

FOREST HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1103398

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [05022460](#)

Registered 2004-04-26

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 3.1 TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD GENERALLY INCLUDING BY THE WORSHIP OF GOD, THE INSTRUCTION AND EDIFICATION OF CHRISTIANS, THE CARE AND CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILDREN AND THE EVANGELISATION OF NON-CHRISTIANS.3.2 TO RELIEVE POVERTY, HARDSHIP, SICKNESS AND DISTRESS AMONG ALL PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.3.3 TO PROMOTE EDUCATION AND TRAINING.3.4 TO SUPPORT SUCH OTHER CHARITIES AND CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL DECIDE.

Activities: Religious Activities Education and Training Relief of poverty

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GREATER LONDON
- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£274,896	£280,766	-	-
2024-03-31	£335,065	£271,262	-	-
2023-03-31	£229,992	£291,428	-	-
2022-03-31	£262,307	£262,777	-	-
2021-03-31	£277,550	£194,912	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Benedict Hobbons		2019-09-28
Dr Andrew Rogers		2025-09-13
Nelly Kenmogne Kenmogne		2025-09-13
Patience McLean		2023-05-20
Rosemary Bigmore		2023-09-16
Stephen Odili		2024-11-19

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Stewardship 
Active generosity

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COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Trustees	Fiona Taylor (resigned 01 December 2025) Elaine Willett (resigned 28 September 2024) Ben Hobbons Patience McLean Rosemary Bigmore Stephen Odili (appointed 19 November 2024) Nelly Kenmonge (appointed 13 September 2025) Dr Andrew Rogers (appointed 13 September 2025)
Company Secretary	Ben Hobbons
Key Staff	Nigel Desborough (Pastor and Team Leader) Joanna Sayer (Pastor)
Governing Document	Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 18 December 2003
Company Registration Number	05022460
Charity Registration Number	1103398
Registered Office	Here For Good 17 Sydenham Road Sydenham, London, SE26
Independent Examiner	Sarah Crispin ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc

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Forest Hill Community Church
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
(INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees, who are the charity's directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

Formation & Objects of the charity

FHCC was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee (Company no. 5022460) on 22/01/2004, and registered as a charity on 26/04/2004. It became operational on 26/11/2003.

The objects of the charity are to promote and advance the Christian faith, to relieve poverty, hardship, sickness and distress, and to promote education and training.

Membership

In March 2025 we had somewhere between 170 and 200 people, including children, connected to the FHCC community.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

Support for overseas work

We continued to support overseas mission work in different locations particularly in South East Asia. We increased our engagement with work in SE Asia, sent a new worker to Hong Kong again this year, and supported more activity in Thailand. We sent a young person on an internship program in Brazil. We also enhanced our engagement in Africa, particularly Zimbabwe.

Regular Activities

FHCC continues to meet for Sunday services at Sydenham High School. We are members of Transform Network (T-net). This was an association of independent church congregations in South East London, but with some of those churches closing, or joining other organisations, T-net currently encompasses ourselves and Lewisham Foodbank. We are members of the International Network (iNet), an overseas mission's organisation, the Pioneer Network and the Evangelical Alliance. We collaborate with numerous other Christian groups, churches and charities, and gather church leaders together for prayer.

Lewisham Foodbank continues to make a very significant contribution to the needs of people in food crisis across the Borough of Lewisham, and it has been able to supply food to over 20,000 people a year. In September 2023 London City Mission sold the Malham Road building, which FHCC managed for 10 years, and where Foodbank operated from, and so our lease was terminated. Lewisham Foodbank consequently moved to new premises at St. John's Anglican Church in Catford. This new central hub and warehouse building for Foodbank will be leased to Transform Network not FHCC.

FHCC runs Sunday morning services each week at Sydenham High School, including activities for children and youth. We have a good mix of people across a variety of ethnic backgrounds, and an age range of 0 to 98. We have Connect Groups in people's homes, and regular groups at our Here For Good building, on Sydenham Road, including for youth, for the elderly, for parents and toddlers, and for refugees and asylum seekers learning English. Our weekly coffee morning has provided a welcome for local people, and offered a creative space with craft activities, and a listening ear for people needing support. It has been a 'warm space' over the winter (in line with a number of 'warm spaces' across the Borough of Lewisham), and an opportunity for people to receive prayer and discover faith. Here For Good is a venue for training courses, the Alpha course, and for prayer, worship and administration. It also hosts iNet Overseas Mission administration, Crystal Palace Community Church administration, Sydenham Arts events, outreaches (including those of other local churches), music practice and a Sunday School.

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We continue to make use of Zoom for various smaller meetings, and particularly for regular weekly, or specifically-focussed prayer meetings.

Trustees

During the financial year 2024/25 Elaine Willett resigned as a trustee, with Fiona Taylor doing so after the year end. Remaining as trustees were Ben Hobbons, Patience McLean, and Rosie Bigmore. Stephen Odili became a trustee in November 2024. In September 2025, Nelly Kenmonge and Andrew Rogers joined the trustees.

Staffing

Nigel Desborough continued as Pastor and Team Leader, and Joanna Sayer as the Associate Pastor. Dragana Ivanovic remains in post as part-time administrator. Paul Rook was appointed as Assistant Pastor with responsibility for the Under 30s, and he began to work for us on 14th May 2024.

Specific additional activities in 2024-2025

We had some 'international lunches' after our Sunday services, to encourage social interaction, and to celebrate the numerous ethnic backgrounds of our congregation members. We had some events for families with young children, including a 'light' party, a Christmas event and a pancake party. At Christmas we had a family carol service, and an evening of carol singing at the Dolphin pub on Sydenham Road. Here For Good was the venue for some events during Sydenham Arts Week.

At Here For Good we ran an Alpha Course (May-July 2024), worship evenings, and an Easter program for people on their own – Feaster. From Here For Good we run regular outreaches on the High Street called "Worship on the Streets".

In August 2024 we worked with other churches to particularly mobilise youth to make a positive difference to local communities through an initiative called 'Summer '24'. The project delivered training in Crofton Park, and there was outreach in Mayow Park, and on Sydenham Road. This was followed by some youth teams going overseas on mission trips.

Training is important to us. A number of leaders have received training in the last year at the Holy Trinity Brompton leaders' conference, the Pioneer leaders conference, the Pioneer Core training event, and the Pioneer Women in Leadership Conference. We ourselves ran various training and discussion evenings at Here For Good, including Assisted Suicide, Addiction, Dementia, Deaf Awareness, Personal Finance, and also a Marriage Course.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

Unrestricted income for the year was £244,560 (2024: £305,211). Unrestricted expenditure was £246,619 (2024: £246,865). Restricted income was £30,336 (2024: £29,854) and restricted expenditure was £34,147 (2024: £24,397).

Fund balances at the end of the year were: General fund: £130,328 (2024: £136,624), Designated fund: £93,602 (2024: £89,629), Restricted funds: £9,848 (2024: £13,395).

The trustees' have been informed that the charity will be receiving a significant legacy. At the date of signing the accounts this has not been received and as the trustees do not believe they can accurately estimate the final figure, this has not been included as income in these financial statements.

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Reserves policy

Free reserves, defined as the general fund bank balances adjusted for amounts due to be received and paid in the subsequent six months, are maintained where possible between £20,000 and £30,000.

Risk Management

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, are reviewed from time to time and, if considered appropriate, systems or procedures are established to manage those risks. All major insurable risks are subject to commercially available charities and employers' insurance

Responsibilities of trustees under company law

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

B Hobbons

[B Hobbons \(Dec 18, 2025 11:01:06 GMT\)](#)

Ben Hobbons

Date: Dec 18, 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
Forest Hill Community Church
('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 6 to 15 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 8 to 9.

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

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ACA, which is one of the listed bodies.

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.

Sarah Crispin

Sarah Crispin (Dec 18, 2025 11:37:32 GMT)

Sarah Crispin ACA
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
London
EC1Y 8AB

Date: Dec 18, 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	233,076	29,595	262,671	281,718
Charitable activities	4	9,392	740	10,133	50,497
Investments		2,092	-	2,092	1,548
Other income		-	-	-	1,302
Total income and endowments		244,560	30,336	274,896	335,064
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	5	246,619	34,147	280,766	271,262
Total expenditure		246,619	34,147	280,766	271,262
Net income/(expenditure)		(2,059)	(3,811)	(5,870)	63,803
Transfers between funds	13	(264)	264	-	-
Net movement in funds		(2,323)	(3,547)	(5,870)	63,803
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		226,253	13,395	239,648	175,845
Total funds carried forward	13	223,930	9,848	233,778	239,648

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 8-14 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	165,000	-	165,000	170,500
		<u>165,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>165,000</u>	<u>170,500</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	47,799	3,446	51,246	32,126
Cash at bank and in hand	10	103,286	6,402	109,687	135,244
		<u>151,085</u>	<u>9,848</u>	<u>160,933</u>	<u>167,369</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(31,275)	-	(31,275)	(31,523)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>119,810</u>	<u>9,848</u>	<u>129,658</u>	<u>135,846</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		284,810	9,848	294,658	306,346
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(60,880)	-	(60,880)	(66,698)
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>223,930</u>	<u>9,848</u>	<u>233,778</u>	<u>239,648</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Unrestricted Funds	13				
General funds		130,328	-	130,328	136,623
Designated funds		93,602	-	93,602	89,630
		<u>223,930</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>223,930</u>	<u>226,253</u>
Restricted Funds		-	9,848	9,848	13,395
		<u>223,930</u>	<u>9,848</u>	<u>233,778</u>	<u>239,648</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements may include differences of up to £1 owing to rounding.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:

B Hobbons

B Hobbons (Dec 18, 2025 11:01:06 GMT)

Ben Hobbons

Date: Dec 18, 2025

Company number: 05022460

Charity number: 1103398

The notes on page 8-14 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 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.

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.

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

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.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

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) Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets acquired for use by the company are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life. Items with a cost of under £5,000 are treated as an expense of the year in which purchased.

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

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2 Accounting Policies (cont.)

