financial Review:

Income for the year amounted to £110,225 (2022: £135,180). Expenditure in the year was £115,602 (2022: £131,081).

Income less expenditure in the year resulted in a deficit of £5,377 (2022 surplus of £4,098)

Total funds at the year end to carry forward amounted to £316,037, comprising unrestricted funds of £78,651 (2022: £71,209), Restricted Fund balance of £7,386 (2022: £15,205) and Endowment funds of £230,000 (2022: £235,000).

Reserves Policy

The trustees have not designated a specific reserve fund but have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £30k (which equates to 3 months of unrestricted expenditure). The Trust's income and expenditure are relatively stable, and it is not exposed to any significant financial risks. The general fund is maintained at a level sufficient to meet normal cashflow and most contingencies. A financial contingency plan has been put in place in order that the Leadership (Prayer & Planning) Team and Trustees have a clear process in order to address any adverse financial situations that may occur in the Charity in the future. In order to maintain and control the General Fund balance, a set of trigger points has been agreed between the Leadership Team and Trustees. Collectively, the leaders and trustees undertake regular monitoring and review of the General Fund balance and other elements of the annual budget.

Risk Statement

The Directors have reviewed the risks to which a small charity operating with few employees is exposed. Appropriate procedures are in place to identify, monitor and review these risks on a regular basis.

Directors' Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Directors to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure for the year.

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.
4. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

We are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the Directors on 23 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

S C Butt

S C Butt

Company number:	3769768
Charity number:	1077877

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023 on pages 7 to 16 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 9 and 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

Archie McDowall

Archie McDowall, BA CA

For and on behalf of:

Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
London
EC1Y 8AB

Date: 28 September 2023

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023
Summary Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies	3	87,499	15,010	-	102,509	130,627
Other income and endowments	4	7,717	-	-	7,717	4,553
Total income and endowments		95,215	15,010	-	110,225	135,180
EXPENDITURE ON						
Charitable activities	5	96,404	14,198	5,000	115,602	131,081
Total expenditure		96,404	14,198	5,000	115,602	131,081
Net income/(expenditure)		(1,189)	812	(5,000)	(5,377)	4,098
Transfers between funds		8,630	(8,630)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		7,441	(7,818)	(5,000)	(5,377)	4,098
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		71,209	15,205	235,000	321,414	317,316
Total funds carried forward		78,651	7,386	230,000	316,037	321,414

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on page 9-15 form part of these accounts.

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total funds 2022 £
FIXED ASSETS									
Tangible assets	7	22,094	-	230,000	252,094	10,883	-	235,000	245,883
		22,094	-	230,000	252,094	10,883	-	235,000	245,883
CURRENT ASSETS									
Debtors	8	4,859	-	-	4,859	4,905	-	-	4,905
Cash at bank	9	53,377	7,386	-	60,763	57,281	15,205	-	72,486
		58,236	7,386	-	65,623	62,186	15,205	-	77,390
CURRENT LIABILITIES									
Liabilities falling due within one year	10	1,680	-	-	1,680	1,860	-	-	1,860
Net Current Assets		56,556	7,386	-	63,943	60,326	15,205	-	75,530
TOTAL NET ASSETS		78,651	7,386	230,000	316,037	71,209	15,205	235,000	321,414
FUND BALANCES									
Unrestricted funds	11								
General Funds		77,380	-	-	77,380	69,413	-	-	69,413
Designated funds		1,271	-	-	1,271	1,796	-	-	1,796
Restricted Funds	11	-	7,386	-	7,386	-	15,205	-	15,205
Endowment Funds		-	-	230,000	230,000	-	-	235,000	235,000
		78,651	7,386	230,000	316,037	71,209	15,205	235,000	321,414

For the year ended 31 March 2023, the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Responsibilities of directors/trustees:

- a. The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act - however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner whose report forms part of this document.
- b. The directors/trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Directors and signed on their behalf by:

S C Butt

S C Butt

Date: 23 September 2023

Company number: 3769768

Charity number: 1077877

The notes on page 9-15 form part of these accounts.

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

Notes to the Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention [as modified by the revaluation of certain assets, which are measured at fair value through the Statement of Financial Activities].

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements. In making this assessment the trustees have considered the impact of Covid-19 and have concluded that its impact on net income will not be material

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

The cost of raising funds is not significant and has not been separately disclosed

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d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

e) Fixed assets and depreciation:

Fixed assets acquired for use by the charity are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life unless they cost less than £5000 when they are written off on purchase.

Refurbishment costs are written off as the costs are incurred.

Depreciation periods are as follows:

Freehold land	Not depreciated
Freehold buildings	Over 50 years
Fixtures and Fittings	Between 3 and 10 years

f) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

g) Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is exempt from taxation under the Income & Corporation Taxes Acts.

h) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption provided by the FRS 102 SORP and has not prepared a Cash Flow Statement for the year.

3 Voluntary income

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
General donations	79,853	101,508
Grants	5,000	0
Government grants (note 3a)	0	10,000
Income tax recoverable	17,656	19,118
	<u>102,509</u>	<u>130,627</u>

a Government grants comprise:

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Local authority COVID loss of income grant	0	10,000
	<u>0</u>	<u>10,000</u>

4 Other income

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Hall hire	6,887	2,581
Church activities - weekend away	830	1,972
	<u>7,717</u>	<u>4,553</u>

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5 Charitable activity

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
a Direct Charitable Costs		
Salaries, travel and expenses	57,747	55,821
Telephone and utilities	3,324	3,575
Gifts to speakers	0	0
Catering	2,018	1,727
Venue costs	0	0
Conferences and training	1,180	0
Ministry and miscellaneous expenses	7,282	10,405
Repairs and renewals	9,725	27,346
Depreciation	7,589	6,209
Grants payable Note 5c	20,113	17,648
	<u>108,978</u>	<u>122,731</u>
b Support & Administration	£	£
Governance costs - independent examination fees	1,380	1,596
Printing, postage and stationery	1,211	1,876
Subscriptions and professional fees	2,347	3,274
Insurance	1,686	1,604
	<u>6,624</u>	<u>8,351</u>
Combined charitable activity cost	<u>115,602</u>	<u>131,081</u>

Fees payable to Stewardship, other than for the annual accounts and independent examination, for payroll bureau services and consultancy services, totalled £635 (2022: £635).

