

HIGH STREET CHAPEL HOPTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1127666

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2009-01-21

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

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Activities

Objects: UPON TRUST FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF SUCH PERSONS IN HOPTON AND ITS VICINITY AS SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME ASSEMBLE THEMSELVES TOGETHER IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS IN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTAKING OF BREAD AND WINE IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIM AND FOR THE PREACHING AND TEACHING OF GOSPEL OF GOD AS CONTAINED IN THE BIBLE SUCH PERSONS HOLDING THE ETERNAL BLESSEDNESS OF THE SAVED AND THE EXTERNAL EXISTENCE AND SUFFERING OF THE LOST THE EQUALITY OF THE SON WITH THE FATHER AND THE PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND TO PERMIT THE SAID PREMISES TO BE USED OCCUPIED AND ENJOYED BY SUCH PERSONS AND FOR SUCH PURPOSES WHETHER RELIGIOUS OR CIVIL AS THE MALES BELONGING TO THE SAID ASSEMBLY IN ANY CHURCH MEETING SHALL BY ANY RESOLUTION FROM TIME TO TIME DIRECT OR APPOINT BUT IN CASE THE SAID ASSEMBLY SHALL CEASE TO MEET AND OF WHICH THE DISCONTINUANCE OF PUBLIC WORSHIP AT THEIR USUAL MEETING HOUSE FOR THE SPACE OF 12 CALENDAR MONTHS TOGETHER SHALL BE CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE THEN UPON TRUST FURTHER TO USE THE SAID PREMISES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREACHING THE GOSPEL OR TEACHING THE YOUNG IN HOPTON AND ITS VICINITY BY SUCH PERSONS AS THE TRUSTEES OR ANY TWO OF THEM SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME APPOINT AND IF THOUGHT FIT AS A RESIDENCE FOR ANY MINISTERS OR TEACHERS.

Activities: The objectives are set out in the trust deed. These are summarised as being the followinga. To organise and carry out a "breaking of bread "service (commonly known as Communion)b. To preach and teach the Gospel of Godc. And to use the premises for such purposes, civil or religious, which the members of High Street Chapel consider fit and relevant to carry out its overall objectives

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Norfolk
- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£87,017	£76,930	-	-
2024-03-31	£83,686	£76,156	-	-
2023-03-31	£72,578	£82,866	-	-
2022-03-31	£68,458	£64,253	-	-
2021-03-31	£62,347	£54,531	-	-

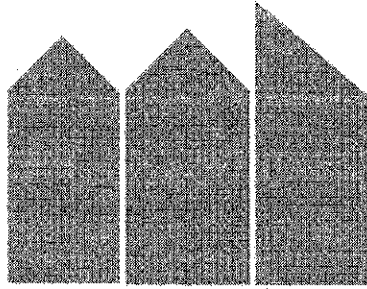
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
GRAEME MAURICE THOMAS		
GRAHAM PAUL JACK		2025-03-04
MARK ALISTAIR RUDBECK CLEVELAND		
MARK ARTHUR WALLACE		
Tanya Dawson		2024-03-05
Tim Holden		2017-10-19
Wendy Banks		2017-10-19

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HIGH STREET CHAPEL

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**Report of the Trustees
and
Independently Examined Accounts**

**For the year ended
31st March 2025**

Registered Charity no. 1127666

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Report of the trustees and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025

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Trustees

The following people served as trustees during the period:

Local Trustees

Andrew Clarke (*resigned 4 March 2025*)
Mark Cleveland
Tim Holden
Wendy Banks
Tanya Dawson

External Trustees

Graeme Thomas
Mark Wallace
Graham Jack (*appointed 4 March 2025*)

Independent examiner

Tania Jones
Warren Cottage
Warren Lane
Woolpit
Suffolk
IP30 9RT

Bankers

Until 6 Jan 2025:
NatWest
7 Cornhill,
Bury St Edmunds,
Suffolk,
IP33 1BQ

From 24 June 2024:
The Co-operative Bank p.l.c.
1 Balloon Street,
Manchester,
M4 4BE

From 8 October 2024:
Hampshire Trust Bank
80 Fenchurch Street,
London,
EC3M 4BY

Structure, Governance and Management

Governance

High Street Chapel Hopton was formed as a charity under a deed of trust made on 18th July 1878.

The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission (registration number 1127666) on 21st January 2009

The Charity's activities are centred upon the premises held by the Trustees under the Trust Deed, being that of High Street Chapel, High Street, Hopton, although some of the church's activities are carried out outside these premises as considered necessary.

The Trust also includes a residential property neighbouring High Street Chapel known as *Sundene*. This is rented out and the income is applied towards the property's upkeep, with any surplus funds being credited to the Charity's general fund to be used within its day-to-day activities.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Any trustee can propose an individual to serve as a trustee, and this person can be appointed by the unanimous agreement of the trustee body. The policy of the trustees is to ensure that the trustee body is made up both of individuals involved in the day-to-day activities of the church (referred to as "internal trustees") and a number of trustees serving who are unconnected and external to the church ("external trustees"), to ensure independence and objectivity.

The day-to-day activities of the Charity are delegated by the Trustees to the body of Elders and Deacons.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees are provided with copies of:

- the Charity's Trust Deed;
- the latest annual report and accounts of the Charity;
- relevant policy and practice documents and minutes;

and are encouraged to read Charity Commission guidance notes CC3 – "The Essential Trustee: What you need to know".

Trustees are encouraged to read Charity Commission and other appropriate newsletters designed to keep them abreast of their duties and responsibilities.

Organisational structure

The Trustees aim to meet twice during the year. The Church continues to be led on a day-to-day basis by three Elders, supported by a group of three Deacons who undertake practical work.

The Elders meet every month and they meet with the Deacons every quarter. The Elders met the Trustees once this year.

The Trustees receive the minutes of the Deacons meeting and monthly a financial report.

During the year a number of policies have been reviewed and updated, including the financial control policy, Data protection policy and the event policy.

During the year the caretaker resigned. Since then, we have taken on a cleaner who is a contract worker. We have 3 part-time employees: the Ministry Leader, Communities Worker and Administrator, all other workers in the church are volunteers. Too many to count or name, everyone in the church plays their part in making things happen.

Objectives and Activities, Achievements and Performance

The objectives of High Street Chapel ("HSC") are set out in its Trust Deed. These are summarised as being the following:-

- a. to organise and carry out a "breaking of bread" service (commonly known as Communion);
- b. to preach and teach the Gospel of God; and
- c. to use the premises for such purposes, civil or religious, which the members of High Street Chapel consider fit and relevant to carry out its overall objectives.

High Street Chapel consider itself to be ordinary people brought together by an extraordinary God who has revealed His love in Jesus Christ. Through Him we discover our purpose and meaning in this life and in the life to come. Who we are and what we do can be summed up in the following:

- We are an ever-expanding family on a mission to share God's love with our community and the wider world.
- We proclaim and practice God's transforming Word.
- We are committed to seeking the Father's heart in prayer.
- We are dependent upon the Holy Spirit.
- We delight in knowing and serving Jesus.

The key activities of High street Chapel are:

- Worship
- Youthwork
- Outreach
- Mission

Worship

Sunday morning services continue every week with a live stream on our YouTube channel so that those who are unable to attend can partake and be included. The babies, children and youth are all catered for by Creche, and Explorers on a Sunday morning, with High Street Kids and Ignite meeting on a Friday evening. Early Birds, the group for parents/carers and babies/toddlers continues to meet on Thursday mornings serving both the church and local community.