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 charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

3 Donations and legacies

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	216,549	250,013
Income tax recoverable	46,123	31,706
	262,671	281,718

4 Income from charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Rental & service income	8,475	31,637
Events	1,657	18,859
	10,132	50,496

5 Charitable expenditure

	2025	2024
	£	£
a Costs incurred directly on specific activities		
Staff costs	94,609	91,088
Property costs	6,593	25,517
Church activities	33,534	54,425
Other costs	1,625	711
	136,361	171,741
Grants payable (note 5c)	59,238	49,538
	195,599	221,278
b Costs incurred on support & administration		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	2,820	2,520
Other		
	2,820	2,520
Staff costs	54,056	22,046
Loan interest & charges	5,200	5,935
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	5,500	5,500
Other support costs	17,591	13,983
	85,167	49,984
Total expenditure	280,766	271,262

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5 Charitable expenditure (cont.)

c Grants payable

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2025 £
Mission support	13,215	41,609	54,824
Relief of poverty and need	442	3,972	4,414
	<u>13,657</u>	<u>45,581</u>	<u>59,238</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2024 £
Mission support	12,575	32,582	45,157
Relief of poverty and need	278	4,103	4,380
	<u>12,853</u>	<u>36,685</u>	<u>49,538</u>

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2025 £	2024 £
I-Net	9,600	9,660
T-Net	1,415	-
Elim Foundation	1,500	2,315
Grants to institutions for less than £1,000 each	1,142	878
	<u>13,657</u>	<u>12,853</u>

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

	2025 £	2024 £
Gross wages and salaries	132,107	97,782
Social security	4,447	4,447
Pension costs	8,082	8,082
	<u>144,636</u>	<u>110,311</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 6 (2024: 5). 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.

Remuneration payable to key management (excluding trustees and related parties) amounted to £83,351 in the year (2024: £83,819).

7 Acting as agent

On occasion the charity receives money on behalf of other charities or individuals, which it banks and then pays out to these charities. This income is received as agent for these other charities and the income, and the related payments, are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities; any money that has not been distributed by the year end is recognised as a creditor.

During the year the charity acted as agent for one individual and, in that capacity:

- a) at the year end the charity owed £8,475 (2024: £9,000) to an individual

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8 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property £	Total 2025 £
Cost		
At 1 April 2024	275,000	275,000
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 March 2025	275,000	275,000
Accumulated depreciation		
At 1 April 2024	104,500	104,500
Charge for the year	5,500	5,500
Eliminated on disposal	-	-
At 31 March 2025	110,000	110,000
Net book value		
At 31 March 2025	165,000	165,000
At 31 March 2024	170,500	170,500

9 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	2,607	420
Tax recoverable	46,123	31,706
Other debtors	116	-
Prepayments and accrued income	2,400	-
	51,246	32,126

10 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank operating accounts	28,708	25,666
Bank deposit accounts	80,821	109,419
Petty cash	158	158
	109,687	135,244

11 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade Creditors	3,174	3,257
Taxation & social security	3,134	2,224
Mortgage loan payments	10,516	14,172
Deposits held	350	350
Accruals	5,626	2,520
Conduit Funding	8,475	9,000
	31,275	31,523

12 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Mortgage loan for freehold property	60,880	66,698
	60,880	66,698

The mortgage loan is secured on the freehold of 17 Sydenham Road, London SE26 5EX, with an interest rate of 1% above Bank of England base rate.

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13 Funds

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

	Opening balance 2025 £	Incoming resources 2025 £	Outgoing resources 2025 £	Transfers in the year 2025 £	Closing balance 2025 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Capital	89,629	-	(10,086)	14,061	93,603
	<hr/> 89,629	<hr/> -	<hr/> (10,086)	<hr/> 14,061	<hr/> 93,603
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	136,624	244,560	(236,533)	(14,325)	130,327
	<hr/> 136,624	<hr/> 244,560	<hr/> (236,533)	<hr/> (14,325)	<hr/> 130,327
Total Unrestricted Funds	<hr/> <hr/> 226,253	<hr/> <hr/> 244,560	<hr/> <hr/> (246,619)	<hr/> <hr/> (264)	<hr/> <hr/> 223,930
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Missionary funds	3,287	27,810	(27,865)	139	3,372
Relief funds	3,442	2,374	(5,656)	126	286
Other funds	6,666	151	(626)	-	6,191
	<hr/> 13,395	<hr/> 30,336	<hr/> (34,147)	<hr/> 264	<hr/> 9,848
	<hr/> <hr/> 13,395	<hr/> <hr/> 30,336	<hr/> <hr/> (34,147)	<hr/> <hr/> 264	<hr/> <hr/> 9,848
Aggregate of funds	<hr/> <hr/> 239,648	<hr/> <hr/> 274,896	<hr/> <hr/> (280,766)	<hr/> <hr/> -	<hr/> <hr/> 233,778

The transfers referred to above were made for the following reasons:

- a) The transfer from General Fund to the Capital Fund is the mortgage payment during the year
- b) The transfer to Missionary and Relief Funds is to clear small amounts in deficit, and identifying previous restricted donations

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2025 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	-	165,000	-	165,000
Debtors	47,799	-	3,446	51,246
Cash at bank and in hand	103,286	-	6,402	109,687
Creditors falling due within one year	(20,759)	(10,516)	-	(31,275)
Creditors falling due after one year	-	(60,880)	-	(60,880)
	<hr/> 130,328	<hr/> 93,602	<hr/> 9,848	<hr/> 233,778
	<hr/> <hr/> 130,328	<hr/> <hr/> 93,602	<hr/> <hr/> 9,848	<hr/> <hr/> 233,778

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13 Funds (cont.)

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

	Opening balance 2024 £	Incoming resources 2024 £	Outgoing resources 2024 £	Transfers in the year 2024 £	Closing balance 2024 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Capital	86,154	-	(10,558)	14,033	89,629
	86,154	-	(10,558)	14,033	89,629
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	80,785	305,211	(236,307)	(13,065)	136,624
Total Unrestricted Funds	166,940	305,211	(246,865)	968	226,253
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Missionary funds	733	23,817	(21,263)	-	3,287
Relief funds	1,540	5,036	(3,134)	-	3,442
Other funds	6,633	1,000	-	(968)	6,666
	8,906	29,854	(27,017)	(968)	13,395
Aggregate of funds	175,845	335,064	(273,882)	-	239,648

Analysis of net assets by fund

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2024 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets		170,500	-	170,500
Debtors	29,673	-	2,453	32,126
Cash at bank and in hand	124,302	-	10,942	135,244
Creditors falling due within one year	(17,351)	(14,172)	-	(31,523)
Creditors falling due after one year	-	(66,698)	-	(66,698)
	136,623	89,630	13,395	239,648

Designated Funds

The Capital Fund is an unrestricted fund designated by the Trustees to separate the investment on property

Restricted Funds

Missionary Funds are used to support mission partners & related work around the world.

The PA/worship activities fund is for the purchase of PA & other worship related equipment.

Relief Funds support the work of social need in the UK and developing countries.

Other Funds relate to other gifts for specific causes.

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14 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations totalling £40,718 (2024: £31,913) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).
- b) No expenses (2024: £nil) were paid to, or for, the trustees

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

- a) Ellen Taylor, who is the daughter of Fiona Taylor a trustee, received grants totalling £2,030 (2024: £0) for mission activities overseas, and a further £100 to thank her for her work on the Leadership Team (2024: £0).
- b) Rebecca Taylor, who is the daughter of Fiona Taylor a trustee, received grants totalling £525 (2024: £0) for mission activities overseas.

15 Members

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £1.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds				Unrestricted funds			
		General	Designated	Restricted	Total	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
		2025	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024	2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:									
Donations and legacies	3	233,076	-	29,595	262,671	253,233	-	28,485	281,718
Charitable activities	4	9,392	-	740	10,133	49,128	-	1,369	50,497
Investments		2,092	-	-	2,092	1,548	-	-	1,548
Other income		-	-	-	-	1,302	-	-	1,302
Total income and endowments		244,560	-	30,336	274,896	305,211	-	29,854	335,065
EXPENDITURE ON:									
Charitable activities:	5	236,533	10,086	34,147	280,766	236,307	10,558	24,397	271,262
Total Expenditure		236,533	10,086	34,147	280,766	236,307	10,558	24,397	271,262
Net income/(expenditure)		8,027	(10,086)	(3,811)	(5,870)	68,904	(10,558)	5,457	63,803
Transfers between funds	13	(14,325)	14,061	264	-	(13,065)	14,033	(968)	-
Net movement in funds		(6,297)	3,974	(3,547)	(5,870)	55,839	3,475	4,489	63,803
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		136,624	89,629	13,395	239,648	80,785	86,154	8,906	175,845
Total funds carried forward	13	130,327	93,603	9,848	233,778	136,624	89,629	13,395	239,648

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COMPANY INFORMATION
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Trustees	Fiona Taylor Elaine Willett (resigned 28 September 2024) Rosemary Thompson (resigned 18 September 2023) Luke Aylward (resigned 25 November 2023) Ben Hobbons Patience McLean (appointed 20 May 2023) Rosemary Bigmore (appointed 16 September 2023)
Company Secretary	Ben Hobbons
Key Staff	Nigel Desborough (Pastor and Team Leader) Joanna Sayer (Pastor)
Governing Document	Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 18 December 2003
Company Registration Number	5022460
Charity Registration Number	1103398
Registered Office	Here For Good 17 Sydenham Road Sydenham, London, SE26
Independent Examiner	Sarah Crispin ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
(INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees, who are the charity's directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

Formation & Objects of the charity

FHCC was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee (Company no. 5022460) on 22/1/2004, and registered as a charity on 26/4/2004. It became operational on 26/11/2003.

The objects of the charity are to promote and advance the Christian faith, to relieve poverty, hardship, sickness and distress, and to promote education and training.

Membership

In March 2024 we had somewhere between 150 and 200 people, including children, connected to the FHCC community.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

Support for overseas work

We continued to support overseas mission work in different locations particularly in South East Asia. We increased our engagement with work in SE Asia, sent a new worker to Hong Kong, and supported more activity in Thailand. We also enhanced our engagement in Africa, particularly Zimbabwe and Nigeria.

Regular Activities

In planning the activities of FHCC the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on 'public benefit.' FHCC continues to meet for Sunday services at Sydenham High School. We are members of Transform Network (T-net), an association of independent church congregations in South East London; of iNet, an overseas mission's organisation; and we are also members of the Pioneer Network and the Evangelical Alliance. We collaborate with numerous other Christian groups, churches and charities, and gather church leaders together for prayer. Over the past year 2 of the other T-net churches have closed, leaving ourselves, and a major project – Lewisham Foodbank.