c Grants	Institutions £	Individuals £	2023 £
Missionary support	875	13,910	14,785
Relief of poverty	0	5,376	5,376
	<u>875</u>	<u>19,286</u>	<u>20,161</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2022 £
Missionary support	2,243	9,260	11,503
Relief of poverty	5,955	190	6,145
	<u>8,198</u>	<u>9,450</u>	<u>17,648</u>

The grants > £1000 made in the year were:

	2023	2022
WEC International	700	1,530
Kosciol Zielonoswiqtkowy Zbor Wroclaw (Poland)	0	5,518

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6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries & benefits in kind	54,635	50,154
Pension costs	1,077	886
Total staff costs	<u>55,712</u>	<u>51,040</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 3 (2022: 3). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff named on the Company Information page. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2023
			£
Members of key management	40,616	844	<u>41,460</u>
			<u>41,460</u>

The following amounts were payable in the previous year:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2022
			£
Members of key management	39,625	673	<u>40,298</u>
			<u>40,298</u>

No remuneration was paid to any other trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them.

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7 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land & Buildings	Fixtures & Fittings	Total 2023
Valuation (see Note 13)	£	£	£
At 1 April 2022	250,000	12,093	262,093
Additions	-	13,800	13,800
At 31 March 2023	<u>250,000</u>	<u>25,893</u>	<u>275,893</u>
Accumulated Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	15,000	1,209	16,209
Charge for the year	5,000	2,589	7,589
At 31 March 2023	<u>20,000</u>	<u>3,799</u>	<u>23,799</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	<u>230,000</u>	<u>22,094</u>	<u>252,094</u>
At 1 April 2022	<u>235,000</u>	<u>10,883</u>	<u>245,883</u>

8 Debtors and Prepayments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Tax recoverable	4,860	4,905
	<u>4,860</u>	<u>4,905</u>

9 Cash at Bank and in Hand

Bank operating accounts	60,763	72,486
	<u>60,763</u>	<u>72,486</u>

10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

Accruals	1,680	1,860
	<u>1,680</u>	<u>1,860</u>

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11 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 01.04.22	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers in the year	Closing balance 31.03.23
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Facilities	14,766	5,830	(4,788)	(8,800)	7,008
Hardship	250	0	(48)	-	202
International Needs	-	9,180	(9,350)	170	-
Youth events	188	0	(13)	-	176
	<u>15,205</u>	<u>15,010</u>	<u>(14,198)</u>	<u>(8,630)</u>	<u>7,386</u>
<i>Endowment funds</i>					
Endowed building	235,000	-	(5,000)	-	230,000
	<u>245,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>230,000</u>
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>					
General	69,413	95,215	(86,894)	(354)	77,380
Tithe fund	1,796	-	(9,510)	8,984	1,271
	<u>71,209</u>	<u>95,215</u>	<u>(96,404)</u>	<u>8,630</u>	<u>78,650</u>
	<u>331,413</u>	<u>110,225</u>	<u>(115,602)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>316,036</u>

Transfers: during the year the church spent £8,800 on patio and landscaping work which has been treated as a capital item in these accounts. This payment is in accordance with the terms of the facilities fund and accordingly an equivalent amount has been transferred out of the facilities fund.

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds are as follows:

	Bank & cash balances	Other net assets	Total
	£	£	£
Restricted funds	7,386		7,386
Endowment funds (property)		230,000	230,000
Unrestricted funds	53,377	25,274	78,651
	<u>60,763</u>	<u>255,274</u>	<u>316,037</u>

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 01.04.20	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers in the year	Closing balance 31.03.21
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Facilities	-	22,755	(34,399)	26,410	14,766
Hardship	-	750	(1,000)	500	250
Ukraine	-	5,518	(5,518)	-	-
Youth events	-	2,542	(2,354)	-	188
	<u>-</u>	<u>31,565</u>	<u>(43,270)</u>	<u>26,910</u>	<u>15,205</u>
<i>Endowment funds</i>					
Endowed building	240,000	0	(5,000)	-	235,000
	<u>240,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>235,000</u>
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>					
General	77,315	103,615	(72,296)	(39,221)	69,413
Tithe fund	0	-	(10,515)	12,311	1,796
	<u>77,315</u>	<u>103,615</u>	<u>(82,811)</u>	<u>(26,910)</u>	<u>71,209</u>
	<u>322,315</u>	<u>135,180</u>	<u>(131,081)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>321,413</u>

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The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds are as follows:

	Bank & cash balances £	Other net assets £	Total £
Restricted funds	15,205		15,205
Endowment funds (property)		235,000	235,000
Unrestricted funds	57,281	13,928	71,209
	<u>72,486</u>	<u>248,928</u>	<u>321,414</u>

12 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity received donations totalling £19,310 (2022: £22,683) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).

Except as disclosed in note 5 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

13 Members

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £10.

14 Transfer and church merger

During the year ended 31 March 2020 the church merged with Ashingdon United Free Church. The legal transfer of Ashingdon United Free Church to Rochford Community Church Trust ("RCCT") took place on 1st September 2019. As part of that process a parcel of land with limited value (not more than £5,000) was passed to the ownership of RCCT. A church building, held as endowment, was retained in the separate legal charity "Ashingdon United Free Church" (charity number 1077877-1) as advised by the Charity Commission, under the control of the Trustees of RCCT and therefore forming part of these accounts. If the charity were to dispose of the property, the permanent endowment (which includes the church building and land) would revert to the original donors or descendants. The valuation of that property was assessed by the Trustees as £250,000.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities with Comparatives
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted Funds - General		Unrestricted Funds - Designated		Restricted Funds		Endowment Funds		Total Funds	Total Funds
	Note	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM											
Donations and legacies	3	87,499	99,062	-	-	15,010	31,565	-	-	102,509	130,627
Other income	4	7,717	4,553	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,717	4,553
Total income and endowments		95,215	103,615	-	-	15,010	31,565	-	-	110,225	135,180
EXPENDITURE ON											
Charitable activities	5	86,894	72,296	9,510	10,515	14,198	43,270	5,000	5,000	115,602	131,081
Total expenditure		86,894	72,296	9,510	10,515	14,198	43,270	5,000	5,000	115,602	131,081
Transfers between funds		(354)	(39,221)	8,984	12,311	8,630	26,910	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		7,967	(7,902)	(526)	1,796	(7,818)	15,205	(5,000)	5,000	(5,377)	4,098
Reconciliation of funds:											
Total funds brought forward		69,413	77,316	1,796	-	15,205	-	235,000	240,000	321,414	317,316
Total funds carried forward		77,380	69,413	1,271	1,796	7,386	15,205	230,000	235,000	316,037	321,414