There are special services organised around Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

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Regular weekly evening services consist of "Drawing Closer" meetings on the 1st Sunday of the month, focussing on spending time seeking the Lord, praying specifically for our community, our nation, our world, and ourselves, and on the other Sundays of the month an evening prayer meeting.

Youth work

Regular youth worship sessions, encourage the worship gifts and talents of the younger people, ready for them to begin involvement in Sunday worship.

In May a Wild Worship session was organised, while in July a 2 day holiday club took place, whereby many children from the local school attended. This year the club ran from 10am-3pm with children bringing their packed lunches. Much fun was had.

Once again, at Advent, the children put together videos, this year focusing on Hope, Peace, Love and Joy.

Outreach and Community

The local school used our building this year for their Christmas performance. The link with the school is seen as a key connection and having them hold their performance here puts our location in the minds of parents attending.

The HSC Face Book Page continues to post uplifting, encouraging content with the aim to help people find and follow Jesus Christ.

Several regular events are organised, open to anyone. These include the Coffee Morning in the Church building (which also offers a Warm Space during the cold months), Men's breakfast, once a week summer evening walks, a bowling challenge, and worship events with local band World Without End.

Other events include summer outreach BBQ, light party as an alternative to Halloween, carol singing and a regular Coffee Night, which is open to anyone, and these evenings are organised around different generic topics.

Two big events, organised by HSC are for a families' camping weekend in July and for a weekend of worship, teaching and relaxation in January, both at the Sizewell Hall. These events are open for anyone.

The Communities Worker continues to keep in touch with members and with many people in the area by regular phone calls and visits. Where needed he organises support for families which could be in co-operation with the Waveney Foodbank.

Hopton CEVC school used the HSC building to host a concert to raise money for mosquito nets for families in need.

At Christmas we distributed 6 Christmas hampers for specific families in our area. This was received well and the plan is to extend this next year.

Mission

HSC supports a number of overseas and local missions and missionaries.

Public Benefit

It is the policy to ensure that all activities are relevant to those in the local community as occasion allows. Several members are involved in village activities, and we seek to engage and invite the local community to all the church's activities, as they are relevant to them.

In reviewing these activities, the trustees are aware and conscious of the statutory obligations placed upon them to ensure that the charity is run for the public benefit and have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Financial Review

Accounting Procedure

As our income is well below the £250,000, the Trustees have agreed to continue to report our finances using Receipts and Payment accounts and no longer use Accrual Accounting as in previous years. Compared to Accrual Accounting, Receipts and Payments Accounts involve simple cash book accounting and does not report the value of resources held at the beginning and the end of an accounting year, with all the applicable rules and conventions used by accountants to value these resources.

For the reader of this report the key differences are that any income received after the accounting period, but due before the end is not included, nor are any outstanding debts not yet paid included in the financial report.

Last year's figures on the financial review are recalculated based on Receipts and Payments. The main differences are:

- Cheques received not cashed in
- Outstanding bills
- Gift Aid claim to be received
- Cheque payments made, but not banked by the beneficiary
- Proportional allocating cost of the insurance contact to the financial year
- Bills for utilities, received after year end or received during the financial year but relating a previous financial year

Insurance

The chapel is insured for a rebuild value of £988,721 and the rebuild value for Sundene is calculated to be £ 716,788.

Reserves

As part of our reserves policy, we keep a reserve for the maintenance of the buildings of max 1.5% of the rebuild value of the property, to ensure we can continue to maintain the building.

Our General Reserve covers over 6 months of total outgoings, which is deemed to be ample.

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Financial Review

In the year ended 31st March 2025, a net surplus of £9,752 was registered (2023/24: 12,974). Important contribution to this net surplus is a legacy of £6,000.

Not included in our accounts are cheques for £9,290 received at the end of March, which hit our bank account in early April.

The main income of the church arises from donations made by members of the church, mostly under regular Gift Aid giving, by standing order and an occasional legacy. Donations and legacies amounted to £72,582 in the year, compared with £74,840 in the year to 31st March 2024. Rental Income from Sundene was stable at £6,600.

The main expenditure of the Church is the personnel cost, amounting to £37,432 (2024: £38,679).

We support a number of local and overseas mission partners. We paid in total £13,112 of which £7,388 went to local partners and £4,715 went to overseas missions. In addition, we gave £1,010 as other gifts.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

M Cleveland, Trustee



Date

12.12.2025

Independent Examiner's Report To The Trustees Of High Street Chapel Hopton

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 9 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

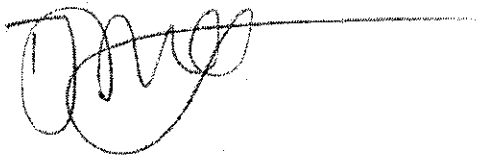
Basis of the independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Tania Jones
Warren Cottage,
Warren Lane,
Woolpit,
Suffolk,
IP30 9RT

Date 1/12/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Charity Name **High Street Chapel**

Charity number (if any) **1127666**

For the period from **01/04/2024**

to **31/03/2025**

Section A

Receipts and payments

A1 Receipts	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Last Year
Donations and Legacies	71,782.37	800.00		72,582.37	74,839.68
Charitable Activities	8,258.21	-		8,258.21	7,341.50
Investments	6,976.41	-		6,976.41	7,119.25
Sub total	87,016.99	800.00	-	87,816.99	89,300.43
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.					
Total Receipts	87,016.99	800.00	-	87,816.99	89,300.43
A3 Payments					
Worship	-4,782.55	-		-4,782.55	-2,880.87
Youth work	-617.46	-		-617.46	-529.76
Outreach	-10,224.37	-335.00		-10,559.37	-9,270.54
Missionary and Other Gifts	-12,312.40	-800.00		-13,112.40	-12,255.50
Building	-8,174.48	-		-8,174.48	-7,542.54
Personnel Cost	-37,432.47	-		-37,432.47	-38,679.29
Administration	-3,365.70	-		-3,365.70	-5,127.53
Subtotal	-76,929.83	-1,135.00	-	-78,064.83	-76,326.03
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.					
Total Payments	-76,929.83	-1,135.00	-	-78,064.83	-76,326.03
Net of receipts / (Payments)	10,087.16	-335.00	-	9,752.16	12,974.40
A5 Transfer of funds	-0.00	-		-0.00	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	61,530.20	1,312.99		62,843.19	49,868.79
Cash funds this year end	71,617.36	977.99	-	72,595.35	62,843.19

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Details	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Endowment Funds
B1 Cash funds	NatWest Current Account	0	-	
	NatWest House Account	0	-	
	NatWest Reserve Account	0	-	
	NatWest Building Account	0	-	
	Co-operative Bank Current Account	2,010	-	
	Co-operative Bank Saving Account	29,597	978	
	HTB Easy Access SME Saver (Issue 4)	40,010	-	
	Total cash funds	71,617	978	

	Details	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Endowment Funds
B2 Other Monetary Assets				
	Cheques to be cleared	9,290		
	Accrued interest	1,017		
	Gift Aid over gifts received March'25	721		

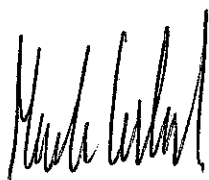
	Details	Funds to which asset belongs	Cost (Optional)	Current Value (Optional)
B3 Investment assets				

	Details	Funds to which asset belongs	Cost (Optional)	Current Value (Optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
	Chapel Building			988,721
	Sundens			716,788

	Details	Funds to which liability relates	Cost (Optional)	Current Value (Optional)
B5 Liabilities	HMRC PAYE	General	949	
	Pension Payments	General	128	

The Accounts were approved by the Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:

M Cleveland, Trustee



M. Wallace, Trustee



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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31st March 2024

The trustees present their annual report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) on Accounting and Reporting by Charities effective from 1 January 2015 and FRS 102.