Foodbank continues to make a very significant contribution to the needs of people in food crisis across the Borough of Lewisham. We have been able to supply food to over 20,000 people a year. In September 2023 London City Mission sold the Malham Road building which we managed for 10 years, and operated Foodbank from, and terminated our lease. The new owners allowed Foodbank to stay until November 2023, and then we moved to new premises at St. John's Anglican Church in Catford. This new central hub and warehouse building for Lewisham Foodbank will be leased to Transform Network not FHCC.

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We run Sunday morning services each week at Sydenham High School, including activities for children and youth. We have a good mix of people across a variety of ethnic backgrounds, and an age range of 0 to 98. We have Connect Groups in people's homes, and regular groups at our Here For Good building, on Sydenham Road, including for youth, for the elderly, and for refugees and asylum seekers learning English. A new group was launched in November 2023 called "Parent-time" for parents and their toddlers. It runs on Thursday mornings, and is headed-up by Lorraine Chung and Yvonne Desborough. Our weekly coffee morning has provided a welcome for local people, and offered a creative space with craft activities, and a listening ear for people needing support. It has been a 'warm space' over the winter (in line with a number of 'warm spaces' across the Borough of Lewisham), and an opportunity for people to receive prayer and discover faith. Here For Good is a venue for training courses, the Alpha course, and for prayer, worship and administration. It also hosts iNet Overseas Mission administration, Crystal Palace Community Church administration, music practice and a Sunday School.

We continue to make use of Zoom for various smaller meetings, and particularly for regular weekly, or specifically-focussed prayer meetings.

Trustees

During the financial year 2023/24 the trustees were: Fiona Taylor, Ben Hobbons, Rosemary Thompson, Elaine Willett, Patience McLean, Rosie Bigmore and Luke Aylward.

Staffing

Nigel Desborough continued as Pastor and Team Leader, and Joanna Sayer as the Associate Pastor. Dragana Ivanovic remains in post as part-time administrator. In the early part of 2024 we began a recruitment process for a new Assistant Pastor, with special responsibility for the Under 30s (children, youth, and young adults). Paul Rook was appointed and began to work for us on 14th May 2024.

Specific additional activities in 2023-2024

We had some 'international lunches' after our Sunday services, to encourage social interaction, and to celebrate the numerous ethnic backgrounds of our congregation members. We had some events for families with young children, including a 'light' party, a Christmas event and a pancake party. At Christmas we had a family carol service, carol singing at Sydenham station, and an evening of carol singing at the Dolphin pub on Sydenham Road. Here For Good was the venue for some events during Sydenham Arts Week.

In July 2023 we worked with other churches to particularly mobilise youth to make a positive difference to local communities through an initiative called 'Summer '23'. The project this year was based in Hounslow, West London. Our youth were also involved in an inter-church youth weekend away at Carrotty Wood residential centre in Kent in November. As a church we had an August 2023 Outreach weekend running community activities on a local housing estate in Sydenham.

We were pleased to have 8 baptisms during 2023, the most for a number of years. We had a Church Weekend Away at Ashburnham Place in January 2024 with a total of 121 adults and children participating in the event. These weekends prove significant and encouraging for our church. At that weekend we marked 20 years as FHCC. A significant social and fundraising event happened in March 2024 – "Ceilidh for Kylie". A local orchestra provided the music for the dancing, and we raised money for a missions team to take to Thailand in May 2024.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

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Financial review

Unrestricted income for the year was £305,211 (2023: £205,631). Unrestricted expenditure was £246,865 (2023: £267,699). Restricted income was £29,854 (2023: £24,361) and restricted expenditure was £24,397 (2023: £23,729).

Fund balances at the end of the year were: General fund: £136,624 (2023: £80,785), Designated fund: £89,60 (2023: £86,154), Restricted funds: £13,394 (2023: £8,906).

Reserves policy

Free reserves, defined as the general fund bank balances adjusted for amounts due to be received and paid in the subsequent six months, are maintained where possible between £20,000 and £30,000.

Risk Management

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, are reviewed from time to time and, if considered appropriate, systems or procedures are established to manage those risks. All major insurable risks are subject to commercially available charities and employers' insurance

Responsibilities of trustees under company law

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).


Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Fiona Taylor (Dec 5, 2024 23:51 GMT)
Fiona Taylor

Date: Dec 5, 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
Forest Hill Community Church
('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 6 to 14 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 8 to 9.

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

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ACA, which is one of the listed bodies.

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.


Sarah Crispin (Dec 12, 2024 14:57 GMT)

Sarah Crispin ACA
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
London
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Date: Dec 12, 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	253,233	28,485	281,718	185,642
Charitable activities	4	49,128	1,369	50,497	43,986
Investments		1,548	-	1,548	364
Other income		1,302	-	1,302	-
Total income and endowments		305,211	29,854	335,065	229,992
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	5	246,865	24,397	271,262	291,428
Total expenditure		246,865	24,397	271,262	291,428
Net income/(expenditure)		58,346	5,457	63,803	(61,436)
Transfers between funds	13	968	(968)	-	-
Net movement in funds		59,314	4,489	63,803	(61,436)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		166,939	8,906	175,845	237,281
Total funds carried forward	13	226,253	13,395	239,648	175,845

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 8-13 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	170,500	-	170,500	176,000
		<u>170,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>170,500</u>	<u>176,000</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	29,673	2,453	32,126	31,735
Cash at bank and in hand	10	124,301	10,942	135,243	65,595
		<u>153,974</u>	<u>13,395</u>	<u>167,369</u>	<u>97,330</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(31,523)	-	(31,523)	(21,307)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>122,451</u>	<u>13,395</u>	<u>135,846</u>	<u>76,023</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		292,951	13,395	306,346	252,023
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(66,698)	-	(66,698)	(76,178)
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>226,253</u>	<u>13,395</u>	<u>239,648</u>	<u>175,845</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Unrestricted Funds	13				
General funds		131,123	-	131,123	80,785
Designated funds		95,130	-	95,130	86,154
		<u>226,253</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>226,253</u>	<u>166,939</u>
Restricted Funds		-	13,395	13,395	8,906
		<u>226,253</u>	<u>13,395</u>	<u>239,648</u>	<u>175,845</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:

Fiona Taylor

Fiona Taylor (Dec 5, 2024 23:51 GMT)

Fiona Taylor

Date: Dec 5, 2024

Company number: 5022460

Charity number: 1103398

The notes on page 8-13 form part of these accounts.

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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.

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.

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

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.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

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) Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets acquired for use by the company are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life. Items with a cost of under £5,000 are treated as an expense of the year in which purchased.

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

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2 Accounting Policies (cont.)

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 charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

3 Donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	250,013	159,197
Income tax recoverable	31,706	26,445
	281,718	185,642

4 Income from charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rental & service income	31,637	39,551
Events	18,859	4,435
	50,496	43,986

5 Charitable expenditure

	2024	2023
	£	£
a Costs incurred directly on specific activities		
Staff costs	91,088	84,889
Property costs	25,517	71,657
Church activities	54,425	34,576
Other costs	711	3,631
	171,741	194,753
Grants payable (note 5c)	49,538	47,801
	221,278	242,554
b Costs incurred on support & administration		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	2,520	2,520
Other		
	2,520	2,520
Staff costs	22,046	22,491
Loan interest & charges	5,935	3,421
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	5,500	5,500
Other support costs	13,983	14,942
	49,984	48,874
Total expenditure	271,262	291,428

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5 Charitable expenditure (cont.)

c Grants payable

	Institutions	Individuals	2024
	£	£	£
Mission support	12,575	32,582	45,157
Relief of poverty and need	278	4,103	4,380
	<u>12,853</u>	<u>36,685</u>	<u>49,538</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions	Individuals	2023
	£	£	£
Mission support	12,771	27,020	39,792
Relief of poverty and need	1,604	6,406	8,010
	<u>14,375</u>	<u>33,426</u>	<u>47,802</u>

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2024	2023
	£	£
I-Net	9,660	9,885
T-Net	-	1,080
3P Ministries	-	1,206
Elim Foundation	2,315	-
Grants to institutions for less than £1,000 each	878	2,204
	<u>12,853</u>	<u>14,375</u>

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	97,782	92,629
Social security	4,447	4,197
Pension costs	8,082	7,515
	<u>110,311</u>	<u>104,341</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 5 (2023: 5). 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.

Remuneration payable to key management (excluding trustees and related parties) amounted to £83,819 in the year (2023: £79,660).

7 Acting as agent

On occasion the charity receives money on behalf of other charities or individuals, which it banks and then pays out to these charities. This income is received as agent for these other charities and the income, and the related payments, are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities; any money that has not been distributed by the year end is recognised as a creditor.

During the year the charity acted as agent for one individual and, in that capacity:

- a) received £20,000 (2023: £0) and paid £11,000 (2023: £0)
- b) at the year end the charity owed £9,000 (2023: £0) to an individual

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8 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property £	Total 2024 £
Cost		
At 1 April 2023	275,000	275,000
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>275,000</u>	<u>275,000</u>
Accumulated depreciation		
At 1 April 2023	99,000	99,000
Charge for the year	5,500	5,500
Eliminated on disposal	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>104,500</u>	<u>104,500</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2024	<u>170,500</u>	<u>170,500</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>176,000</u>	<u>176,000</u>

9 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	420	2,020
Tax recoverable	31,706	26,445
Other debtors	-	1,070
Prepayments and accrued income	-	2,200
	<u>32,126</u>	<u>31,735</u>

10 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank operating accounts	25,666	17,495
Bank deposit accounts	109,419	47,941
Petty cash	158	159
	<u>135,243</u>	<u>65,595</u>

11 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade Creditors	3,257	2,623
Taxation & social security	2,224	2,146
Mortgage loan payments	14,172	13,668
Deposits held	350	350
Accruals	2,520	2,520
Conduit Funding	9,000	-
	<u>31,523</u>	<u>21,307</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Mortgage loan for freehold property	66,698	76,178
	<u>66,698</u>	<u>76,178</u>

The mortgage loan is secured on the freehold of 17 Sydenham Road, London SE26 5EX, with an interest rate of 1% above Bank of England base rate.