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

Accounts

**Annual Report and Accounts
of the Trustees of
Rochford Community Church Trust**

**for the year ended
31 March 2022**

A company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales no. 3769768
A registered charity no. 1077877

Legal and Administrative Information

Charity and Company Information

Full Name:	Rochford Community Church Trust
Working Names:	Life Community Church
Registered Office:	93 Golden Cross Road, Rochford, Essex, SS4 3DH
Constitution:	A company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales
Governing Document:	Memorandum and Articles of Association as amended on 4 October 2012
Company Registration:	3769768 Incorporated on 13 May 1999
Charity Registration:	1077877 Registered on 21 October 1999

Key personnel

Trustees / Directors:	Susan R. Burt (resigned 15/11/2022) Samantha C Butt (Chair) Stephen G. Halliwell (resigned 30 April 2022) Nicky Everett (appointed 15/11/2022) Susan Liberty Nicholas C M Maxwell Ruth P Thorn (appointed 11/05/2021)
Company Secretary:	Stephen G. Halliwell (resigned 30 April 2022)
Leadership Team:	Simon A. Ford (Senior Leader) David Clayton Gail Clayton Kerri Eves Lisa Ford

Professional advisors

Bankers:	Barclays Business Team Leicester, LE87 2BB
Independent Examiner:	Stephen Mathews FCA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage, London, EC1Y 8AB
Solicitors:	Giles Wilson 5 Roche Close, Rochford, Essex, SS4 1PU

Report of the Trustees

History

Rochford Community Church was founded in March 1987 when the entire congregation of a local evangelical church embarked on a new venture. A change of name reflected a fresh, outward-looking approach, including the use of buildings which are familiar and accessible to the general public.

In 1999 the church was incorporated as Rochford Community Church Trust, a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. In 2002 the working name Rochford Community Projects was adopted for use in connection with our wider community involvement. In 2012 the working name Number One (Rochford Shop) was adopted with regard to retail and community activities at a newly acquired premises. As explained below, in December 2014, the Trust adopted Community Church Rochford as its main working name. The working names Rochford Community Church and Rochford Community Projects have since ceased to be used, and the common working title for the Trust is now Life Community Church.

From the start the church was associated with the Cornerstone Network (latterly C.Net). This organisation has since been dissolved but links continue with churches and individuals in England and abroad.

In April 2018 the congregation of Ashingdon United Free Church (AUFC) joined with Community Church Rochford and the respective charities were merged together from September 2019 to be known as Rochford Community Church Trust.

Under the merger agreement the Trust inherited a plot of land and the former AUFC church building, providing for the first time a permanent base around which its activities could be centred. The church building is held under an endowment limiting its continuing use to non-denominational church purposes only. An original mission hall was replaced in 1999 by the current building and it remains within the province of the AUFC charity of which the Trust has become sole trustee. The Trust sees its acquisition as both a challenge and an opportunity for development and outreach.

Charitable objects

The following are the objects of Rochford Community Church Trust as specified in the Memorandum and Articles of Association:

- (a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule hereto in the County of Essex and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors of the Charity (herein called "the trustees") may from time to time think fit;*
- (b) to relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said County and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit;*
- (c) to advance education in accordance with Christian principles by such means as the trustees may consider appropriate including by means of establishing and operating any educational establishment or establishments in the said County and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit;*
- (d) to promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in the said County and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.*

Vision

The vision for the Church is now expressed as: **Gather – Grow – Go**

Gather

We want to be a community who gather to encounter God together, where every generation feels valued and connected to others.

Grow

We want to be a community that grows both in number and as individuals. We want to see people healed by the love of God and disciplined to be fruitful in every area of their lives.

Go

We want to be a community that is impacting our wider community. We want to love the people we meet by serving them, telling them the good news and praying for an encounter with Jesus.

Organisation

There are currently six Trustees. Day-to-day management of the Church's assets is delegated to the Leadership Team with certain matters including employment and property/land being reserved to the Trustees. New Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Articles of Association at a general meeting or by the existing Trustees. Financial matters are administered by the Finance Manager.

The spiritual leadership of the Church rests with the Leadership (Vision) Team which, since November 2020 comprises five people.

The Church has no formal membership.

Activities and achievements

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. A strong commitment to community involvement has continued. This takes place in two contexts, activities managed by the Trust and activities managed by other organisations with which our members are involved. This commitment demonstrates that the Church's activities and achievements are commensurate with its charitable objects. As usual, the Trust is grateful to the large number of volunteers who support its activities.

During the year, members worked with or supported various local organisations and we continue to look for opportunities to support the community in which we are based.

Government imposed restrictions including on churches and church organisations were gradually lifted during the 21/22 year. The Trust continued to abide by all of the rules but relaxed its own rules as the government relaxed the restrictions.

Gradually, meeting together was more and more allowed and towards the end of the current period most restrictions had been lifted. Church life could now incorporate meeting together and also re-commencing community activities.

Like many organisations, faith-based and otherwise, we have learned a great deal during the very difficult past 2 years, and some aspects of life learned during the pandemic have been useful and have been maintained. For example, meetings on platforms like Zoom, something we would have been unlikely to have considered in the past, have continued and our ability to reach out to our links abroad have been strengthened by the fact that these technologies have become commonplace to use, and accepted in organisations in the UK and around the globe.

Overseas links have continued, particularly with churches and individuals in Poland, Turkey, India and Zimbabwe, and as said, if anything, have strengthened because of the availability, acceptance and use of technological aids. We have also sought to strengthen links with other local churches.

Plans for the future**Grow our people through:**

- Relationship (being a caring and healing community)
- Discipleship (teaching, training, modelling Christian lifestyle)
- Releasing people (to reach out, serve and lead others)

Grow our outreach through:

- Connection - growing existing relationships and perusing new opportunities with schools, other churches and community groups.

- Listening - and prayerfully reviewing what we are doing and considering what we should be doing.
- Serving - where opportunities arise, for the benefit of those in our local community.