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Wendy Banks
Tanya Dawson (per 5 March 2024)

External Trustees

Graeme Thomas
Mark Wallace
Andrew Yuill (resigned 1st June 2023)

Accounts Preparation

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governance

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Day to day management therefore rests with the "local trustees"; the day to day activities of the charity are delegated to the body of elders and deacons. The "local trustees" are members of High Street Chapel Hopton, some of whom also serve either as an elder or as a deacon.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees are provided with copies of:

- the charity's trust deed;
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Risk management

The trustees confirm that the major risks to which the charity is exposed have been identified, reviewed and assessed in order for systems to be established to mitigate those risks.

Health and safety issues, safeguarding issues, food hygiene, first aid and maintenance and upkeep of the buildings, amongst other risks, are kept under review.

Organisational structure

The trustees aim to meet twice during the year. The church continues to be led on a day-to-day basis by three elders, supported by a group of six deacons who undertake practical work.

Apart from our 4 part-time employees: the Caretaker, Ministry Leader, Communities Worker and Administrator, all other workers in the church are volunteers. Too many to count or name, everyone in the church plays their part in making things happen.

Objectives and Activities, Achievements and Performance

The objectives of High Street Chapel ("HSC") are set out in its trust deed. These are summarised as being the following:-

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The elders have adopted a "mission statement" which sets out how they seek to apply this on a day-to-day basis. An extract of this is reproduced below:

"We believe God has called High Street Chapel to join with His heart and reach out in new innovative ways to the people of our community; to build bridges and earn the right to share the life-transforming message of the Gospel. We believe God has led us through prayer, thought and confirmation from His Word and respected Christians outside and inside the church to this vision. We believe we must take the initiative to go out to our community and obey the principle of the Great Commission to 'go'. We believe God will honour this vision to transform our community and in so doing transform our church as we transform lives in Jesus' name."

In short, HSC's objectives remain to provide a place where God's people can come together to worship God, have fellowship with one another, be taught from God's Word and to be encouraged to serve God.

Worship

Sunday morning services continue every week with a live stream on our YouTube channel so that those who are unable to attend can partake and be included. The babies, children and youth are all catered for by Creche, and Explorers, with High Street Kids and Ignite meeting on a Friday evening. Early Birds, the group for parents/carers and babies/toddlers continues to meet on Thursday mornings serving both the church and local community.

There are special services organised around Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

Regular weekly evening services consist of "Drawing Closer" meetings on the 1st Sunday of the month, focussing on spending time seeking the Lord, praying specifically for our community, our nation, our world, and ourselves, and on the other Sundays of the month an evening prayer meeting.

Youth work

In April a 2-day holiday club was organised, called Space Academy, which was well attended by many children from the local schools.

Regular youth worship sessions, encourage the worship gifts and talents of the younger people, ready for them to begin involvement in Sunday worship.

Once again, at Advent, the children put together videos, this year focusing on Hope, Peace, Love and Joy.

Outreach and Community

The HSC Face Book Page continues to post uplifting, encouraging content with the aim to help people find and follow Jesus Christ.

HSC's coffee shop, The Well, in the village of Hopton is open 3 days a week and is well used.

Several regular events are organised, open to anyone. These include the Coffee Morning in the church building, Men's breakfast, once a week summer evening walks, a bowling challenge, and a men's worship event with local band World Without End.

Other events include summer outreach BBQ, light party as an alternative to Halloween, carol singing.

During the year a ladies' game night and a ladies' care group were started

Two big events, organised by HSC are for a families' camping weekend in July and for a weekend of worship, teaching and relaxation in January, both at the Sizewell Hall. These events are open for anyone.

The Communities Worker continues to keep in touch with members and with many people in the area by regular phone calls and visits. Where needed he organises support for families which could be in co-operation with the Waveney Foodbank.

Hopton CEVA school used the HSC building to host a concert to raise money for mosquito nets for families in need.

Mission

The ministry of Tony and Ruth Hood, Counties Evangelists, continued to be supported by the church as schools gradually re-started after school clubs and assemblies. This includes helping with reading activities, one to one mentoring, 'Open the Book' Assemblies and SPLAT (Special People Learning About Truth). They also continue to develop new relationships in the community, providing welfare support, particularly supplying food parcels to those in need, with financial support from the church.

HSC supports a number of overseas and local missions and missionaries.

Organisation

The elders met every month, while the deacons met together quarterly, and the trustees met once this year. New policies were written for financial control and event policy, while the safeguarding policy was reviewed.

Public Benefit

It is the policy to ensure that all activities are relevant to those in the local community as occasion allows. Several members are involved in village activities, and we seek to engage and invite the local community to all the church's activities, as they are relevant to them.

In reviewing these activities, the trustees are aware and conscious of the statutory obligations placed upon them to ensure that the charity is run for the public benefit, and consider the guidance given and published by the Charity Commission.

Financial Review

In the year ended 31st March 2024, a net surplus of £7,530 was recorded on total income of £83,686 (period to 31st March 2023: net deficit of £10,287).

The charity operates four main funds which fall under three broad categories:-

- Unrestricted Funds – can be spent on any of the charitable purposes of the charity. The General Fund performs this function as it is used for the day to day running of the trust’s activities.
- Designated Funds – represents the Building Fund and the House Fund. The Building Fund sets funds aside for maintaining the building and major capital projects. The House Fund collects the rent from Sundene and pays expenses relating to the property.
- Restricted Funds - can only be lawfully used for a specific charitable purpose. The funds donated to the church specifically for individuals, missionaries and charities fall into this category.

Transfers are made between the General Fund, Building and House Funds as the need arises.

As at 31st March 2024, total net assets for all three funds amounted to £1,774,109.

The main income of the church arises from donations made by members of the church, mostly under regular Gift Aid giving, by standing order. Offerings and gifts amounted to £68,955 in the year, compared with £59,400 in the year to 31st March 2023. Rental Income from Sundene was £6,600.

The main expenditure of the church is on salaries, tax, National Insurance and pension payments to the Caretaker, Ministry Leader, part-time Communities Worker and part-time Administrator, amounting to £38,369 (2023: £37,486).

We support a number of local and overseas mission partners. We paid in total £12,296 of which £3,297 went to overseas missions.

The four largest expenses from the Building Fund were: Insurance (£1,984), Hedge Cutting (£600), Lighting (£260), and Fire Extinguisher Servicing (£259).

The house, Sundene, was let all year, maintenance was continued, the major expenses being: Maintenance and repairs (£754), Insurance (£563) and boiler servicing (£92).

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the trustees to hold funds which allow room for the fluctuations in income that inevitably occur from year to year, and for any major projects that may be required in the future. The trustees consider that the free cash reserves held at the year-end of £ 61,530 represent sufficient reserves for the trust.

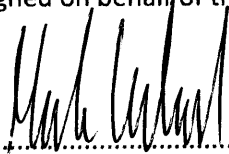
Investment policy and objectives

The trustees consider that there are no material funds available for medium- or long-term investment and, having considered the options available, have decided to place any surplus funds on deposit with appropriate banking institutions.