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13 Funds

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

	Opening balance 2024 £	Incoming resources 2024 £	Outgoing resources 2024 £	Transfers in the year 2024 £	Closing balance 2024 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Capital	86,154	-	(10,558)	14,033	89,629
	86,154	-	(10,558)	14,033	89,629
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	80,785	305,211	(236,307)	(13,065)	136,624
Total Unrestricted Funds	166,940	305,211	(246,865)	968	226,253
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Missionary funds	733	23,817	(21,263)	-	3,287
Relief funds	1,540	5,036	(3,134)	-	3,442
Other funds	6,633	1,000	-	(968)	6,666
	8,906	29,854	(24,397)	(968)	13,395
Aggregate of funds	175,845	335,064	(271,262)	-	239,648

The transfers referred to above were made for the following reasons:

- a) The transfer from General Fund to the Capital Fund is the mortgage payment during the year
- b) The transfer is from other funds (Youth) to contribute towards a weekend away

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2024 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	(5,500)	176,000	-	170,500
Debtors	29,673	-	2,453	32,126
Cash at bank and in hand	124,301	-	10,942	135,243
Creditors falling due within one year	(17,351)	(14,172)	-	(31,523)
Creditors falling due after one year	-	(66,698)	-	(66,698)
	131,123	95,130	13,395	239,648

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13 Funds (cont.)

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

	Opening balance 2023 £	Incoming resources 2023 £	Outgoing resources 2023 £	Transfers in the year 2023 £	Closing balance 2023 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Capital	81,895	-	(8,373)	12,632	86,154
	81,895	-	(8,373)	12,632	86,154
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	147,412	205,631	(259,326)	(12,931)	80,785
Total Unrestricted Funds	229,306	205,631	(267,699)	(299)	166,939
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Missionary funds	2,097	11,277	(13,125)	484	733
PA/worship activities fund	2,572	-	(2,619)	47	-
Relief funds	1,502	6,701	(6,863)	200	1,540
Other funds	1,804	6,383	(1,122)	(432)	6,633
	7,975	24,361	(23,729)	299	8,906
Aggregate of funds	237,281	229,992	(291,428)	0	175,845

Analysis of net assets by fund

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2023 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	-	176,000	-	176,000
Debtors	30,861	-	874	31,735
Cash at bank and in hand	57,563	-	8,032	65,595
Creditors falling due within one year	(7,639)	(13,668)	-	(21,307)
Creditors falling due after one year	-	(76,178)	-	(76,178)
	80,785	86,154	8,906	175,845

Designated Funds

The Capital Fund is an unrestricted fund designated by the Trustees to separate the investment on property

Restricted Funds

Missionary Funds are used to support mission partners & related work around the world.

The PA/worship activities fund is for the purchase of PA & other worship related equipment.

Relief Funds support the work of social need in the UK and developing countries.

Other Funds relate to other gifts for specific causes.

14 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations totalling £31,913 (2023: £20,092) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).
- b) No expenses (2023: £nil) were paid to, or for, the trustees

15 Members

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £1.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>				<u>Unrestricted funds</u>			
		General 2024 £	Designated 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	General 2023 £	Designated 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:									
Donations and legacies	3	253,233	-	28,485	281,718	161,281	-	24,361	185,642
Charitable activities	4	49,128	-	1,369	50,497	43,986	-	-	43,986
Investments		1,548	-	-	1,548	364	-	-	364
Other income		1,302	-	-	1,302	-	-	-	-
Total income and endowments		305,211	-	29,854	335,065	205,631	-	24,361	229,992
EXPENDITURE ON:									
Charitable activities:	5	236,307	10,558	24,397	271,262	259,326	8,373	23,729	291,428
Total Expenditure		236,307	10,558	24,397	271,262	259,326	8,373	23,729	291,428
Net income/(expenditure)		68,904	(10,558)	5,457	63,803	(53,695)	(8,373)	632	(61,436)
Transfers between funds	13	(13,065)	14,033	(968)	-	(12,931)	12,632	299	-
Net movement in funds		55,839	3,475	4,489	63,803	(66,626)	4,259	931	(61,436)
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		80,785	86,154	8,906	175,845	147,412	81,895	7,975	237,281
Total funds carried forward	13	136,624	89,629	13,395	239,648	80,785	86,154	8,906	175,845

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COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Trustees	Fiona Taylor Rosemary Thompson (resigned 18 September 2023) Elaine Willett Luke Aylward Ben Hobbons Patience McLean (appointed 20 May 2023) Rosemary Bigmore (appointed 16 September 2023)
Company Secretary	Ben Hobbons
Key Staff	Nigel Desborough (Pastor and Team Leader) Joanna Sayer (Pastor)
Governing Document	Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 18 December 2003
Company Registration Number	5022460
Charity Registration Number	1103398
Registered Office	Here For Good 17 Sydenham Road Sydenham, London, SE26 5EX
Independent Examiner	Sarah Crispin ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc

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FOREST HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
(INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees, who are the charity's directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

Formation & Objects of the charity

FHCC was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee (Company no. 5022460) on 22/1/2004, and registered as a charity on 26/4/2004. It became operational on 26/11/2003.

The objects of the charity are to promote and advance the Christian faith, to relieve poverty, hardship, sickness and distress, and to promote education and training.

Membership

In March 2023 we had somewhere between 150 and 200 people, including children, connected to the FHCC community.

Support for overseas work

We continued to support overseas mission work in different locations particularly in South East Asia.

Regular Activities

In planning the activities of FHCC the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on 'public benefit.' FHCC continues to meet for Sunday services at Sydenham High School. We are members of Transform Network (T-net), an association of independent church congregations in South East London; of iNet, an overseas mission's organisation; and we are also members of the Pioneer Network and the Evangelical Alliance. We collaborate with numerous other Christian groups, churches and charities, and gather church leaders together for prayer.

We have been leasing and managing the Hope Centre, Malham Road, Forest Hill, which belongs to London City Mission, for approximately 10 years. Since March 2020 the hall has been exclusively used by Lewisham Foodbank. The work of the Foodbank expanded substantially because of the Covid-19 pandemic, and we have provided a premises vital for thousands of local people affected by food poverty. Foodbank continues to make a very significant contribution to the needs of people in food crisis across the Borough of Lewisham, feeding approximately 650 people per week. In September 2023 London City Mission sold the Malham Road building, and terminated our lease. The new owners have allowed Foodbank to stay until November 21st 2023, to give time to get new premises ready. The new central hub and warehouse building for Lewisham Foodbank will be leased to Transform Network not FHCC.

We run Sunday morning services each week at Sydenham High School, including activities for children and youth. We have a good mix of people across a variety of ethnic backgrounds, and an age range of 0 to 96. We have Connect Groups in people's homes, and regular groups at our Here For Good building, on Sydenham Road, including for youth, for the elderly, and for refugees and asylum seekers learning English. Our weekly coffee morning has provided a welcome for local people, and offered a creative space with craft activities, and a listening ear for people needing support. It has been a 'warm space' over the winter (in line with a number of 'warm spaces' across the Borough of Lewisham), and an opportunity for people to receive prayer and discover faith. Here For Good is also a venue for training courses, the Alpha course, and for prayer, worship and administration. It hosts a Job Club, music practice and a Sunday School.

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We continue to make use of Zoom for various smaller meetings, and particularly for general or specifically-focussed prayer meetings

Trustees

During the financial year 2022/23 the trustees were: Fiona Taylor, Ben Hobbons, Rosemary Thompson, Elaine Willett, Patience McLean, and Luke Aylward.

Staffing

Nigel Desborough continued as Pastor and Team Leader, and Joanna Sayer as the Associate Pastor. Dragana Ivanovic also remains in post as part-time administrator.

Specific additional activities in 2022-2023

We had some 'international lunches' after our Sunday services, to encourage social interaction, and to celebrate the numerous ethnic backgrounds of our congregation members. We had some events for families with young children, including picnics, a 'light' party, a Christmas event and a pancake party. At Christmas we had a family carol service, carol singing at Sydenham station, and 'Carol-oke' a community event at Ignition Brewery on Sydenham Road.

We continued our Race Group, and had an event during Black History Month where we showed the film 'After the Flood', facilitated by Nigel Pocock. He was also involved in running a community seminar at Here For Good entitled 'Shame to Hope'. Here For Good was the venue for some events during Sydenham Arts Week. We had a special community coffee morning on 1st June for Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee. We ran a well-attended women's breakfast. We invested substantially in repair and improvement of the Here For Good Centre.

In July 2022 we worked with other churches to particularly mobilise youth to make a positive difference to local communities through an initiative called 'Summer '22'. Our youth visited and helped with outreach activities in a number of locations in London. Our youth were also involved in an inter-church youth weekend away at Carrotty Wood residential centre in Kent in November. As a church we had an August 2023 Outreach weekend running community activities on a local housing estate in Sydenham.

Financial review

Unrestricted income for the year was £205,631 (2022: £239,536) a decrease of £33,905 on the previous year. This was mainly due to the receipt of a large one off gift in the previous year. Unrestricted expenditure was £267,699 (2022: £231,986), an increase of £35,713 on the previous year. This was mainly due to maintenance works carried out at Here For Good, as well as some increase in regular costs linked to inflation. Restricted income was £24,361 (2022: £22,771) and restricted expenditure was £23,729 (2022: £30,791).

Fund balances at the end of the year were: General fund: £80,785 (2022: £147,412), Designated fund: £86,154 (2022: £81,895), Restricted funds: £8,906 (2022: £7,975).

Reserves policy

Free reserves, defined as the general fund bank balances adjusted for amounts due to be received and paid in the subsequent six months, are maintained where possible between £20,000 and £30,000.

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Expenditure significantly exceeded income for 2022-2023 but reserves continue to exceed this level. A budget has been set for the year 2023-2024 with expenditure exceeding income by £52,000. This would still leave the reserves just above this level. However the aim is to grow the donation income to bring income in line with expenditure and this is actively being pursued. Encouragingly, at the time of writing this report, income was above expenditure for the year to date.

Risk Management

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, are reviewed from time to time and, if considered appropriate, systems or procedures are established to manage those risks. All major insurable risks are subject to commercially available charities and employers' insurance

Approval

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Fiona Taylor

FIONA TAYLOR

Elaine Willett

ELAINE WILLETT

Date: 25 November 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
FOREST HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
('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 6 to 14 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 8 to 9.

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.