Grow in excellence by:

- Building strong teams of people to oversee areas of ministry.
- Developing our building (formally Ashingdon United Free Church) to fulfil our aims and objectives.
- Pursuing excellence in all we do, quality above quantity.

Changes in personnel

Ruth Thorn was appointed as a Trustee at 11/05/2021.

Financial Review:

Income for the year amounted to £135,000 (2021: £111,000) (all funds). Expenditure in the year was £131,000 (2021: £113,000).

The surplus of income over expenditure in the year was - £4,000 (2021: £2,000 deficit).

Total funds at the year end to carry forward amounted to £321,000, comprising unrestricted funds of £71,000 (2021: £77,000), Restricted Fund balance of £15,000 (2021: nil) and Endowment funds of £235,000 (2021: £240,000).

Reserves Policy

The trustees have not designated a specific reserves fund, but have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £30k (which equates to 3 months' of unrestricted expenditure). The trust's income and expenditure are relatively stable and it is not exposed to any significant financial risks. The general fund is maintained at a level sufficient to meet normal cashflow and most contingencies. A financial contingency plan has been put in place in order that the Leadership Team and Trustees have a clear process in order to address any adverse financial situations that may occur in the Charity in the future. In order to maintain and control the General Fund balance, a set of trigger points has been agreed between the Leadership Team and Trustees. A small team of leaders and trustees (consisting of Chair of Trustees, Finance Trustee, Senior Leader and one other leader) will undertake regular monitoring of the General Fund balance and other elements of the annual budget.

Risk Statement

The Directors have reviewed the risks to which a small charity operating with few employees is exposed. Appropriate procedures are in place to identify, monitor and review these risks on a regular basis.

Directors' Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Directors to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure for the year.

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.
4. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

We are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the Directors and signed on their behalf by:

S C Butt

S C Butt

Date: 15 December 2022

Company number:	3769768
Charity number:	1077877

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022 on pages 7 to 16 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 9 and 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

Archie McDowall

Archie McDowall, BA CA

For and on behalf of:

Stewardship

1 Lamb's Passage

London

EC1Y 8AB

Date: 16 December 2022

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022
Summary Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies	3	99,062	31,565	-	130,627	110,689
Other income and endowments	4	4,553	-	-	4,553	624
Total income and endowments		103,615	31,565	-	135,180	111,313
EXPENDITURE ON						
Charitable activities	5	82,811	43,270	5,000	131,081	112,839
Total expenditure		82,811	43,270	5,000	131,081	112,839
Net income/(expenditure)		20,804	(11,705)	(5,000)	4,098	(1,526)
Transfers between funds		(26,910)	26,910	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(6,106)	15,205	(5,000)	4,098	(1,526)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		77,316	-	240,000	317,316	318,841
Total funds carried forward		71,209	15,205	235,000	321,414	317,315

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on page 9-15 form part of these accounts.

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds	Total funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total funds 2021 £
FIXED ASSETS									
Tangible assets	7	10,883	-	235,000	245,883	-	-	240,000	240,000
		10,883	-	235,000	245,883	-	-	240,000	240,000
CURRENT ASSETS									
Debtors	8	4,905	-	-	4,905	5,018	-	-	5,018
Cash at bank	9	57,281	15,205	-	72,486	74,157	-	-	74,157
		62,186	15,205	-	77,390	79,176	-	-	79,176
CURRENT LIABILITIES									
Liabilities falling due within one year	10	1,860	-	-	1,860	1,860	-	-	1,860
Net Current Assets		60,326	15,205	-	75,530	77,316	-	-	77,316
TOTAL NET ASSETS		71,209	15,205	235,000	321,414	77,316	-	240,000	317,316
FUND BALANCES									
Unrestricted funds	11								
General Funds		69,413	-	-	69,413	90,745	-	-	90,745
Designated funds		1,796	-	-	1,796	-	-	-	-
Restricted Funds	11	-	15,205	-	15,205	-	-	-	-
Endowment Funds		-	-	235,000	235,000	-	-	240,000	240,000
		71,209	15,205	235,000	321,414	90,745	-	240,000	330,745

For the year ended 31 March 2022, the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Responsibilities of directors/trustees:

- a. The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act - however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner whose report forms part of this document.
- b. The directors/trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Directors and signed on their behalf by:

S C Butt

S C Butt

Date: 15 December 2022

Company number: 3769768

Charity number: 1077877

The notes on page 9-15 form part of these accounts.

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

Notes to the Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention [as modified by the revaluation of certain assets, which are measured at fair value through the Statement of Financial Activities].

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP")", with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements. In making this assessment the trustees have considered the impact of Covid-19 and have concluded that its impact on net income will not be material

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

The cost of raising funds is not significant and has not been separately disclosed

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

e) Fixed assets and depreciation:

Fixed assets acquired for use by the charity are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life unless they cost less than £5000 when they are written off on purchase.

Refurbishment costs are written off as the costs are incurred.

Depreciation periods are as follows:

Freehold land	Not depreciated
Freehold buildings	Over 50 years
Equipment	Between 3 and 7 years

f) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

g) Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is exempt from taxation under the Income & Corporation Taxes Acts.

h) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption provided by the FRS 102 SORP and has not prepared a Cash Flow Statement for the year.

3 Voluntary income

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
General donations	101,508	92,326
Government grants (note 3a)	10,000	0
Income tax recoverable	19,118	18,362
	<u>130,627</u>	<u>110,689</u>

a Government grants comprise:

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Local authority COVID loss of income grant	10,000	-
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>

4 Other income

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Hall hire	2,581	624
Church activities - weekend away	1,972	-
	<u>4,553</u>	<u>-</u>

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5 Charitable activity

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
a Direct Charitable Costs		
Salaries, travel and expenses	55,821	51,600
Telephone and utilities	3,575	2,554
Gifts to speakers	0	300
Catering	1,727	302
Venue costs	0	2,633
Conferences and training	0	135
Ministry and miscellaneous expenses	10,405	7,469
Repairs and renewals	27,346	15,700
Depreciation	6,209	5,000
Grants payable Note 5c	17,648	17,506
	<u>122,731</u>	<u>103,199</u>
b Support & Administration	£	£
Governance costs - independent examination fees	1,596	1,860
Printing, postage and stationery	1,876	4,180
Subscriptions and professional fees	3,274	2,245
Insurance	1,604	1,354
	<u>8,351</u>	<u>9,640</u>
Combined charitable activity cost	<u>131,081</u>	<u>112,839</u>

