

Families Matter

at Hythe URC

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Independent examiner's report of the accounts of Families Matter at Hythe United Reformed Church

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Families Matter at Hythe United Reformed Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31/03/25

Charity no
(if any)

1097108

Set out on pages

One page

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention that needs attention, in fact the accounts were well presented and the procedures used in preparing and maintaining the accounts were comprehensive and transparent. In light of this I have not had reason to raise any items and hence I have not used the 'Section B – Disclosure'.

Signed:



Date:

05/06/2025

Name:

Ronald Michael Colliss Harvey

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

Chartered Mechanical Engineer, M.I.Mech.E, B Sc (Eng)

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 1/4/24 to 31/3/25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Last year
A1 Receipts				
Donations	£ 14,992	£ -	£ 14,992	£ 2,875
Hythe URC	£ 5,000	£ -	£ 5,000	£ -
Waterside Com Fd	£ 25,000	£ -	£ 25,000	£ 25,000
Bank interest	£ 1,280	£ -	£ 1,280	£ 412
SWANS	£ -	£ 838	£ 838	£ 14
BBC CIN	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 10,475
Huddle	£ -	£ 718	£ 718	£ 1,500
OTRT	£ -	£ 3,787	£ 3,787	£ 2,964
WWG	£ -	£ 5,795	£ 5,795	£ -
WWW savings	£ -	£ 155	£ -	£ -
Sovereign	£ -	£ 3,000	£ 3,000	£ -
Total	£ 46,272	£ 14,294	£ 60,410	£ 43,240

A3 payments

Office costs, note 5	£ 52,601	£ -	£ 52,601	£ 30,892
SWANS	£ -	£ 1,408	£ 1,408	£ 172
BBC CIN	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 8,012
Huddle	£ -	£ 3,524	£ 3,524	£ 1,297
OTRT	£ -	£ 3,787	£ 3,787	£ 3,569
WWG	£ -	£ 9,610	£ 9,610	£ -
WWG savings	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sovereign	£ -	£ 1,195	£ 1,195	
Total	£ 52,601	£ 19,524	£ 72,124	£ 43,942

A4 Accounts & cash funds 1 April 2024

Cheque account	£ 10	£ -	£ 10	£ 10
Deposit account	£ 31,204	£ 8,003	£ 39,207	£ 50,495
Reserve Fund	£ -	£ 22,957	£ 22,957	£ 15,887
Petty cash	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total	£ 31,214	£ 30,960	£ 62,174	£ 66,392

A5 Accounts & cash funds 31 March 2025

Cheque account	£ 10	£ -	£ 10	£ 10
Deposit account	£ 25,025	£ 2,623	£ 27,648	£ 50,495
Reserve Fund	£ -	£ 24,371	£ 24,371	£ 15,887
Petty cash	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total funds	£ 25,035	£ 26,994	£ 52,029	£ 66,392

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2025

B1 Accounts & cash funds	unrestricted funds	restricted funds	Total funds
Current account	£ 10	£ -	£ 10
Deposit account	£ 25,025	£ 2,623	£ 27,648
Reserve Fund	£ -	£ 24,371	£ 24,371
Petty cash	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total	£ 25,035	£ 26,994	£ 52,029

B2 Assets No value to assets - see note 4 £3,299

B3 Liabilities	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	When due
HMRC	Unrestricted	£ 522	April 2025
Un-cleared payments	Unrestricted	£ -	
	Total	£ 522	

date of audit by Mr R. M. C. Harvey, 5/6/25

Approved by the treasurer
on behalf of all the trustees

P C Blasby

See Independent Examiner's Report

Notes to these receipts and payment accounts

- 1 These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission recommended practice 'Accounting and Reporting' May 2007.
- 2 All amounts are to nearest whole £.
- 3 Families Matter has no Endowment funds or investments.
- 4 The only tangible assets are office equipment which are written-off over four years at 25% per year of the original price.
- 5 The expenditure by the office is for courses, one to one support, admin support, support of shortfalls in funding and payments to HMRC.
- 6 Families Matter is committed to providing a professional service and this year £1049 was spent on staff training.
- 7 Families Matter employs one member of staff on an annual basis, a number of sessional staff whose payments are arranged termly and a large number of volunteers who only receive expenses.
- 8 A reserve fund has been established which is reviewed each year.
- 9 The Trustees have not claimed any personal expenses again this year.
- 10 Families Matter thanks Mike Harvey for auditing our accounts and his advice.
- 11 Families Matter would like to thank the following people and companies for their continued financial support and in many other ways;
Hythe United Reformed Church for their continued support of the FM project.
Waterside Community Fund for their support to the FM project.
Barker Mills for their support to the FM project
Beaulieu Beaufont for their support to the FM project
NFDC for their support to the FM project
ESSO for their support to the FM project
Charles Burnett for their support to the FM project
Malcolm Wade for his support to the FM project
Soveriegn for their support to the FM project
And many other donations, including from individuals, that all ensures that this service to the community can continue.



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1 st	Month April	Year 2024		Day 31 st	Month March	Year 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Families Matter at Hythe United Reformed Church

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1097108

Charity's principal address

Cornerstone

Hythe United Reformed Church

Hythe, Southampton

Postcode

SO45 4BR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Peter Blasby	Chairman		Charity Members
2	Beverley Hall	Secretary		Charity Members
3	Peter Blasby	Treasurer		Charity Members
4	Margaret Yapp			Charity Members
5	Joy Drake			Charity Members
6	Nick Tustian			Charity Members
7	Carol Lee			Charity Members
8	Derek Olden			Charity Members

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members at AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Families Matter maintains a full set of policies and procedures

Families Matter works with two other local charities, The Handy Trust and Youth and Families Matter and some statutory bodies

We have working agreements with The Handy Trust

All major systems and procedures are the result of collective management discussion

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance public education and awareness in the promotion of good parenting and other areas of family life and to build self-confidence and resilience. This is achieved through the provision of support, training, advice and information.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Parenting courses, group activities, one to one support, working in schools and other places.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Families Matter does not supply grants to other people or organisations

Families Matter do not have an investment policy

Families Matter relies to a great extent on volunteers to provide much of the service provision and to support our paid workers

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Over 200 families helped during the year which equates to 700 people

Active response to an increased need in the area of children and young people's mental health

Again a big number of children mentoring after OTRT in the senior schools, 19 pupils this year

An increase in parents attending parenting courses and a pilot group set up in a Primary school for parents to support them with daily challenges.

A new extended program and also a new WhatsApp group set up to support members in the Women's Wellbeing group.

A new course "Healthy Relationships Awareness" started in January 2025.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Many years ago, we took the decision to start a reserve fund which has grown over the years and now represents almost six months of our expenditure. We will continue to grow the fund.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Principal sources of funding – Waterside Community Fund, Hampshire County Council, New Forest District Council, plus many smaller amounts coming from other sources including fundraising which all help to maintain this work.

Feedback from all areas of work shows the need and the success of our work.

Families Matter does not have an investment policy.

Section F

Other optional information


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Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Peter Blasby	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	27.06.2025	