Sarah Crispin

Sarah Crispin ACA
11 December 2023

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FOREST HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	161,281	24,361	185,642	214,888
Charitable activities	4	43,986	-	43,986	47,344
Investments		364	-	364	75
Total income and endowments		205,631	24,361	229,992	262,307
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	5	267,699	23,729	291,428	262,777
Total expenditure		267,699	23,729	291,428	262,777
Net income/(expenditure)		(62,068)	632	(61,436)	(470)
Transfers between funds	12	(299)	299	(0)	-
Net movement in funds		(62,367)	931	(61,436)	(470)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		229,306	7,975	237,281	237,751
Total funds carried forward	12	166,939	8,906	175,845	237,281

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 8-13 form part of these accounts.

FOREST HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	176,000	-	176,000	181,500
		<u>176,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>176,000</u>	<u>181,500</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	30,861	874	31,735	33,531
Cash at bank and in hand	9	57,563	8,032	65,595	135,145
		88,424	8,906	97,330	168,676
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(21,307)	-	(21,307)	(24,820)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>67,117</u>	<u>8,906</u>	<u>76,023</u>	<u>143,856</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>243,117</u>	<u>8,906</u>	<u>252,023</u>	<u>325,356</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	11	(76,178)	-	(76,178)	(88,076)
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>166,939</u>	<u>8,906</u>	<u>175,845</u>	<u>237,281</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Unrestricted Funds	12				
General funds		80,785	-	80,785	147,412
Designated funds		86,154	-	86,154	81,894
		<u>166,939</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,939</u>	<u>229,306</u>
Restricted Funds		-	8,906	8,906	7,975
		<u>166,939</u>	<u>8,906</u>	<u>175,845</u>	<u>237,281</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:

Fiona Taylor

FIONA TAYLOR

Elaine Willett

ELAINE WILLETT

Date: 25 November 2023

Company number: 5022460

Charity number: 1103398

The notes on page 8-13 form part of these accounts.

FOREST HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 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.

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.

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.

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

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.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

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) Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets acquired for use by the company are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life. Items with a cost of under £5,000 are treated as an expense of the year in which purchased.

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

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2 Accounting Policies (cont)

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) Cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

3 Donations and legacies

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	159,197	184,850
Income tax recoverable	26,445	30,038
	185,642	214,888

4 Income from charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Rental & service income	39,551	44,179
Events	4,435	3,165
	43,986	47,344

5 Charitable expenditure

	2023	2022
	£	£
a Costs incurred directly on specific activities		
Staff costs	84,889	104,528
Property costs	71,657	39,640
Church activities	34,576	24,155
Other costs	3,631	1,810
	194,753	170,133
Grants payable (note 5c)	47,801	50,331
	242,554	220,464
b Costs incurred on support & administration		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	2,520	2,400
	2,520	2,400
Staff costs	22,491	21,302
Loan interest & charges	3,421	(2,220)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	5,500	5,500
Other support costs	14,942	15,331
	48,874	42,313
Total expenditure	291,428	262,777

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5 Charitable expenditure (cont)

c Grants payable

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2023 £
Mission support	12,771	27,020	39,792
Relief of poverty and need	1,604	6,406	8,010
	<u>14,375</u>	<u>33,426</u>	<u>47,801</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2022 £
Mission support	11,390	27,104	38,494
Relief of poverty and need	6,390	5,446	11,836
	<u>17,780</u>	<u>32,550</u>	<u>50,331</u>

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2023 £	2022 £
I-Net	9,885	8,790
T-Net	1,080	7,590
3P Ministries	1,206	-
Grants to institutions for less than £1,000 each	2,204	1,400
	<u>14,375</u>	<u>17,780</u>

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

	2023 £	2022 £
Gross wages and salaries	92,629	103,047
Social security	4,197	5,464
Pension costs	7,515	11,758
	<u>104,341</u>	<u>120,269</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 5 (2022: 6). 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.

Remuneration payable to key management (excluding trustees and related parties) amounted to £79,660 in the year (2022: £73,965).

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment & Fittings £	Freehold Property £	Total 2023 £
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	4,989	275,000	279,989
Additions			-
Disposals	(4,989)		(4,989)
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>275,000</u>	<u>275,000</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	4,989	93,500	98,489
Charge for the year		5,500	5,500
Eliminated on disposal	(4,989)		(4,989)
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>99,000</u>	<u>99,000</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>176,000</u>	<u>176,000</u>
At 1 April 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>181,500</u>	<u>181,500</u>

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8 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	2,020	120
Tax recoverable	26,445	32,038
Other debtors	1,070	1,373
Prepayments and accrued income	2,200	
	<u>31,735</u>	<u>33,531</u>

9 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank operating accounts	17,495	109,873
Bank deposit accounts	47,941	24,972
Petty cash	159	300
	<u>65,595</u>	<u>135,145</u>

10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade Creditors	2,623	5,514
Taxation & social security	2,146	2,018
Mortgage loan payments	13,668	11,530
Deposits held	350	1,350
Accruals	2,520	2,400
Other creditors	-	2,008
	<u>21,307</u>	<u>24,820</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Mortgage loan for freehold property	76,178	88,076
	<u>76,178</u>	<u>88,076</u>

The mortgage loan is secured on the freehold of 17 Sydenham Road, London SE26 5EX, with an interest rate of 1% above Bank of England base rate.

12 Funds

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

	Opening balance 2023 £	Incoming resources 2023 £	Outgoing resources 2023 £	Transfers in the year 2023 £	Closing balance 2023 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Capital	81,895	-	(8,373)	12,632	86,154
	<u>81,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,373)</u>	<u>12,632</u>	<u>86,154</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>					
	147,412	205,631	(259,326)	(12,931)	80,785
	<u>147,412</u>	<u>205,631</u>	<u>(259,326)</u>	<u>(12,931)</u>	<u>80,785</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>229,306</u>	<u>205,631</u>	<u>(267,699)</u>	<u>(299)</u>	<u>166,939</u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Missionary funds	2,097	11,277	(13,125)	484	733
PA/worship activities fund	2,572	-	(2,619)	47	-
Relief funds	1,502	6,701	(6,863)	200	1,540
Other funds	1,804	6,383	(1,122)	(432)	6,633
	<u>7,975</u>	<u>24,361</u>	<u>(23,729)</u>	<u>299</u>	<u>8,906</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>237,281</u>	<u>229,992</u>	<u>(291,428)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>175,845</u>

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12 Funds (cont)

The transfers referred to above were made for the following reasons:

- a) The transfer from General Fund to the Capital Fund is the mortgage payment during the year
- b) Other small transfers between restricted funds are to ensure restrictions are correct.

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted funds £	2023 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £		
Tangible fixed assets	-	176,000	-	176,000
Debtors	30,861	-	874	31,735
Cash at bank and in hand	57,563	-	8,032	65,595
Creditors falling due within one year	(7,639)	(13,668)	-	(21,307)
Creditors falling due after one year	-	(76,178)	-	(76,178)
	80,785	86,154	8,906	175,845
	80,785	86,154	8,906	175,845

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

	Opening balance 2022 £	Incoming resources 2022 £	Outgoing resources 2022 £	Transfers in the year 2022 £	Closing balance 2022 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Capital	77,058	-	(6,736)	11,572	81,895
Youth weekend 2021	-	3,115	(4,135)	1,020	-
	77,058	3,115	(10,870)	12,591	81,895
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>					
	144,781	236,421	(221,116)	(12,674)	147,412
Total Unrestricted Funds	221,839	239,536	(231,986)	(83)	229,306
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Missionary funds	2,021	12,541	(12,465)	-	2,097
PA/worship activities fund	2,572	-	-	-	2,572
Relief funds	9,630	2,880	(11,090)	83	1,502
Other funds	1,689	7,350	(7,235)	-	1,804
	15,912	22,771	(30,791)	83	7,975
	15,912	22,771	(30,791)	83	7,975
Aggregate of funds	237,751	262,307	(262,777)	0	237,281

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12 Funds (cont)

Analysis of net assets by fund

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2022 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	-	181,500	-	181,500
Debtors	31,058	-	2,473	33,531
Cash at bank and in hand	129,643	-	5,502	135,145
Creditors falling due within one year	(13,290)	(11,530)	-	(24,820)
Creditors falling due after one year	-	(88,076)	-	(88,076)
	<u>147,412</u>	<u>81,894</u>	<u>7,975</u>	<u>237,281</u>

Designated Funds

The Capital Fund is an unrestricted fund designated by the Trustees to separate the investment on property

Restricted Funds

Missionary Funds are used to support mission partners & related work around the world.

The PA/worship activities fund is for the purchase of PA & other worship related equipment.

Relief Funds support the work of social need in the UK and developing countries.

Other Funds relate to other gifts for specific causes.

13 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations totalling £20,092 (2022: £20,347) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).
- b) No expenses (2022: £nil) were paid to, or for, the trustees

14 Members

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £1.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>				<u>Unrestricted funds</u>			
		General	Designated	Restricted	Total	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
		2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022	2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:									
Donations and legacies	3	161,281	-	24,361	185,642	189,002	3,115	22,771	214,888
Charitable activities	4	43,986	-	-	43,986	47,344	-	-	47,344
Investments		364	-	-	364	75	-	-	75
Total income and endowments		205,631	-	24,361	229,992	236,421	3,115	22,771	262,308
EXPENDITURE ON:									
Charitable activities:	5	259,326	8,373	23,729	291,428	221,116	10,870	30,791	262,777
Total Expenditure		259,326	8,373	23,729	291,428	221,116	10,870	30,791	262,777
Net income/(expenditure)		(53,695)	(8,373)	632	(61,436)	15,305	(7,755)	(8,020)	(469)
Transfers between funds	12	(12,931)	12,632	299	-	(12,674)	12,591	83	-
Net movement in funds		(66,626)	4,259	931	(61,436)	2,631	4,836	(7,937)	(469)
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		147,412	81,895	7,975	237,281	144,781	77,058	15,912	237,751
Total funds carried forward	12	80,785	86,154	8,906	175,845	147,412	81,895	7,975	237,281

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COMPANY INFORMATION
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Trustees	Fiona Taylor Rosemary Thompson Elaine Willett Luke Aylward Tim Greenlaw (resigned June 2021) Ben Hobbons
Company Secretary	Ben Hobbons
Key Staff	Nigel Desborough (Pastor and Team Leader) Joanna Sayer (Pastor)
Governing Document	Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 18 D
Company Registration Number	5022460
Charity Registration Number	1103398
Registered Office	Here For Good 17 Sydenham Road Sydenham, London, SE26 5EX
Independent Examiner	Archie McDowall BA, CA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc

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FOREST HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
(INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees, who are the charity's directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

Formation & Objects of the charity

FHCC was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee (Company no. 5022460) on 22/1/2004, and registered as a charity on 26/4/2004. It became operational on 26/11/2003.