Fees payable to Stewardship, other than for the annual accounts and independent examination, for payroll bureau services and consultancy services, totalled £635 (2021: £643).

c Grants	Institutions £	Individuals £	2022 £
Missionary support	2,243	9,260	11,503
Relief of poverty	5,955	190	6,145
	<u>8,198</u>	<u>9,450</u>	<u>17,648</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2021 £
Missionary support	5,200	11,138	16,338
Relief of poverty	788	-	788
	<u>5,988</u>	<u>11,138</u>	<u>17,125</u>

The grants > £1000 made in the year were:

	2022	2021
WEC International	1,530	2,500
Kosciol Zielonoswiqtkowy Zbor Wroclaw (Poland)	5,518	-
Jeevan Asha (India)	-	1,200
Release International	-	1,888

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6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries & benefits in kind	50,154	50,154
Pension costs	886	886
Total staff costs	<u>51,040</u>	<u>51,040</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 3 (2021: 3). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff named on the Company Information page. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2022
			£
Members of key management	39,625	673	<u>40,298</u>
			<u>40,298</u>

The following amounts were payable in the previous year:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2021
			£
Members of key management	36,810	673	<u>37,483</u>
			<u>37,483</u>

No remuneration was paid to any other trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them.

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7 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land & Buildings	Fixtures & Fittings	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Valuation (see Note 13)			
At 1 April 2021	250,000	-	250,000
Additions	-	12,093	12,093
At 31 March 2022	<u>250,000</u>	<u>12,093</u>	<u>262,093</u>
Accumulated Depreciation			
At 1 April 2021	10,000	-	10,000
Charge for the year	5,000	1,209	6,209
At 31 March 2022	<u>15,000</u>	<u>1,209</u>	<u>16,209</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2022	<u>235,000</u>	<u>10,883</u>	<u>245,883</u>
At 1 April 2021	<u>245,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>245,000</u>

8 Debtors and Prepayments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Tax recoverable	4,905	5,019
	<u>4,905</u>	<u>5,019</u>

9 Cash at Bank and in Hand

Bank operating accounts	72,486	74,157
	<u>72,486</u>	<u>74,157</u>

10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

Accruals	1,860	1,860
	<u>1,860</u>	<u>1,860</u>

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11 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 01.04.21	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers in the year	Closing balance 31.03.22
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Facilities	-	22,755	(34,399)	26,410	14,766
Hardship	-	750	(1,000)	500	250
Ukraine	-	5,518	(5,518)	-	-
Youth events	-	2,542	(2,354)	-	188
	-	31,565	(43,270)	26,910	15,205
<i>Endowment funds</i>					
Endowed building	240,000	-	(5,000)	-	235,000
	245,000	-	(5,000)	-	235,000
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>					
General	77,315	103,615	(72,296)	(39,221)	69,413
Tithe fund	-	-	(10,515)	12,311	1,796
	77,315	103,615	(82,811)	(26,910)	71,209
	322,315	135,180	(131,081)	-	321,413

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds are as follows:

	Bank & cash balances	Other net assets	Total
	£	£	£
Restricted funds	15,205		15,205
Endowment funds (property)		235,000	235,000
Unrestricted funds	57,281	13,928	71,209
	72,486	248,928	321,414

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 01.04.20	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers in the year	Closing balance 31.03.21
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Facilities	9,955	607	(11,577)	1,015	0
	9,955	607	(11,577)	1,015	0
<i>Endowment funds</i>					
Endowed building	245,000	0	(5,000)	-	240,000
	245,000	0	(5,000)	-	240,000
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>					
General	60,954	110,706	(79,287)	(15,058)	77,315
Tithe fund	2,932	-	(16,975)	14,043	0
	63,886	110,706	(96,262)	(1,015)	77,315
	318,841	111,313	(112,839)	-	317,316

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds are as follows:

	Bank & cash balances	Other net assets	Total
	£	£	£
Restricted funds	0		0
Endowment funds (property)		240,000	240,000
Unrestricted funds	74,157	3,158	77,316
	74,157	243,158	317,316

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12 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity received donations totalling £22,683 (2021: £13,105) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).

Except as disclosed in note 5 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

13 Members

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £10.

14 Transfer and church merger

During the year ended 31 March 2020 the church merged with Ashingdon United Free Church. The legal transfer of Ashingdon United Free Church to Rochford Community Church Trust ("RCCT") took place on 1st September 2019. As part of that process a parcel of land with limited value (not more than £5,000) was passed to the ownership of RCCT. A church building, held as endowment, was retained in the separate legal charity "Ashingdon United Free Church" (charity number 1077877-1) as advised by the Charity Commission, under the control of the Trustees of RCCT and therefore forming part of these accounts. If the charity were to dispose of the property, the permanent endowment (which includes the church building and land) would revert to the original donors or descendants. The valuation of that property was assessed by the Trustees as £250,000.

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities with Comparatives
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

		Unrestricted Funds - General		Unrestricted Funds - Designated		Restricted Funds		Endowment Funds		Total Funds	Total Funds
	Note	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM											
Donations and legacies	3	99,062	110,082	-	-	31,565	607	-	-	130,627	110,689
Other income	4	4,553	624	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,553	624
Total income and endowments		103,615	110,706	-	-	31,565	607	-	-	135,180	111,313
 EXPENDITURE ON											
Charitable activities	5	72,296	79,287	10,515	16,975	43,270	11,577	5,000	5,000	131,081	112,839
Total expenditure		72,296	79,287	10,515	16,975	43,270	11,577	5,000	5,000	131,081	112,839
Transfers between funds		(39,221)	(15,058)	12,311	14,043	26,910	1,015			-	-
Net movement in funds		(7,902)	16,361	1,796	(2,932)	15,205	(9,955)	(5,000)	5,000	4,098	(1,526)
Reconciliation of funds:											
Total funds brought forward		77,316	74,384	-	2,932	-	-	240,000	245,000	317,316	317,316
Total funds carried forward		69,413	90,745	1,796	-	15,205	-	9,955	235,000	240,000	321,414

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

Accounts

**Annual Report and Accounts
of the Trustees of
Rochford Community Church Trust**

**for the year ended
31 March 2021**

A company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales no. 3769768
A registered charity no. 1077877