Trustees

The eight trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2 of this report.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



M Cleveland, Trustee

19.11.2024

Date

Independent Examiner's Report To The Trustees Of High Street Chapel Hopton

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 set out on pages 9 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Tania Jones
Warren Cottage,
Warren Lane,
Woolpit,
Suffolk,
IP30 9RT

20 October 2024

Date

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31st March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior Period Funds £
Income						
Bank Interest		519	0	0	519	189
Events & Activities		7,612	0	0	7,612	6,389
Offerings & Other Gifts		66,433	0	2,522	68,955	59,400
Rent Received		0	6,600	0	6,600	6,600
		74,564	6,600	2,522	83,686	72,578
Payments						
Administration Expenses		(506)	0	0	(506)	(489)
Bank Charges		0	0	0	0	(24)
Copyright		(890)	0	0	(890)	(837)
Equipment Purchased		(356)	0	0	(356)	0
Events & Activities		(11,038)	0	0	(11,038)	(9,302)
Gifts & Donations		(7,033)	0	(5,263)	(12,296)	(18,865)
Insurance		0	(2,571)	0	(2,571)	(2,762)
IT		(91)	0	0	(91)	(262)
Maintenance, repairs & cleaning		(1,140)	(2,208)	0	(3,348)	(7,049)
Printing, stationery, computer supplies & postage		(666)	0	0	(666)	(1,035)
Safeguarding		(1,382)	0	0	(1,382)	(162)
Speakers		(322)	0	0	(322)	(584)
Teaching & Library Costs		0	0	0	0	(33)
Personnel Cost		(38,369)	0	0	(38,369)	(37,486)
Utilities		(4,322)	0	0	(4,322)	(3,975)
		(66,114)	(4,779)	(5,263)	(76,156)	(82,866)
Surplus/(deficit) for the Year		8,450	1,821	(2,741)	7,530	(10,287)
Transfers Between Funds		(4,684)	1,000	3,684	0	0
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		0	626,946	0	626,946	0
Net Movement In Funds		3,766	629,767	943	634,476	(10,287)
Reconciliation of Funds:						
Total Funds Brought Forward		51,773	1,088,803	370	1,140,946	1,151,234
Total Funds Carried Forward		55,539	1,718,570	1,313	1,775,422	1,140,946

High Street Chapel Hopton
Report of the trustees for the year ended 31st March 2024

High Street Chapel Hopton

Balance Sheet

As at 31st March 2024

	Total Funds	Prior Year Funds
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	1,705,509	1,078,563
Current Assets		
Debtors	7,370	13,228
Cash at Bank and in Hand	62,843	49,869
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	(300)	(714)
Total Net Assets	1,775,422	1,140,946
The Funds of The Charity		
Unrestricted Funds	55,539	51,773
Designated Funds	1,091,624	1,088,803
Restricted Funds	1,313	370
Revaluation Reserve	626,946	0
Total Charity Funds	1,775,422	1,140,946

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:



M Cleveland, Trustee



M. Wallace, Trustee

HIGH STREET CHAPEL HOPTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1127666

Accounts



High Street Chapel

Registered Charity no. 1127666

High Street Chapel Hopton

**Report of the Trustees
and
Independently Examined Financial Statements**

**For the year ended
31st March 2023**

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Mark Cleveland
Tim Holden
Wendy Banks

External Trustees

Graeme Thomas
Mark Wallace
Peter Warnock (*resigned 6th March 2023*)
Andrew Yuill

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High Street Chapel Hopton
Report Of The Trustees - continued

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governance

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The trust registered with the Charity Commission (registration number 1127666) on 21st January 2009.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Any trustee can propose an individual to serve as a trustee, and this person can be appointed by the unanimous agreement of the trustee body. The policy of the trustees is to ensure that the trustee body is made up both of individuals involved in the day to day activities of the church (referred to as "local trustees") and a number of trustees serving who are unconnected and external to the church ("external trustees"), so as to ensure independence and objectivity.

Day to day management therefore rests with the "local trustees"; the day to day activities of the charity are delegated to the body of elders and deacons. The "local trustees" are members of High Street Chapel Hopton, some of whom also serve either as an elder or as a deacon.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees are provided with copies of:

- the charity's trust deed;
- the latest annual report and financial statement of the charity;
- relevant policy and practice documents and minutes;

and are encouraged to read Charity Commission guidance notes CC3 – "The Essential Trustee: What you need to know".

Trustees are encouraged to read Charity Commission and other appropriate newsletters designed to keep them abreast of their duties and responsibilities.

High Street Chapel Hopton
Report Of The Trustees - continued

Risk management

The trustees confirm that the major risks to which the charity is exposed have been identified, reviewed and assessed in order for systems to be established to mitigate those risks.

Health and safety issues, safeguarding issues, food hygiene, first aid and maintenance and upkeep of the buildings, amongst other risks, are kept under review.

Organisational structure

The trustees aim to meet twice during the year. The church continues to be led on a day to day basis by three elders, supported by a group of eight deacons who undertake practical work.

Apart from our 4 part-time employees: the Caretaker, Ministry Leader, Communities Worker and Administrator, all other workers in the church are volunteers. Too many to count or name, everyone in the church plays their part in making things happen.

Objectives and Activities, Achievements and Performance

The objectives of High Street Chapel ("HSC") are set out in its trust deed. These are summarised as being the following:-

- a. to organise and carry out a "breaking of bread" service (commonly known as Communion);
- b. to preach and teach the Gospel of God; and
- c. to use the premises for such purposes, civil or religious, which the members of High Street Chapel consider fit and relevant to carry out its overall objectives.

The elders have adopted a "mission statement" which sets out how they seek to apply this on a day to day basis. An extract of this is reproduced below:

"We believe God has called High Street Chapel to join with His heart and reach out in new innovative ways to the people of our community; to build bridges and earn the right to share the life-transforming message of the Gospel. We believe God has led us through prayer, thought and confirmation from His Word and respected Christians outside and inside the church to this vision. We believe we must take the initiative to go out to our community and obey the principle of the Great Commission to 'go'. We believe God will honour this vision to transform our community and in so doing transform our church as we transform lives in Jesus' name."

In short, HSC's objectives remain to provide a place where God's people can come together to worship God, have fellowship with one another, be taught from God's Word and to be encouraged to serve God.

Sunday morning services continue every week with a live stream on our YouTube channel so that those who are unable to attend can partake and be included. The babies, children and youth are all catered for by Creche, Explorers and Ignite, with High Street Kids and Ignite also meeting on a Friday evening. Early Birds, the group for mum's and babies/toddlers continues to meet on Thursday mornings serving both the church and local community.

HSC met with All Saints, the Parish Church in Hopton for a joint service to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in June and also on Pentecost Sunday, both services were well attended by both congregations.

High Street Chapel Hopton
Report Of The Trustees – continued

Regular weekly evening services have not been resumed since Covid 19 lockdowns, but "Drawing Closer" meetings were started on the 1st Sunday of the month to focus on spending time seeking the Lord, praying specifically for our community, our nation, our world, and ourselves. Then, in May, an evening prayer meeting commenced on the 3rd Sunday of the month, as the Elders believed it was time to start praying together again. Corporate prayer encourages unity, focus, fellowship with one another and with God. It also strengthens and equips us as we join with God in His mission to build the Kingdom. Towards the end of the year, Youth worship sessions commenced, these were started to encourage the worship gifts and talents of the younger people, ready for them to begin involvement in Sunday worship.

The HSC Face Book Page continues to post uplifting, encouraging content with the aim to help people find and follow Jesus Christ.

HSC's coffee shop, The Well, in the village of Hopton is open 3 days a week and is well used. During lockdown's a socially distanced Coffee Morning had been started in the church building. This continued, providing a Warm Space during the winter months, is open to all and free of charge.

Once again, at Advent, the children put together videos, this year focusing on Hope, Peace, Love and Joy.

Coffee Nights recommenced April on the 3rd Thursday evening of each month, with speakers covering subjects of local interest, such as an origami workshop, Thelnetham windmill, leather working and a local magistrate.