The objects of the charity are to promote and advance the Christian faith, to relieve poverty, hardship, sickness and distress, and to promote education and training.

Membership

In March 2022 we had somewhere between 150 and 200 people, including children, connected to the FHCC community. After the Covid 19 pandemic lockdowns we began to meet physically at Sydenham High School every week again from Easter 2021.

Support for overseas work

We continued to support overseas mission work in different locations particularly in South East Asia and Turkey. The Covid 19 pandemic with lockdowns and travel restrictions has had a big impact on this area, and some workers have still been unable to travel.

Regular Activities

In planning the activities of FHCC the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on 'public benefit.' FHCC continues to meet for Sunday services at Sydenham High School. We are members of Transform Network (T-net), an association of independent church congregations in South East London; of iNet, an overseas mission's organisation; and we are also members of the Evangelical Alliance. We work and collaborate with numerous other Christian groups including: XLP; Churches Together in Sydenham and Forest Hill; London City Mission; and New Wine Network. We also joined the Pioneer Network of churches in October 2020.

We lease and manage the Hope Centre, Malham Road, Forest Hill, which belongs to London City Mission. Our current 2-year lease runs until August 2024, with a 2-month break clause on either side. Since March 2020 the hall has been exclusively used by Lewisham Foodbank. The work of the Foodbank expanded substantially because of the Covid-19 pandemic, and we have provided a premises vital for thousands of local people affected by food poverty. Foodbank has made a very significant contribution to the needs of people in food crisis across the Borough of Lewisham. As we approach the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Foodbank we have mobilised 2,000 volunteers and fed 100,000 people.

Trustees

There are 5 Trustees at present. We started the financial year with 6, but Tim Greenlaw moved to Reading and ceased as a Trustee in the summer of 2021.

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Staffing

Nigel Desborough continued as Pastor and Team Leader. On 1st November 2020 Joanna Sayer began to work for FHCC as the Associate Pastor. Stephen Desborough was appointed part-time Youth Pastor in September 2017 and continued in that role until November 2021. He left to become a language teacher, but continues to do some youth work voluntarily. Dragana Ivanovic was appointed as part-time administrator in January 2016 and remains in post.

Specific additional activities in 2021-2022

In 2020-2021 we ran a number of online courses, due to the restrictions of Covid. Going into 2021-2022 we began to meet in person again, and open up our Here For Good building for church and community activities. We began a weekly coffee morning drop-in for the local community, re-started Meeting Point (for the elderly), and ESOL (basic English language teaching), hosted a Job Club, ran an Alpha Course, and had a women's breakfast and an event for families with primary aged children. We ran a thriving youth group on Friday evenings, and other youth activities. Our Sunday evening prayer meeting continued on Zoom as did our early morning prayer meeting on Thursdays.

We continued our Race Group to discuss the important issue of racial justice and unity, and plan events to express the racial diversity in our church. We have had training mornings, discussion evenings, international services and lunches, and celebrated Black History Month.

In July 2021 we worked with other churches to particularly mobilise youth to make a positive difference to local communities through an initiative called 'Summer '21'. We ran a number of activities on the Hazel Grove estate in Sydenham, including garden clearance, football coaching, rubbish clearance, and a large family fun event with a barbecue, bouncy castles, face painting and other activities. This was well attended and very well received.

Financial review

Unrestricted income for the year was £239,536 (2021: £256,667) a decrease of £17,131 on the previous year. This was mainly due to the receipt of a Retail, Leisure & Hospitality Covid support grant from the London Borough of Lewisham in the previous year. Unrestricted expenditure was £231,986 (2021: £178,848), an increase of £53,138 on the previous year. This was mainly due to the impact of Covid on activity levels in the previous year & increased staff costs in the current year. Restricted income was £22,771 (2021: £20,884) and restricted expenditure was £30,791 (2021: £16,064).

Fund balances at the end of the year were: General fund: £147,412 (2021: £144,781), Designated fund: £81,895 (2021: £77,059), Restricted funds: £7,975 (2021: £15,912).

Reserves policy

Free reserves, defined as the general fund bank balances adjusted for amounts due to be received and paid in the subsequent six months, are maintained where possible between £20,000 and £30,000.

Income broadly matched expenditure for 2021-2022 and reserves continue to exceed this level. A budget has been set for the year 2022-2023 with expenditure exceeding income by £39,000. This excess expenditure will be funded from excess reserves and/or funds raised at the annual gift days.

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Risk Management

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, are reviewed from time to time and, if considered appropriate, systems or procedures are established to manage those risks. All major insurable risks are subject to commercially available charities and employers' insurance

Approval

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

FIONA TAYLOR

ELAINE WILLETT

FIONA TAYLOR

ELAINE WILLETT

Date: 15 December 2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
FOREST HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
(‘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 6 to 15 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 8 to 9.

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

Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
London
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Date: 16 December 2022

FOREST HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	192,117	22,771	214,888	230,745
Charitable activities	4	47,344	-	47,344	46,722
Investments		75	-	75	84
Total income and endowments		239,536	22,771	262,307	277,550
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	5	231,986	30,791	262,777	194,912
Total expenditure		231,986	30,791	262,777	194,912
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		7,550	(8,020)	(470)	82,638
Transfers between funds	12	(83)	83	0	-
Net movement in funds		7,467	(7,937)	(470)	82,638
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		221,839	15,912	237,751	155,113
Total funds carried forward	12	229,306	7,975	237,281	237,752

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 8-14 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	181,500	-	181,500	187,000
		<u>181,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>181,500</u>	<u>187,000</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	31,058	2,473	33,531	30,462
Cash at bank and in hand	9	129,643	5,502	135,145	141,663
		160,701	7,975	168,676	172,125
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(24,820)	-	(24,820)	(22,962)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>135,881</u>	<u>7,975</u>	<u>143,856</u>	<u>149,163</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>317,381</u>	<u>7,975</u>	<u>325,356</u>	<u>336,163</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	11	(88,076)	-	(88,076)	(98,411)
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>229,306</u>	<u>7,975</u>	<u>237,281</u>	<u>237,752</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Unrestricted Funds	12				
General funds		147,412	-	147,412	144,781
Designated funds		81,894	-	81,894	77,059
		<u>229,306</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>229,306</u>	<u>221,840</u>
Restricted Funds		-	7,975	7,975	15,912
		<u>229,306</u>	<u>7,975</u>	<u>237,281</u>	<u>237,752</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:

FIONA TAYLOR

FIONA TAYLOR

ELAINE WILLETT

ELAINE WILLETT

Date: 15 December 2022

Company number: 5022460

Charity number: 1103398

The notes on page 8-14 form part of these accounts.

FOREST HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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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.

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.

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

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.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

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) Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets acquired for use by the company are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life. Items with a cost of under £5,000 are treated as an expense of the year in which purchased.

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

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- 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) **Cashflow statement**
The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

3 Donations and legacies

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	184,850	154,702
Government grants (note 3a)	-	25,000
Legacies receivable		23,784
Income tax recoverable	30,038	27,259
	214,888	230,745

a Government grants comprise:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Retail, Hospitality & Leisure Business grant	-	25,000
	-	25,000

4 Income from charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Rental & service income	44,179	46,672
Events	3,165	50
	47,344	46,722

5 Charitable expenditure

	2022	2021
	£	£
a Costs incurred directly on specific activities		
Staff costs	104,528	81,005
Property costs	39,640	33,352
Church activities	24,155	2,772
Other costs	1,810	3,157
	170,133	120,285
Grants payable (note 5c)	50,331	38,243
	220,464	158,528
b Costs incurred on support & administration		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	2,400	2,400
	2,400	2,400
Staff costs	21,302	14,596
Loan interest & charges	(2,220)	1,783
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	5,500	5,500
Other support costs	15,331	12,105
	42,313	36,384
Total expenditure	262,777	194,912

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c Grants payable

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2022 £
Mission support	11,390	27,104	38,494
Relief of poverty and need	<u>6,390</u>	<u>5,446</u>	<u>11,836</u>
	<u>17,780</u>	<u>32,550</u>	<u>50,331</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2021 £
Mission support	10,460	19,870	30,330
Relief of poverty and need	<u>3,200</u>	<u>4,713</u>	<u>7,913</u>
	<u>13,660</u>	<u>24,583</u>	<u>38,243</u>

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2022 £	2021 £
I-Net	8,790	8,380
T-Net	7,590	1,360
Catford Church for One Way School, Zimbabwe	-	3,200
Grants to institutions for less than £1,000 each	<u>1,400</u>	<u>720</u>
	<u>17,780</u>	<u>13,660</u>

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Gross wages and salaries	103,047	84,363
Social security	5,464	3,219
Pension costs	<u>11,758</u>	<u>5,506</u>
	<u>120,269</u>	<u>93,088</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 6 (2021: 6). 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.

Remuneration payable to key management (excluding trustees and related parties) amounted to £73,965 in the year (2021: £50,211).

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment & Fittings £	Freehold Property £	Total 2022 £
Cost			
At 1 April 2021	4,989	275,000	279,989
Additions			-
At 31 March 2022	<u>4,989</u>	<u>275,000</u>	<u>279,989</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 April 2021	4,989	88,000	92,989
Charge for the year		5,500	5,500
At 31 March 2022	<u>4,989</u>	<u>93,500</u>	<u>98,489</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>181,500</u>	<u>181,500</u>
At 1 April 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>187,000</u>	<u>187,000</u>

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8 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	120	1,203
Tax recoverable	32,038	29,259
Other debtors	1,373	-
	33,531	30,462

9 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank operating accounts	109,873	119,843
Bank deposit accounts	24,972	21,520
Petty cash	300	300
	135,145	141,663

10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade Creditors	5,514	5,278
Taxation & social security	2,018	2,405
Mortgage loan payments	11,530	11,530
Deposits held	1,350	1,350
Accruals	2,400	2,400
Other creditors	2,008	-
	24,820	22,962

11 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Mortgage loan for freehold property	88,076	98,411
	88,076	98,411

The mortgage loan is secured on the freehold of 17 Sydenham Road, London SE26 5EX, with an interest rate of 1% above Bank of England base rate.