Legal and Administrative Information

Charity and Company Information

Full Name: Rochford Community Church Trust

Working Names: Community Church Rochford
Rochford Community Projects

Registered Office: 69 Stambridge Road, Rochford, Essex, SS4 1DY

Constitution: A company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales

Governing Document: Memorandum and Articles of Association
as amended on 4 October 2012

Company Registration: 3769768
Incorporated on 13 May 1999

Charity Registration: 1077877
Registered on 21 October 1999

Key personnel

Trustees / Directors: Susan R. Burt
Samantha C Butt (Chair)
Stephen G. Halliwell
Susan Liberty (appointed 29 April 2020)
Nicholas C M Maxwell
Robin A Stokes (Deceased 15 March 2021)

Company Secretary: Stephen G. Halliwell

Leadership Team: Simon A. Ford (Senior Leader)
David Clayton
Gail Clayton
Kerri Eves
Lisa Ford

Professional advisors

Bankers: Barclays Business Team
Leicester, LE87 2BB

Independent Examiner: Archie McDowall BA,CA
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage, London, EC1Y 8AB

Solicitors: Giles Wilson
5 Roche Close, Rochford, Essex, SS4 1PU

Report of the Trustees

History

Rochford Community Church was founded in March 1987 when the entire congregation of a local evangelical church embarked on a new venture. A change of name reflected a fresh, outward-looking approach, including the use of buildings which are familiar and accessible to the general public.

In 1999 the church was incorporated as Rochford Community Church Trust, a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. In 2002 the working name Rochford Community Projects was adopted for use in connection with our wider community involvement. In 2012 the working name Number One (Rochford Shop) was adopted with regard to retail and community activities at a newly acquired premises. As explained below, in December 2014, the Trust adopted Community Church Rochford as its main working name. The working names Rochford Community Church and Rochford Community Projects have since ceased to be used.

From the start the church was associated with the Cornerstone Network (latterly C.Net). This organisation has since been dissolved but links continue with churches and individuals in England and abroad.

The church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

In April 2018 the congregation of Ashingdon United Free Church (AUFC) joined with Community Church Rochford and the respective charities were merged together from September 2019 to be known as Rochford Community Church Trust.

Under the merger agreement the Trust inherited a plot of land and the former AUFC church building, providing for the first time a permanent base around which its activities could be centred. The church building is held under an endowment limiting its continuing use to non-denominational church purposes only. An original mission hall was replaced in 1999 by the current building and it remains within the province of the AUFC charity of which the Trust has become sole trustee. The Trust sees its acquisition as both a challenge and an opportunity for development and outreach.

Charitable objects

The following are the objects of Rochford Community Church Trust as specified in the Memorandum and Articles of Association:

- (a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule hereto in the County of Essex and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors of the Charity (herein called "the trustees") may from time to time think fit;*
- (b) to relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said County and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit;*
- (c) to advance education in accordance with Christian principles by such means as the trustees may consider appropriate including by means of establishing and operating any educational establishment or establishments in the said County and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit;*
- (d) to promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in the said County and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.*

Vision

The vision for the Church is now expressed as: **Gather – Grow – Go**

Gather

We want to be a community who gather to encounter God together, where every generation feels valued and connected to others.

Grow

We want to be a community that grows both in number and as individuals. We want to see people healed by the love of God and disciplined to be fruitful in every area of their lives.

Go

We want to be a community that is impacting our wider community. We want to love the people we meet by serving them, telling them the good news and praying for an encounter with Jesus.

Organisation

There are currently six Trustees. Day-to-day management of the Church's assets is delegated to the Leadership Team with certain matters including employment and property/land being reserved to the Trustees. New Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Articles of Association at a general meeting or by the existing Trustees. Financial matters are administered by the Finance Manager.

The spiritual leadership of the Church rests with the Leadership (Vision) Team which, since November 2020 comprises five people.

The Church has no formal membership.

Activities and achievements

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. A strong commitment to community involvement has continued. This takes place in two contexts, activities managed by the Trust and activities managed by other organisations with which our members are involved. This commitment demonstrates that the Church's activities and achievements are commensurate with its charitable objects.

As usual, the Trust is grateful to the large number of volunteers who support its activities.

During the year, members worked with or supported various local organisations and links have continued to grow with several of the local schools through our Youth Leader.

The government restrictions imposed in March 2020 have meant exclusion of the church from its regular Sunday (school) venue and discontinuation of main (whole church) meetings. Efforts have been directed towards improvement of the Ashingdon Centre to provide a Covid-secure environment where meetings, of a managed smaller number of people, could take place, when possible, in accordance with the latest national guidance. Technology has been embraced to provide a framework allowing church members to continue to meet and communicate on-line; this has enabled more consummate focus on prayer, at the same time broadening the reach of church meetings and activities.

Typically, Sunday meetings are livestreamed via YouTube, providing opportunities for individual participation in worship, prayer and communion. The majority of speakers are from within the Church, supplemented by visitors from other churches in the UK and abroad. The livestream is often followed by an on-line time together via Zoom, enabling social mixing within the church community and with visitors. Smaller groups have continued to gather using the same technology and this includes youth groups, children's groups, creative groups, prayer groups and home groups. Walk and Talk has been encouraged to maintain more personal connections with one-another.

Overseas links have continued, particularly with churches and individuals in Eastern Europe, Turkey, India and Africa. We have also sought to strengthen links with other local churches.

Plans for the future

Grow our people through:

- Relationship (being a caring and healing community)
- Discipleship (teaching, training, modelling Christian lifestyle)
- Releasing people (to reach out, serve and lead others)

Grow our outreach through:

- Connection - growing existing relationships and perusing new opportunities with schools, other churches and community groups.
- Listening - and prayerfully reviewing what we are doing and considering what we should be doing.

- Serving - where opportunities arise, for the benefit of those in our local community.

Grow in excellence by:

- Building strong teams of people to oversee areas of ministry.
- Developing our building (formally Ashingdon United Free Church) to fulfil our aims and objectives.
- Pursuing excellence in all we do, quality above quantity.

Changes in personnel

Susan Liberty was appointed as a Trustee in April 2020.

Robin Stokes died unexpectedly in March 2021, following a short illness.