Other events that involved numerous members of the wider community and the Parish Church were a Men's breakfast, summer outreach BBQ, once a week summer evening walks, a bowling challenge, and a men's worship event with local band World Without End. Hopton CEVA school used HSC for their Christmas rehearsals and performances in December. A Harvest Supper was held in October and gifts collected on the Sunday enabled 19 bags of food to be distributed locally.

The Communities Worker continues to keep in touch with members and also with many people in the Village and adjoining Villages by regular phone calls and visits. All needs and prayer requests are distributed on a regular basis via the weekly prayer sheet, WhatsApp groups and the telephone service.

Many of the church went to Sizewell Hall for a families camping weekend in July and for a weekend of worship, teaching and relaxation in January.

The Elder's and Deacon's met together quarterly and the Trustee's annually.

The ministry of Tony and Ruth Hood, Counties Evangelists, continued to be supported by the church as schools gradually re-started after school clubs and assemblies. This includes helping with reading activities, one to one mentoring, 'Open the Book' Assemblies and SPLAT (Special People Learning About Truth). They also continue to develop new relationships in the community, providing welfare support, particularly supplying food parcels to those in need, with financial support from the church.

All Policies and procedures are reviewed regularly.

Public Benefit

It is the policy to ensure that all activities are relevant to those in the local community as occasion allows. Several members are involved in village activities and we seek to engage and invite the local community to all the church's activities, as they are relevant to them.

In reviewing these activities the trustees are aware and conscious of the statutory obligations placed upon them to ensure that the charity is run for the public benefit, and consider the guidance given and published by the Charity Commission.

Financial Review

In the year ended 31st March 2023, a net deficit of £10,287 was recorded on total income of £72,578 (period to 31st March 2022: net surplus of £4,205).

The charity operates four main funds which fall under three broad categories:-

- Unrestricted Funds – can be spent on any of the charitable purposes of the charity. The General Fund performs this function as it is used for the day to day running of the trust's activities.
- Designated Funds – represents the Building Fund and the House Fund. The Building Fund sets funds aside for maintaining the building and major capital projects. The House Fund collects the rent from Sundene and pays expenses relating to the property.
- Restricted Funds - can only be lawfully used for a specific charitable purpose. The funds donated to the church specifically for individuals, missionaries and charities fall into this category.

Transfers are made between the General Fund, Building and House Funds as the need arises. As at 31st March 2023, total net assets for all three funds amounted to £1,140,446.

The main income of the church arises from donations made by members of the church, mostly under regular Gift Aid giving, by standing order. Offerings and gifts amounted to £59,400 in the year, compared with £55,392 in the year to 31st March 2022. Rental Income from Sundene was £6,600.

The main expenditure of the church is on salaries, tax, national insurance and pension payments to the Caretaker, Ministry Leader, part-time Communities Worker and part-time Administrator, amounting to £37,486 (2022: £33,349).

The church continues to support monthly the ministry of Tony and Ruth Hood, Counties Evangelists who work in the local schools. Payments totalled £8,196 (2022: £7,513).

Our regular minimum gift to our mission partners was increased from £250 to £300, details are shown in Note 1 on page 11.

There were 3 special appeals for donations during the year, and the church members were generous in their giving to The Leprosy Mission's 'Greater Heights' Appeal (£2,934 sent), Operation Mobilisation's Appeal for Support for Ukraine (£1,825 sent) and TEAR Fund's Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal (£370 collected).

The two donors who gave regularly to SARA (Saviour Alone Reaches Asians) Children's Home in Nepal stopped their payments, the account was closed and a final gift of £750 was sent.

High Street Chapel Hopton
Report Of The Trustees – continued

The four largest expenses from the Building Fund were: Insurance (£2,075), Lighting (£997), Hedge Cutting (£600) and Fire Extinguisher Servicing & Fire Risk Assessment (£555).

The house, Sundene, was let all year, maintenance was continued, the major expenses being: New windows (£3,830), Insurance (£496) and boiler servicing (£90).

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the trustees to hold funds which allow room for the fluctuations in income that inevitably occur from year to year, and for any major projects that may be required in the future. The trustees consider that the free cash reserves held at the year-end of £49,869 represent sufficient reserves for the trust.

Investment policy and objectives

The trustees consider that there are no material funds available for medium or long term investment and, having considered the options available, have decided to place any surplus funds on deposit with appropriate banking institutions.

Trustees

The eight trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2 of this report, with Peter Warnock Standing down on 6th March 2023.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



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M Cleveland, Trustee

4th December 2023

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Date

High Street Chapel Hopton

Independent Examiner's Report To The Trustees Of High Street Chapel Hopton

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 set out on pages 9 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's statement

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

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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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4th December 2023

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Date

High Street Hopton

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31st March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior Period Funds £
Receipts						
Bank Interest		189	0	0	189	5
Events & Activities		6,389	0	0	6,389	3,884
Home From Home		0	0	0	0	4,977
Offerings & Other Gifts	1	56,033	0	3,367	59,400	55,392
Rent Received		0	6,600	0	6,600	4,200
		62,611	6,600	3,367	72,578	68,458
Payments						
Administration Expenses		(489)	0	0	(489)	(440)
Administrator		(5,748)	0	0	(5,748)	(4,807)
Bank Charges		0	0	(24)	(24)	0
Caretaker Wages		(2,470)	0	0	(2,470)	(2,340)
Community Pastor		(18,978)	0	0	(18,978)	(16,142)
Computer, screen, projector, cabling, etc		0	0	0	0	0
Copyright		(837)	0	0	(837)	(781)
Equipment Purchased		0	0	0	0	0
Events & Activities		(9,302)	0	0	(9,302)	(5,442)
Family Worker		(10,290)	0	0	(10,290)	(10,060)
Gifts & Donations	1	(8,252)	0	(10,613)	(18,865)	(13,415)
Insurance		0	(2,762)	0	(2,762)	(2,819)
IT		(262)	0	0	(262)	(1,692)
Letting		0	0	0	0	0
Maintenance, repairs & cleaning		(85)	(6,964)	0	(7,049)	(2,751)
Printing, stationery, computer supplies & postage		(1,035)	0	0	(1,035)	(457)
Safeguarding		(162)	0	0	(162)	(433)
Speakers		(584)	0	0	(584)	(397)
Teaching & Library Costs		(33)	0	0	(33)	0
Utilities		(3,975)	0	0	(3,975)	(2,276)
		(62,503)	(9,726)	(10,636)	(82,866)	(64,253)
Surplus/(deficit) for the Year		108	(3,126)	(7,269)	(10,287)	4,205
Transfers Between Funds		(5,014)	(325)	5,339	0	0
Net Movement In Funds		(4,906)	(3,451)	(1,931)	(10,287)	4,205
Reconciliation of Funds:						
Total Funds Brought Forward		56,679	1,092,254	2,301	1,151,234	1,147,029
Total Funds Carried Forward		51,773	1,088,803	370	1,140,946	1,151,234

Balance Sheet


As at 31st March 2023

	Total Funds	Prior Year
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	1,078,563	1,078,563
Current Assets		
Debtors	13,228	6,673
Cash at Bank and in Hand	49,869	66,358
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	(714)	(359)
Total Net Assets	1,140,946	1,151,234
The Funds of The Charity		
Unrestricted Funds	51,773	56,679
Designated Funds	1,088,803	1,092,254
Restricted Funds	370	2,301
Total Charity Funds	1,140,946	1,151,234

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 4th December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