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12 Funds

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

	Opening balance 2022 £	Incoming resources 2022 £	Outgoing resources 2022 £	Transfers in the year 2022 £	Closing balance 2022 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Capital	77,058	-	(6,736)	11,572	81,895
Youth weekend 2021	-	3,115	(4,135)	1,020	-
	<u>77,058</u>	<u>3,115</u>	<u>(10,870)</u>	<u>12,591</u>	<u>81,895</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	144,781	236,421	(221,116)	(12,674)	147,412
	<u>221,839</u>	<u>239,536</u>	<u>(231,986)</u>	<u>(83)</u>	<u>229,306</u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Missionary funds	2,021	12,541	(12,465)	-	2,097
PA/worship activities fund	2,572	-	-	-	2,572
Relief funds	9,630	2,880	(11,090)	83	1,502
Other funds	1,689	7,350	(7,235)	-	1,804
	<u>15,912</u>	<u>22,771</u>	<u>(30,791)</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>7,975</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>237,751</u>	<u>262,307</u>	<u>(262,777)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>237,281</u>

The transfers referred to above were made for the following reasons:

- a) The transfer from General Fund to the Capital Fund is the mortgage payment during the year
- b) The transfer from General Fund to the Youth weekend fund is to cover the deficit on the fund.
- c) The transfer from the General Fund to Relief funds is to top up a payment to support an appeal for Afghanistan

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2022 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	-	181,500		181,500
Debtors	31,058		2,473	33,531
Cash at bank and in hand	129,643		5,502	135,145
Creditors falling due within one year	(13,290)	(11,530)		(24,820)
Creditors falling due after one year	-	(88,076)		(88,076)
	<u>147,412</u>	<u>81,894</u>	<u>7,975</u>	<u>237,281</u>

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

	Opening balance 2021 £	Incoming resources 2021 £	Outgoing resources 2021 £	Transfers in the year 2021 £	Closing balance 2021 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Capital	72,323	-	(6,794)	11,530	77,059
	<u>72,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,794)</u>	<u>11,530</u>	<u>77,059</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	71,920	256,667	(172,054)	(11,752)	144,781
	<u>71,920</u>	<u>256,667</u>	<u>(172,054)</u>	<u>(11,752)</u>	<u>144,781</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>144,243</u>	<u>256,667</u>	<u>(178,848)</u>	<u>(222)</u>	<u>221,840</u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Missionary funds	1,709	11,380	(11,290)	222	2,021
PA/worship activities fund	2,821	-	(249)		2,572
Relief funds	4,852	8,928	(4,150)		9,630
Other funds	1,489	575	(375)		1,689
	<u>10,870</u>	<u>20,884</u>	<u>(16,064)</u>	<u>222</u>	<u>15,912</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>155,113</u>	<u>277,550</u>	<u>(194,912)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>237,752</u>

Analysis of net assets by fund

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds			2021 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	-	187,000		187,000
Debtors	30,462			30,462
Cash at bank and in hand	125,751		15,912	141,663
Creditors falling due within one year	(11,432)	(11,530)		(22,962)
Creditors falling due after one year	-	(98,411)		(98,411)
	<u>144,781</u>	<u>77,059</u>	<u>15,912</u>	<u>237,752</u>

Designated Funds

The Capital Fund is an unrestricted fund designated by the Trustees to separate the investment on property
The Youth Weekend 2021 fund is to keep separate the income & expenditure related to this particular activity

Restricted Funds

Missionary Funds are used to support mission partners & related work around the world.
The PA/worship activities fund is for the purchase of PA & other worship related equipment.
Relief Funds support the work of social need in the UK and developing countries.
Other Funds relate to other gifts for specific causes.

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13 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations totalling £20,347 (2021: £24,323) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).
- b) No expenses (2021: £nil) were paid to, or for, the trustees

14 Members

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £1.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
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Note	Unrestricted funds				Unrestricted funds				
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
	2022	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021	2021	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:									
Donations and legacies	3	189,002	3,115	22,771	214,888	209,861	20,884	230,745	
Charitable activities	4	47,344	-	-	47,344	46,722	-	46,722	
Investments		75	-	-	75	84	-	84	
Total income and endowments		236,421	3,115	22,771	262,307	256,667	-	20,884	277,551
EXPENDITURE ON:									
Charitable activities:	5	221,116	10,870	30,791	262,777	172,054	6,794	16,064	194,912
Total Expenditure		221,116	10,870	30,791	262,777	172,054	6,794	16,064	194,912
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-			-				-
Net income/(expenditure)		15,305	(7,755)	(8,020)	(470)	84,613	(6,794)	4,820	82,639
Transfers between funds	12	(12,674)	12,591	83	0	(11,752)	11,530	222	-
Net movement in funds		2,631	4,836	(7,937)	(470)	72,861	4,736	5,042	82,639
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		144,781	77,058	15,912	237,751	71,920	72,323	10,870	155,113
Total funds carried forward	12	147,412	81,894	7,975	237,281	144,781	77,058	15,912	237,752

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COMPANY INFORMATION
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Trustees	Fiona Taylor Rosemary Thompson Vinu Kurian (resigned September 2020) Elaine Willett Luke Aylward Tim Greenlaw (resigned June 2021) Ben Hobbons
Company Secretary	Ben Hobbons
Key Staff	Nigel Desborough (Pastor and Team Leader) Joanna Sayer (Pastor) Stephen Desborough (Youth Pastor)
Governing Document	Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 18 Dec 2019
Company Registration Number	5022460
Charity Registration Number	1103398
Registered Office	Here For Good 17 Sydenham Road Sydenham, London, SE26 5EX
Independent Examiner	Archie McDowall BA, CA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc

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FOREST HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
(INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees, who are the charity's directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

Formation

FHCC was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee (Company no. 5022460) on 22/1/2004, and registered as a charity on 26/4/2004. It became operational on 26/11/2003.

Membership

In March 2021 we had somewhere between 150 and 200 people, including children, connected to the FHCC community, although it was more difficult to be in touch with people and be sure who was identifying with us due to the extraordinary conditions of the Covid 19 pandemic. We did not meet physically as a church during most of the year.

Support for overseas work

We continued to support overseas mission work in different locations particularly in South East Asia and Turkey. Again the Covid 19 pandemic with lockdowns and travel restrictions had a big impact on this area, with a number of workers unable to travel, and conferences online only.

Regular Activities

In planning the activities of FHCC the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on 'public benefit.' FHCC continues to meet for Sunday services at Sydenham High School. However, the Coronavirus pandemic and consequent National Lockdown forced us to close our physical services for a season. We moved online, using Church-online (briefly), then YouTube for church services, and Zoom for housegroups, prayer meetings, and leaders' meetings. We resumed physically live services at Sydenham High School, with limited numbers under Covid-19 secure conditions, on October 4th 2020, but closed again from November 8th until Easter Sunday 2021. Our Christmas services were programmes especially produced for broadcast via YouTube, with excellent worship music filmed on the roof of Here For Good, and in the prayer garden at Holy Trinity, Beckenham.

We are members of Transform Network (T-net), an association of independent church congregations in South East London; of iNet, an overseas mission's organisation: we are also members of the Evangelical Alliance. We work and collaborate with numerous other Christian groups including: XLP; Churches Together in Sydenham and Forest Hill; London City Mission; New Wine Network; and Lewisham Ecumenical Borough Deans. Towards the end of 2018 we began to make links with Pioneer Network, a number of our Leadership Team attended the Pioneer Annual National Leader's Conference in March 2020, and we joined the Network in October 2020.

We lease and manage the Hope Centre, Malham Road, Forest Hill, which belongs to London City Mission. Our current 3-year lease runs until August 2022. Due to the National lockdowns the churches and community groups which used the building were forced to close, and since March 2020 the hall has been exclusively used by Lewisham Foodbank. The work of the Foodbank expanded substantially because of the Covid-19 pandemic, and we have provided a premises vital for hundreds of local people affected by food poverty.

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Other regular FHCC activities migrated online or were forced to close due to the pandemic for much of 2020 and 2021. The Here For Good building was made covid-secure, and had restricted use during this period with a few staff coming in, in order to make services for YouTube.

Trustees

Six Trustees remained in post during the financial year 2020-2021. Tim Greenlaw moved to Reading and ceased as a Trustee in the summer of 2021.

Staffing

Nigel Desborough continued as Pastor and Team Leader. Sam Corry was a Pastor alongside Nigel for 9 years, but found a new job as a Pastor at One Church, Brighton, and left FHCC in late November 2019. On 1st November 2020 Joanna Sayer began to work for FHCC as the Associate Pastor. Stephen Desborough was appointed part-time Youth Pastor in September 2017 and continues in that role, and from March 2020 played a major role in producing our online services when the UK went into lockdown due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Dragana Ivanovic was appointed as part-time administrator in January 2016 and remains in post.

Specific additional activities in 2020-2021

We ran a number of online courses, including Alpha, Taste and See (a course in growing in spiritual gifts), Journey Thru John (basic discipleship in John's Gospel), and a Lent Course. Our Sunday evening prayer meeting migrated to Zoom and grew in numbers, and we launched an early morning prayer meeting on Thursdays, and had numerous Zoom prayer times for people in crisis or with major needs. We held a welcome lunch on Zoom.

Our children's work operated on Zoom, with a Sunday morning session each week. For the period January – April 2021 we videoed a series called the Guardians of Ancora, produced, acted and filmed by members of FHCC. Youth work also operated on Zoom and social media. Effective discipleship took place in smaller Zoom meetings, in addition to the larger online youth sessions.

We also established a Race Group to discuss the important issue of racial justice and unity, and plan events to express the racial diversity in our church.

Financial review

Unrestricted income for the year was £256,667 (2020: £234,564) an increase of £22,103 on the previous year. This was mainly due to the receipt of a Retail, Leisure & Hospitality Covid support grant from the London Borough of Lewisham . Unrestricted expenditure was £178,848 (2020: £208,567), a decrease of £29,719 on the previous year. This was mainly due to the impact of Covid on activity levels. Restricted income was £20,884 (2020: £10,256) and restricted expenditure was £16,064 (2020: £8,576).