Financial Review:

Income for the year amounted to £111,313 (2020: £129,067 excluding the transfer of the building of the AUFC). Expenditure in the year was £112,839 (2020: £109,231).

The excess of expenditure over income in the year was £1,526 (2020 surplus income of £24,835 excluding the transfer of the building of the AUFC).

Total funds at the year end to carry forward amounted to £317,315, comprising unrestricted funds of £77,316 (2020: £63,886), Restricted Fund balance of £nil (2020: £9,955) and Endowment funds of £240,000 (2020: £245,000).

Reserves Policy

The trustees have not designated a specific reserves fund, but have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £30k (which equates to 3 months' of unrestricted expenditure). The trust's income and expenditure are relatively stable and it is not exposed to any significant financial risks. The general fund is maintained at a level sufficient to meet normal cashflow and most contingencies. A financial contingency plan has been put in place in order that the Leadership Team and Trustees have a clear process in order to address any adverse financial situations that may occur in the Charity in the future. In order to maintain and control the General Fund balance, a set of trigger points has been agreed between the Leadership Team and Trustees. A small team of leaders and trustees (consisting of Chair of Trustees, Finance Trustee, Senior Leader and one other leader) will undertake regular monitoring of the General Fund balance and other elements of the annual budget.

Risk Statement

The Directors have reviewed the risks to which a small charity operating with few employees is exposed. Appropriate procedures are in place to identify, monitor and review these risks on a regular basis.

Directors' Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Directors to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure for the year.

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.
4. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

We are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the Directors on 14 November 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

S C Butt

Company number:	3769768
Charity number:	1077877

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
(‘the Company’)**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021 on pages 7 to 17 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 10 and 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity’s trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (‘the 2006 Act’).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity’s accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (‘the 2011 Act’). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner’s statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a ‘true and fair’ view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

Archie McDowall, BA CA

23 November 2021

For and on behalf of:
Stewardship
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London
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ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021
Summary Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies	3	110,082	607	-	110,689	125,346
Donated goods	4	-	-	-	-	250,000
Other income and endowments		624	-	-	624	3,721
Total income and endowments		110,706	607	-	111,313	379,067
EXPENDITURE ON						
Charitable activities	5	96,262	11,577	5,000	112,839	109,231
Total expenditure		96,262	11,577	5,000	112,839	109,231
Net income/(expenditure)		14,444	(10,970)	(5,000)	(1,526)	269,835
Transfers between funds		(1,015)	1,015	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		13,429	(9,955)	(5,000)	(1,526)	269,835
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		63,886	9,955	245,000	318,841	49,006
Total funds carried forward		77,316	- 0	240,000	317,315	318,841

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on page 10-16 form part of these accounts.

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds	Total funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total funds 2020 £
FIXED ASSETS									
Tangible assets	7	-	-	240,000	240,000	-	-	245,000	245,000
		-	-	240,000	240,000	-	-	245,000	245,000
CURRENT ASSETS									
Debtors	8	5,018	-	-	5,018	6,672	-	-	6,672
Cash at bank	9	74,157	-	-	74,157	59,074	9,955	-	69,029
		79,176	-	-	79,176	65,746	9,955	-	75,701
CURRENT LIABILITIES									
Liabilities falling due within one year	10	1,860	-	-	1,860	1,860	-	-	1,860
Net Current Assets		77,316	-	-	77,316	63,886	9,955	-	73,841
TOTAL NET ASSETS		77,316	-	240,000	317,316	63,886	9,955	245,000	318,841
FUND BALANCES									
Unrestricted funds	11								
General Funds		77,316	-	-	77,316	60,954	-	-	60,954
Designated funds		-	-	-	-	2,932	-	-	2,932
Restricted Funds	11	-	-	-	-	-	9,955	-	9,955
Endowment Funds		-	-	240,000	240,000	-	-	245,000	245,000
		77,316	0	240,000	317,316	63,886	9,955	245,000	318,841

For the year ended 31 March 2021, the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Responsibilities of directors/trustees:

a. *The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act - however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner whose report forms part of this document.*

b. *The directors/trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.*

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Directors and signed on their behalf on the 14 November 2021 by: S C Butt

Company number: 3769768 Charity number: 1077877

The notes on page 10-16 form part of these accounts.

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

Notes to the Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention [as modified by the revaluation of certain assets, which are measured at fair value through the Statement of Financial Activities].

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements. In making this assessment the trustees have considered the impact of Covid-19 and have concluded that its impact on net income will not be material

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

The cost of raising funds is not significant and has not been separately disclosed

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d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

e) Fixed assets and depreciation:

Fixed assets acquired for use by the charity are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life unless they cost less than £5000 when they are written off on purchase.

Refurbishment costs are written off as the costs are incurred.

Depreciation periods are as follows:

Freehold land	Not depreciated
Freehold buildings	Over 50 years
Equipment	Between 3 and 7 years

f) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

g) Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is exempt from taxation under the Income & Corporation Taxes Acts.

h) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption provided by the FRS 102 SORP and has not prepared a Cash Flow Statement for the year.

3 Voluntary income

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
General donations	92,326	104,867
Income tax recoverable	18,362	20,479
	<u>110,689</u>	<u>125,346</u>

4 Donated goods

Transfer of endowment property by merger	<u>0</u>	<u>250,000</u>
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The Charity Commission approved the transfer to the charity of the Mission Hall from Ashingdon United Free Church on 8 August 2019.

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5 Charitable activity

Charitable activity		Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £	
a	Direct Charitable Costs			
	Salaries, travel and expenses	51,600	44,610	
	Telephone and utilities	2,554	1,270	
	Gifts to speakers	300	1,250	
	Catering	302	2,634	
	Venue costs	2,633	15,032	
	Conferences and training	135	586	
	Ministry and miscellaneous expenses	7,469	5,926	
	Repairs and renewals	15,700	6,073	
	Depreciation	5,000	5,000	
	Grants payable Note 5c	17,506	15,107	
		<u>103,199</u>	<u>97,488</u>	
b	Support & Administration	£	£	
	Governance costs - independent examination fees	1,860	1,860	
	Printing, postage and stationery	4,180	688	
	Subscriptions and professional fees	2,245	7,349	
	Insurance	1,354	1,846	
		<u>9,640</u>	<u>11,744</u>	
	Combined charitable activity cost	<u>112,839</u>	<u>109,231</u>	
c	Grants	Institutions £	Individuals £	2021 £
	Missionary support	5,200	11,138	16,338
	Relief of poverty	788	0	788
		<u>5,988</u>	<u>11,138</u>	<u>17,125</u>
	The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:			
		Institutions £	Individuals £	2020 £
	Missionary support	5,250	9,800	15,050
	Relief of poverty		57	57
		<u>5,250</u>	<u>9,857</u>	<u>15,107</u>

Fees payable to Stewardship, other than for the annual accounts and independent examination, for payroll bureau services and consultancy services, totalled £643 (2020: £643).