M Cleveland, Trustee



M. Wallace, Trustee

High Street Chapel Hopton

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31st March 2023

Note 1 – Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Fund Balances Brought Forward	Income	Gift Aid Transfer	Expenditure	General Fund Transfer	Fund Balances Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Asia Link - Iran	0	0	0	(300)	300	0
Bible Society	0	0	0	(300)	300	0
Bury Drop-in	0	0	0	(300)	300	0
Christians Against Poverty	20	0	0	(600)	580	0
David & Manuela Pawson	0	0	0	(300)	300	0
GLO	0	100	25	(300)	175	0
Good News for Everyone	0	0	0	(300)	300	0
Leprosy Mission - Anandaban	0	0	0	(300)	300	0
Leprosy Mission 'Greater Heights' Appeal	579	1,350	302	(2,934)	703	0
Open Doors UK	0	0	0	(300)	300	0
Operation Mobilisation - Ukraine	880	798	148	(1,825)	0	0
Orphaid	0	100	25	(300)	175	0
Peter & Jenny Andrews	0	0	0	(300)	300	0
Richard & Pam Harknett	0	0	0	(300)	300	0
Saviour Alone Reaches Asians	822	0	0	(778)	(44)	0
Simon & Rebekah Duan	0	0	0	(300)	300	0
Steve & Muriel Studd	0	0	0	(300)	300	0
Talitha Koum	0	0	0	(300)	300	0
TEAR Fund Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal	0	370	0	0	0	370
Tools with a Mission	0	125	25	(300)	150	0
Grand Total	2,301	2,843	525	(10,636)	5,339	370

HIGH STREET CHAPEL HOPTON

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High Street Chapel

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After the third lockdown ended in April 2021, the church recommenced morning services, starting with an open air service on Easter Sunday. Thereafter we continued to meet in the church, adhering to all Covid-19 requirements. The technical team invested equipment, time and effort to improve the quality of the live stream of the services on our YouTube channel. It was important to continue this, as some people still did not want to meet physically in large numbers.

High Street Chapel Hopton
Report Of The Trustees – continued

Throughout the lockdown, our Explorers children's group had been catered for, by the production of teaching videos, and this continued until mid July. After the summer holidays, Explorers, Creche, Early Birds, High Street Kids and Ignite started to meet again, although some weeks were missed when local Covid cases were high.

The Monday afternoon phone service also continued, as this again met the need of those who could not, or did not want to, attend on a Sunday morning.

The HSC Face Book Page continues to post uplifting, encouraging content with the aim to help people find and follow Jesus Christ.

HSC's coffee shop, The Well, in the village of Hopton had to close during the lockdown periods and a socially distanced Coffee Morning had been started in the church building. This continued, as it meets the needs of a different group of people, than those that attend The Well, which re-opened in November 2021.

Once again, at Advent, the children put together videos, this year focusing on Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. This enabled all the children to take part even if they could not be at the services.

The Communities Worker continues to keep in touch with members and also with many people in the Village and adjoining Villages by regular phone calls and visits. All needs and prayer requests are distributed on a regular basis via the weekly prayer sheet, WhatsApp groups and the telephone service.

The Elder's and Deacon's met together quarterly and the Trustee's annually.

The ministry of Tony and Ruth Hood, Counties Evangelists, working in the local schools, gradually re-started as restrictions were lifted and schools once again allowed visitors. This started with helping with reading activities, and one to one mentoring, 'Open the Book' Assemblies and then two after school clubs recommenced at local primary schools, one of which was oversubscribed by 100%.

They continued to develop new relationships in the community, providing welfare support, particularly supplying food parcels to those in need, with financial support from the church.

All Policies and procedures are reviewed regularly, the Data protection policy was updated in March 2022.

Public Benefit

It is the policy to ensure that all activities are relevant to those in the local community as occasion allows. Several members are involved in village activities and we seek to engage and invite the local community to all the church's activities, as they are relevant to them.

In reviewing these activities the trustees are aware and conscious of the statutory obligations placed upon them to ensure that the charity is run for the public benefit, and consider the guidance given and published by the Charity Commission.

High Street Chapel Hopton
Report Of The Trustees – continued

Financial Review

In the year ended 31st March 2022, a net surplus of £4,205 was recorded on total income of £68,458 (period to 31st March 2021: net surplus of £7,815).

The charity operates four main funds which fall under three broad categories:-

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Transfers are made from the General Fund to the Building and House Funds as the need arises.

As at 31st March 2022, total net assets for all three funds amounted to £1,151,234.

The main income of the church arises from donations made by members of the church, mostly under regular Gift Aid giving, by standing order. Offerings and gifts amounted to £55,392 in the year, compared with £51,036 in the year to 31st March 2021. Rental Income from Sundene was £4,200.

The main expenditure of the church is on salaries, tax, national insurance and pension payments to the Caretaker, Ministry Leader, part-time Communities Worker and part-time Administrator, amounting to £33,349 (2021: £31,728).

The church continues to support monthly the ministry of Tony and Ruth Hood, Counties Evangelists who work in the local schools. Payments totalled £7,513 (2021: £6,830).

We continued to give our regular minimum £250 to our mission partners, details are shown in Note 1 on page 11.

There were 4 special appeals for donations during the year, and the church members were generous in their giving to The Leprosy Mission's 'Unconditional' Appeal (£880), 'Vaccines for Nepal & India' Appeal (£906), and 'Greater Heights' Appeal (£579) and to Operation Mobilisation's Appeal for Support for Ukraine (£880).

We had two donors who regularly give to SARA (Saviour Alone Reaches Asians) Children's Home in Nepal, and this year gifts amounted to £240.

There was no major expenditure from the Building Fund, Hedge Cutting (£552) and Fire Extinguisher Servicing (£154) being the two largest expenses for maintenance.

Between tenancies, there were some significant repairs made to the House porch (£503) along with upgrades to the shower and hot water system (£1,095). Insurance for the two buildings was £2,294 for the church and garages and £524 for Sundene.

High Street Chapel Hopton
Report Of The Trustees – continued

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the trustees to hold funds which allow room for the fluctuations in income that inevitably occur from year to year, and for any major projects that may be required in the future. The trustees consider that the free cash reserves held at the year-end of £66,358 represent sufficient reserves for the trust.

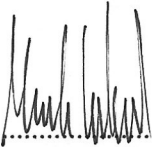
Investment policy and objectives

The trustees consider that there are no material funds available for medium or long term investment and, having considered the options available, have decided to place any surplus funds on deposit with appropriate banking institutions.

Trustees

The eight trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2 of this report.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



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M Cleveland, Trustee

17th January 2023

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Date

Independent Examiner's Report To The Trustees Of High Street Chapel Hopton

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 set out on pages 10 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's statement

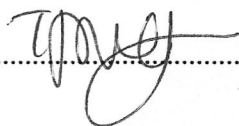
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Tania Jones
Warren Cottage,
Warren Lane,
Woolpit,
Suffolk,
IP30 9RT