Fund balances at the end of the year were: Unrestricted funds: General fund: £144,781 (2020: £71,920), Capital fund: £77,059 (2020: £72,323); Restricted funds: £15,912 (2020: £10,870).

Reserves policy

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Free reserves, defined as the general fund bank balances adjusted for amounts due to be received and paid in the subsequent six months, are maintained where possible between £20,000 and £30,000.

Income exceeded expenditure for 2020-2021 and reserves continue to exceed this level. A budget has been set for the year 2021-2022 with expenditure exceeding income by £22,000. This excess covers one off expenditure to be funded from excess reserves and/or funds raised at the annual gift days.

Risk Management

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, are reviewed from time to time and, if considered appropriate, systems or procedures are established to manage those risks. All major insurable risks are subject to commercially available charities and employers' insurance

Approval

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

FIONA TAYLOR

ELAINE WILLETT

Date: 12 December 2021

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
FOREST HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
(‘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 6 to 14 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 8 to 9.

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

16 December 2021

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FOREST HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	209,861	20,884	230,745	178,668
Charitable activities	4	46,722	-	46,722	66,046
Investments		84	-	84	106
Total income and endowments		256,667	20,884	277,550	244,820
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	5	178,848	16,064	194,912	217,143
Total expenditure		178,848	16,064	194,912	217,143
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		77,819	4,820	82,638	27,677
Transfers between funds	12	(222)	222	-	-
Net movement in funds		77,597	5,042	82,638	27,677
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		144,243	10,870	155,113	127,436
Total funds carried forward	12	221,840	15,912	237,752	155,113

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 8-14 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	187,000	-	187,000	192,500
		<u>187,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>187,000</u>	<u>192,500</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	30,462	-	30,462	27,434
Cash at bank and in hand	9	125,751	15,912	141,663	64,637
		156,213	15,912	172,125	92,071
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(22,962)	-	(22,962)	(21,221)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>133,251</u>	<u>15,912</u>	<u>149,163</u>	<u>70,851</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>320,251</u>	<u>15,912</u>	<u>336,163</u>	<u>263,351</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	11	(98,411)	-	(98,411)	(108,236)
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>221,840</u>	<u>15,912</u>	<u>237,752</u>	<u>155,114</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Unrestricted Funds	12				
General funds		144,781	-	144,781	71,920
Designated funds		77,059	-	77,059	72,323
		<u>221,840</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>221,840</u>	<u>144,243</u>
Restricted Funds		-	15,912	15,912	10,871
		<u>221,840</u>	<u>15,912</u>	<u>237,752</u>	<u>155,114</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:

FIONA TAYLOR

ELAINE WILLETT

Date: 12 December 2021

Company number: 5022460

Charity number: 1103398

The notes on page 8-14 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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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.

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.

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

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.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

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) Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets acquired for use by the company are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life. Items with a cost of under £5,000 are treated as an expense of the year in which purchased.

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

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- 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) Cashflow statement
The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

3 Donations and legacies

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	154,702	152,430
Government grants (note 3a)	25,000	-
Legacies receivable	23,784	-
Income tax recoverable	27,259	26,238
	230,745	178,668

a Government grants comprise:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Retail, Hospitality & Leisure Business grant	25,000	-
	25,000	-

4 Income from charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Rental & service income	46,672	54,149
Events	50	11,897
	46,722	66,046

5 Charitable expenditure

	2021	2020
	£	£
a Costs incurred directly on specific activities		
Staff costs	81,005	71,843
Property costs	33,352	41,295
Church events	2,772	34,154
Other costs	3,157	3,748
	120,285	151,040
Grants payable (note 5c)	38,243	30,044
	158,528	181,084
b Costs incurred on support & administration		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	2,400	2,000
	2,400	2,000
Staff costs	14,596	13,269
Loan interest & charges	1,783	2,980
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	5,500	5,500
Other support costs	12,105	12,310
	36,384	36,059
Total expenditure	194,912	217,143

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c Grants payable

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2021 £
Mission support	10,460	19,870	30,330
Relief of poverty and need	3,200	4,713	7,913
	<u>13,660</u>	<u>24,583</u>	<u>38,243</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2020 £
Mission support	13,226	15,100	28,326
Relief of poverty and need	305	1,413	1,718
	<u>13,531</u>	<u>16,513</u>	<u>30,044</u>

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2021 £	2020 £
I-Net	8,380	10,186
T-Net	1,360	1,440
Catford Church for One Way School, Zimbabwe	3,200	-
Grants to institutions for less than £1,000 each	720	1,905
	<u>13,660</u>	<u>13,531</u>

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Gross wages and salaries	84,363	76,987
Social security	3,219	2,675
Pension costs	5,506	2,540
	<u>93,088</u>	<u>82,202</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 6 (2020: 4). 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.

In the previous year, the spouse of Melissa Corry, who was a trustee for part of the year, received a salary of £17,055 plus £975 pension contributions during the year in his capacity as Pastor, as permitted by the governing documents. During the current year no remuneration was paid to any trustee nor to any person connected to them.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff named on the Company Information page.

Remuneration payable to key management (excluding trustees and related parties) amounted to £34,086 in the year (2020: £32,305).

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment & Fittings £	Freehold Property £	Total 2021 £
Cost			
At 1 April 2020	4,989	275,000	279,989
Additions			-
At 31 March 2021	<u>4,989</u>	<u>275,000</u>	<u>279,989</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 April 2020	4,989	82,500	87,489
Charge for the year		5,500	5,500
At 31 March 2021	<u>4,989</u>	<u>88,000</u>	<u>92,989</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>187,000</u>	<u>187,000</u>
At 1 April 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>192,500</u>	<u>192,500</u>

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8 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,203	1,197
Tax recoverable	29,259	26,237
	30,462	27,434

9 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank operating accounts	119,843	45,925
Bank deposit accounts	21,520	18,412
Petty cash	300	300
	141,663	64,637

10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade Creditors	5,278	4,813
Taxation & social security	2,405	1,117
Mortgage loan payments	11,530	11,941
Deposits held	1,350	1,350
Accruals	2,400	2,000
	22,962	21,221

11 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Mortgage loan for freehold property	98,411	108,236
	98,411	108,236

The mortgage loan is secured on the freehold of 17 Sydenham Road, London SE26 5EX, with an interest rate of 1% above Bank of England base rate.

12 Funds

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

	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers in the year	Closing balance
	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Capital	72,323	-	(6,794)	11,530	77,059
	72,323	-	(6,794)	11,530	77,059
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	71,920	256,667	(172,054)	(11,752)	144,781
Total Unrestricted Funds	144,243	256,667	(178,848)	(222)	221,840
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Missionary funds	1,709	11,380	(11,290)	222	2,021
PA/worship activities fund	2,821	-	(249)		2,572
Relief funds	4,852	1,585	-		6,437
Other funds	1,489	7,918	(4,525)		4,882
	10,870	20,884	(16,064)	222	15,912
Aggregate of funds	155,113	277,551	(194,912)	-	237,752

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Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2021 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	-	187,000		187,000
Debtors	30,462			30,462
Cash at bank and in hand	125,751		15,912	141,663
Creditors falling due within one year	(11,432)	(11,530)		(22,962)
Creditors falling due after one year	-	(98,411)		(98,411)
	<u>144,781</u>	<u>77,059</u>	<u>15,912</u>	<u>237,752</u>

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

	Opening balance 2020 £	Incoming resources 2020 £	Outgoing resources 2020 £	Transfers in the year 2020 £	Closing balance 2020 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Capital	68,100		(7,692)	11,915	72,323
	<u>68,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,692)</u>	<u>11,915</u>	<u>72,323</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	50,431	234,564	(200,875)	(12,200)	71,921
	<u>50,431</u>	<u>234,564</u>	<u>(200,875)</u>	<u>(12,200)</u>	<u>71,921</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>118,531</u>	<u>234,564</u>	<u>(208,567)</u>	<u>(285)</u>	<u>144,243</u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Missionary funds	2,095	6,174	(6,916)	356	1,709
PA/worship activities fund	3,616	-	(795)	-	2,821
Relief funds	2,916	1,936		-	4,852
Other funds	278	2,147	(865)	(71)	1,489
	<u>8,904</u>	<u>10,257</u>	<u>(8,576)</u>	<u>285</u>	<u>10,870</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>127,436</u>	<u>244,821</u>	<u>(217,143)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>155,114</u>

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Analysis of net assets by fund

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2020 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	-	192,500	-	192,500
Debtors	27,434	-	-	27,434
Cash at bank and in hand	53,766	-	10,871	64,637
Creditors falling due within one year	(9,280)	(11,941)		(21,221)
Creditors falling due after one year	-	(108,236)		(108,236)
	<u>71,920</u>	<u>72,323</u>	<u>10,871</u>	<u>155,114</u>

Missionary Funds are used to support mission partners around the world

The PA/worship activities fund is for the purchase of PA & other worship related equipment.

Relief Funds support the work of social need in the UK and developing countries

The Capital Fund is an unrestricted fund designated by the Trustees to separate the investment on property

The transfer from General Fund to the Capital Fund is the mortgage payment during the year

13 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations totalling £23,473 (2020: £28,473) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).
- b) No expenses (2020: £nil) were paid to, or for, the trustees

14 Members

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £1.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Note	Unrestricted funds				Unrestricted funds			
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:								
Donations and legacies	209,861	-	20,884	230,745	168,412	-	10,256	178,668
Charitable activities	46,722	-	-	46,722	66,046	-	-	66,046
Investments	84	-	-	84	106	-	-	106
Total income and endowments	256,667	-	20,884	277,551	234,564	-	10,256	244,820
EXPENDITURE ON:								
Charitable activities:	172,054	6,794	16,064	194,912	200,875	7,692	8,576	217,143
Total Expenditure	172,054	6,794	16,064	194,912	200,875	7,692	8,576	217,143
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-			-	-			-
Net income/(expenditure)	84,613	(6,794)	4,820	82,639	33,689	(7,692)	1,680	27,677
Transfers between funds	(11,752)	11,530	222	-	(12,200)	11,915	285	-
Net movement in funds	72,861	4,736	5,042	82,639	21,489	4,223	1,965	27,677
Reconciliation of funds:								
Total funds brought forward	71,920	72,323	10,870	155,113	50,431	68,100	8,905	127,436
Total funds carried forward	144,781	77,059	15,912	237,752	71,920	72,323	10,870	155,113