The grants > £1000 made in the year were:	2021	2020
Jeevan Asha (India)	1,200	1,200
Release International	1,888	1,200
WEC International	2,500	2,400

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6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses

	2021	2020
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries & benefits in kind	50,154	43,005
Employer's National Insurance costs	-	420
Pension costs	886	673
Total staff costs	<u>51,040</u>	<u>44,098</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 3 (2020: 2.2). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff named on the Company Information page. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2021
			£
Members of key management	36,810	673	<u>37,483</u>
			<u>37,483</u>

The following amounts were payable in the previous year:

	Wages & salaries	Employer pension contributions	2020
			£
Members of key management	43,005	673	<u>43,678</u>
			<u>43,678</u>

No remuneration was paid to any other trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them.

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7 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land & Buildings	Total 2021
Valuation (see Note 13)	£	£
At 1 April 2020	250,000	250,000
Additions	0	0
Disposals	-	-
At 31 March 2021	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
Accumulated Depreciation		
At 1 April 2020	5,000	5,000
Charge for the year	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2021	<u>240,000</u>	<u>240,000</u>
At 1 April 2020	<u>245,000</u>	<u>245,000</u>

8 Debtors and Prepayments

	2021 £	2020 £
Tax recoverable	5,019	6,673
Prepayments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>5,019</u>	<u>6,673</u>

9 Cash at Bank and in Hand

Bank operating accounts	<u>74,157</u>	<u>69,029</u>
	<u>74,157</u>	<u>69,029</u>

10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

Accruals	<u>1,860</u>	<u>1,860</u>
	<u>1,860</u>	<u>1,860</u>

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11 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 01.04.20 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers in the year £	Closing balance 31.03.21 £
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Facilities	9,955	607	(11,577)	1,015	0
	<u>9,955</u>	<u>607</u>	<u>(11,577)</u>	<u>1,015</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Endowment funds</i>					
Endowed building	245,000	0	(5,000)	-	240,000
	<u>245,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>240,000</u>
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>					
General	60,954	110,706	(79,287)	(15,058)	77,315
Tithe fund	2,932	-	(16,975)	14,043	0
	<u>63,886</u>	<u>110,706</u>	<u>(96,262)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,315</u>
	<u>318,841</u>	<u>111,313</u>	<u>(112,839)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>317,316</u>

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds are as follows:

	Bank & cash balances £	Other net assets £	Total £
Restricted funds	0		0
Endowment funds (property)		240,000	240,000
Unrestricted funds	74,157	3,158	77,316
	<u>74,157</u>	<u>243,158</u>	<u>317,316</u>

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 01.04.19 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers in the year £	Closing balance 31.03.20 £
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Facilities	3,901	12,283	7,428	1,199	9,955
special offerings		-			
	<u>3,901</u>	<u>12,283</u>	<u>(7,428)</u>	<u>1,199</u>	<u>9,955</u>
<i>Endowment funds</i>					
Endowed building	-	250,000	(5,000)	-	245,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>245,000</u>
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>					
General	40,829	116,785	(81,953)	(14,707)	60,954
Tithe fund	4,274		(14,850)	13,508	2,932
	<u>45,104</u>	<u>116,785</u>	<u>(96,803)</u>	<u>(1,199)</u>	<u>63,886</u>
	<u>49,005</u>	<u>379,068</u>	<u>(109,231)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>318,841</u>

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds are as follows:

	Bank & cash balances £	Other net assets £	Total £
Restricted funds	9,955		9,955
Endowment funds (property)		245,000	245,000
Unrestricted funds	59,074	4,812	63,886
	<u>69,029</u>	<u>249,812</u>	<u>318,841</u>

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12 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity received donations totalling £13,105 (2020: £24,355) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).

Except as disclosed in note 5 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

13 Members

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £10.

14 Transfer and church merger

During the year ended 31 March 2020 the church merged with Ashingdon United Free Church. The legal transfer of Ashingdon United Free Church to Rochford Community Church Trust ("RCCT") took place on 1st September 2019. As part of that process a parcel of land with limited value (not more than £5,000) was passed to the ownership of RCCT. A church building, held as endowment, was retained in the separate legal charity "Ashingdon United Free Church" (charity number 1077877-1) as advised by the Charity Commission, under the control of the Trustees of RCCT and therefore forming part of these accounts. If the charity were to dispose of the property, the permanent endowment (which includes the church building and land) would revert to the original donors or descendants. The valuation of that property was assessed by the Trustees as £250,000.

ROCHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities with Comparatives
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

		Unrestricted Funds - General		Unrestricted Funds - Designated		Restricted Funds		Endowment Funds		Total Funds	Total Funds
	Note	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM											
Donations and legacies	3	110,082	115,164	-	-	607	10,182	-	-	110,689	125,346
Donated goods	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250,000	-	250,000
<i>Other income and endowments</i>		624	1,621	-	-	-	2,100	-	-	624	3,721
Total income and endowments		110,706	116,785	-	-	607	12,282	-	250,000	111,313	379,067
EXPENDITURE ON											
Charitable activities	5	79,287	81,953	16,975	14,850	11,577	7,428	5,000	5,000	112,839	109,231
Total expenditure		79,287	81,953	16,975	14,850	11,577	7,428	5,000	5,000	112,839	109,231
Transfers between funds		(15,058)	(14,707)	14,043	13,508	1,015	1,199			-	-
Net movement in funds		16,361	20,124	(2,932)	(1,342)	(9,955)	6,053	(5,000)	245,000	(1,526)	269,835
Reconciliation of funds:											
Total funds brought forward		60,954	42,172	2,932	4,274	9,955	3,901	245,000	-	318,841	49,006
Total funds carried forward		77,316	62,296	-	2,932	-	0	9,955	240,000	317,315	318,841

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.