17/1/2023
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Date

High Street Chapel Hopton

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31st March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior Period Funds £
Receipts						
Bank Interest		5	0	0	5	16
Events & Activities		3,884	0	0	3,884	11,182
Home From Home		4,977	0	0	4,977	100
Offerings & Other Gifts	1	50,410	0	4,982	55,392	51,036
Rent Received		0	4,200	0	4,200	12
		59,276	4,200	4,982	68,458	62,347
Payments						
Administration Expenses		(440)	0	0	(440)	(430)
Administrator		(4,807)	0	0	(4,807)	0
Bank Charges		0	0	0	0	(24)
Caretaker Wages		(2,340)	0	0	(2,340)	(2,387)
Community Pastor		(16,142)	0	0	(16,142)	(20,176)
Computer, screen, projector, cabling, etc		0	0	0	0	0
Copyright		(781)	0	0	(781)	(787)
Equipment Purchased		0	0	0	0	0
Events & Activities		(5,232)	0	(210)	(5,442)	(1,069)
Family Worker		(10,060)	0	0	(10,060)	(9,168)
Gifts & Donations	1	(7,735)	0	(5,680)	(13,415)	(11,497)
Insurance		0	(2,819)	0	(2,819)	(2,750)
IT		(1,692)	0	0	(1,692)	(448)
Letting		0	0	0	0	(385)
Maintenance, repairs & cleaning		(330)	(2,421)	0	(2,751)	(1,376)
Printing, stationery, computer supplies & postage		(457)	0	0	(457)	(523)
Safeguarding		(433)	0	0	(433)	(1,021)
Speakers		(397)	0	0	(397)	(114)
Teaching & Library Costs		0	0	0	0	(10)
Utilities		(2,223)	(53)	0	(2,276)	(2,366)
		(53,071)	(5,292)	(5,890)	(64,253)	(54,531)
Surplus/(deficit) for the Year		6,205	(1,092)	(908)	4,205	7,815
Transfers Between Funds		(2,273)	(200)	2,473	0	0
Net Movement In Funds		3,933	(1,292)	1,565	4,205	7,815
Reconciliation of Funds:						
Total Funds Brought Forward		52,745	1,093,546	737	1,147,029	1,139,231
Total Funds Carried Forward		56,678	1,092,254	2,301	1,151,234	1,147,029

Balance Sheet

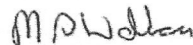
As at 31st March 2022

	Total Funds	Prior Year Funds
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	1,078,563	1,078,563
Current Assets		
Debtors	6,673	7,026
Cash at Bank and in Hand	66,358	62,346
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	(359)	(907)
Total Net Assets	1,151,234	1,147,029
The Funds of The Charity		
Unrestricted Funds	56,678	52,745
Designated Funds	1,092,254	1,093,546
Restricted Funds	2,301	737
Total Charity Funds	1,151,234	1,147,029

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 17th January 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



M Cleveland, Trustee



M. Wallace, Trustee

High Street Chapel Hopton

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31st March 2022

Note 1 – Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Fund Balances Brought Forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers Between Funds	Gains and losses	Fund Balances Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Asia Link - North Korea	0	0	(300)	300	0	0
Bury Drop-in	0	0	(250)	250	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	20	0	0	0	20
Christmas Hampers/Welfare	210	0	(210)	0	0	0
David & Manuela Pawson	0	163	(250)	87	0	0
Good News for Everyone	0	0	(250)	250	0	0
Josh & Kathy Hooker	17	0	(250)	233	0	0
Leprosy Mission 'Greater Heights' Appeal	0	579	0	0	0	579
Leprosy Mission 'Unconditional' Appeal	63	880	(943)	0	0	0
Leprosy Mission 'Vaccines for Nepal & India' Appeal	0	906	(906)	0	0	0
Open Doors UK	0	0	(250)	250	0	0
Open the Book	0	0	(250)	250	0	0
Operation Mobilisation - Ukraine	0	880	0	0	0	880
Orphaid	0	469	(469)	0	0	0
Peter & Jenny Andrews	0	163	(250)	88	0	0
Richard & Pam Harknett	0	0	(250)	250	0	0
Saviour Alone Reaches Asians	447	285	0	90	0	822
Simon & Rebekah Duan	0	163	(250)	88	0	0
Steve & Muriel Studd	0	163	(250)	88	0	0
Talitha Koum	0	0	(250)	250	0	0
Tools with a Mission	0	313	(313)	0	0	0
Grand Total	737	4,982	(5,890)	2,473	0	2,301

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Accounts



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**Report of the Trustees
and
Independently Examined Financial Statements**

**For the year ended
31st March 2021**

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High Street Chapel Hopton

**Report Of The Trustees
for the year ended 31st March 2021**

The trustees present their annual report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021.

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name

High Street Chapel Hopton

Registered charity number

1127666

Principal address

High Street Chapel Hopton

High Street

Hopton

Diss

Norfolk

IP22 2QX

Trustees

The following people served as trustees during the period:

Local Trustees

Andrew Clarke
Mark Cleveland
Tim Holden
Wendy Banks

External Trustees

Graeme Thomas
Mark Wallace
Peter Warnock
Andrew Yuill

Accounts Preparation

Matthew Larkin
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Walsham-Le-willows,
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Suffolk,
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Independent examiner

Tania Jones
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Bankers

NatWest
7 Cornhill,
Bury St Edmunds,
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Structure, Governance and Management

Governance

High Street Chapel Hopton was formed as a charity under a deed of trust made on 18th July 1878.

The charity's activities are centred upon the premises stewarded by the trustees under the trust deed, being that of High Street Chapel, High Street, Hopton, although some of the church's activities are carried out outside these premises as considered necessary.

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In short, HSC's objectives remain to provide a place where God's people can come together to worship God, have fellowship with one another, be taught from God's Word and to be encouraged to serve God.

HSC's coffee shop in the village of Hopton (The Well) was closed for the whole financial year due to government COVID 19 restrictions.

The government lockdown introduced on 23rd March 2020, meant that all church activities were immediately stopped, as the whole nation was told to stay at home.

High Street Chapel Hopton

Report Of The Trustees – continued

We immediately started, and developed, an on-line presence, a YouTube channel was set up, with the Elders regularly posting short devotional videos, and on Sundays, a service of pre-recorded songs, prayers and a sermon. This was followed by a Zoom meeting where everyone was encouraged to share testimonies, prayers, readings etc, followed by taking communion together. A service was also set up via phone every Sunday at 10am for those who didn't have internet, and members produced videos and projects for the children and young people, thus ensuring that everyone was catered for and included. In addition an 'HSC Face Book Page' was set up by one of our members which reached many people.

On 18th October 2020 the Chapel re-opened for a Sunday morning service and also a 'Coffee Morning' was started up, both following Government Guidelines of social distancing and hand sanitation upon entry into the building, however these were suspended when the second lockdown started on 5th November we experienced and all church meetings ceased again.

On 6th December the chapel re-opened, with Christmas services being very different this year, the Christmas Eve service being held outdoors. Our children, with the help of some talented adults, produced a video with the children acting out the 'nativity story' in outside locations around the village, this was posted on-line, with positive feedback.

The church again reverted to YouTube and Zoom during the 3rd lockdown in Jan to Mar 2021.

During the whole period our Families Worker kept in constant touch with all 'members' and also with many people in the Village and adjoining Villages by regular phone calls and socially distanced visits. All needs and prayer requests were distributed on regular basis to all those using internet, and also passed on to those attending the telephone service on Sunday mornings. Thus the Leadership Team kept everyone updated, and much encouragement was given via the messages on YouTube.

The ministry of Tony and Ruth Hood, Counties Evangelists, who normally work in the local schools, changed significantly, with one or two schools accepting pre-recorded assemblies, with most of the direct contact being lost. However, they developed new relationships in the community, and started providing welfare support, such as giving lifts to doctors or hospitals, buying and delivering shopping, and with financial support from the church, supplying food parcels to those in need.

Towards the end of 2020 our Community Pastor requested that as from 1 January 2021, he reduce his hours, due to family commitments, to which Elders and Deacons agreed. A new Employment Contract was drawn up and he now works 3 days per week. Myles and Maddie Coulter vacated the Church House, Sundene, shortly afterwards and a revised contract and salary agreed that reflected this change in circumstances/role.

During the year all Elder's, Deacon's and Trustee's Meetings continued regularly, but took place via Zoom.

In July 2020, our Health and Safety Policy was revised and at the beginning of October a 'Safeguarding Training' took place via Zoom at which around 20 people, including some external trustees, completed the training.

During the year we sadly lost two of our elderly members due to old age and not Coronavirus, they will both be sadly missed. Four of our members were diagnosed with Covi-19, one quite badly, but thankfully none had to be admitted to hospital.

High Street Chapel Hopton

Report Of The Trustees – continued

No major building works were carried out but the building continues to be maintained by a small band of faithful workers. Regular checks on the building were conducted throughout the lockdown periods to comply with Insurance requirements.

Public Benefit

It is the policy to ensure that all activities are relevant to those in the local community as occasion allows. Several members are involved in village activities and we seek to engage and invite the local community to all the church's activities, as they are relevant to them.

In reviewing these activities the trustees are aware and conscious of the statutory obligations placed upon them to ensure that the charity is run for the public benefit, and consider the guidance given and published by the Charity Commission.

Financial Review

In the year ended 31st March 2021, a net surplus of £76,815 was recorded on total income of £62,347 (period to 31st March 2020: net deficit £10,875).

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Transfers are made from the General Fund to the Building and House Funds as the need arises.

As at 31st March 2021, total net assets for all three funds amounted to £1,147,029.

The main income of the church arises from donations made by members of the church, mostly under regular Gift Aid giving, by standing order. Regular cash offerings were reduced as we did not meet, but several people started new standing orders. Offerings and gifts amounted to £51,036 in the year, compared with £54,440 in the year to 31st March 2020.

We were able to apply for, and secure, a small business grant of £10,000 from the local council and also received £1,182 in HMRC Job Retention Scheme Grant payments, which were immediately passed on to the Caretaker who was furloughed between 14th April and 18th October 2020.

The main expenditure of the church is on salaries, tax, national insurance and pension payments to the Community Pastor, Families Worker and Caretaker, amounting to £31,728 (2020: £28,023).

The church continues to support monthly the ministry of Tony and Ruth Hood, Counties Evangelists who work in the local schools. As the opportunity to continue this work was restricted, at their request, the gift was not made for 2 months. Payments totalled £6,830 (2020: £8,176).

High Street Chapel Hopton

Report Of The Trustees – continued

Although we were unable to invite speakers from various Missions to speak and inform the Church of the work which is being undertaken in different Countries around the world and in the UK, we continued to give our regular minimum £250 to our mission partners, details are shown in Note 1 on page 12

We have two donors who regularly give to SARA (Saviour Alone Reaches Asians) Children's Home in Nepal, and this year we were able to send them £750.

There was no major expenditure from either the Building or House Funds. The routine maintenance costs for the church building and Sundene in the period were £1,142 and £234, respectively. Insurance for the two buildings was £2,290 for the church and garages and £530 for Sundene. After Sundene was vacated it was thought prudent to have a Pre-rental inspection and Energy Performance Assessment undertaken at the cost of £385.

Impact of Covid-19

In a 2020 – 2021 budget review held in May 2020, it was anticipated that income from Home from Home would be zero, expenditure on salaries would increase (Phil being employed for a full, rather than part year), and because the church membership have been unable to meet physically since 23rd March 2020, cash/cheque offerings would be reduced. This would have resulted in a significant deficit on the year. However, regular monthly giving from church members increased during the year by approximately 20% and the £10,000 grant from West Suffolk Council resulted in a surplus of over £7,500.

As the financial situation of people in the community deteriorated, we appealed for donations of food which was distributed to local families for harvest gifts in September. To enable us to provide a more targeted approach, monetary donations were requested in December so that we could provide Christmas food parcels, these gifts totalled £578, of which £367 has been spent.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the trustees to hold funds which allow room for the fluctuations in income that inevitably occur from year to year, and for any major projects that may be required in the future. The trustees consider that the free cash reserves held at the year-end of £62,346 represent sufficient reserves for the trust.

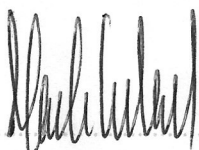
Investment policy and objectives

The trustees consider that there are no material funds available for medium or long term investment and, having considered the options available, have decided to place any surplus funds on deposit with appropriate banking institutions.

Trustees

The eight trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2 of this report.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



M Cleveland, Trustee

6th December 2021

Date

Independent Examiner's Report To The Trustees Of High Street Chapel Hopton

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 set out on pages 10 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



6th December 2021

Tania Jones
Warren Cottage,
Warren Lane,
Woolpit,
Suffolk,
IP30 9RT

Date

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31st March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior Period Funds £
Receipts						
Bank Interest		16	0	0	16	91
Events & Activities		11,182	0	0	11,182	4,826
Home From Home		100	0	0	100	1,500
Offerings & Other Gifts	1	47,567	0	3,469	51,036	54,440
Rent Received		0	12	0	12	12
		58,866	12	3,469	62,347	60,869
Payments						
Administration Expenses		(430)	0	0	(430)	(430)
Bank Charges		0	0	(24)	(24)	0
Caretaker Wages		(2,387)	0	0	(2,387)	(3,044)
Community Pastor		(20,176)	0	0	(20,176)	(20,186)
Computer, screen, projector, cabling, etc		0	0	0	0	(409)
Copyright		(787)	0	0	(787)	(678)
Equipment Purchased		0	0	0	0	(74)
Events & Activities		(1,069)	0	0	(1,069)	(9,490)
Family Worker		(9,168)	0	0	(9,168)	(4,793)
Gifts & Donations	1	(6,130)	0	(5,367)	(11,497)	(16,728)
Insurance		0	(2,750)	0	(2,750)	(3,237)
IT		(448)	0	0	(448)	(1,245)
Letting		0	(385)	0	(385)	0
Maintenance, repairs & cleaning		0	(1,376)	0	(1,376)	(3,034)
Printing, stationery, computer supplies & postage		(523)	0	0	(523)	(1,329)
Safeguarding		(1,021)	0	0	(1,021)	(181)
Speakers		(114)	0	0	(114)	(2,871)
Teaching & Library Costs		(10)	0	0	(10)	(141)
Utilities		(1,664)	(702)	0	(2,366)	(3,872)
		(43,927)	(5,213)	(5,391)	(54,531)	(71,744)
Surplus/(deficit) for the Year		14,939	(5,201)	(1,922)	7,815	(10,875)
Transfers Between Funds		(8,311)	6,600	1,711	0	0
Net Movement In Funds		6,628	1,399	(211)	7,815	(10,875)
Reconciliation of Funds:						
Total Funds Brought Forward		46,118	1,092,148	948	1,139,231	1,150,106
Total Funds Carried Forward		52,745	1,093,546	737	1,147,029	1,139,231

High Street Chapel Hopton

Balance Sheet

As at 31st March 2021

	Total Funds	Prior Year
	£	Funds
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	1,078,563	1,078,563
Current Assets		
Debtors	7,026	7,391
Cash at Bank and in Hand	62,346	55,215
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	(907)	(1,937)
Total Net Assets	1,147,029	1,139,231
The Funds of The Charity		
Unrestricted Funds	52,745	46,118
Designated Funds	1,093,546	1,092,148
Restricted Funds	737	948
Total Charity Funds	1,147,029	1,139,231

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 6th December 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



M Cleveland, Trustee



M. Wallace, Trustee

High Street Chapel Hopton

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31st March 2021

Note 1 – Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Fund Balances Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers Between Funds £	Gains and losses £	Fund Balances Carried Forward £
Anandaban	0	156	(250)	94	0	0
Bury Drop-in	0	0	(250)	250	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	0	(500)	500	0	0
Christmas Hampers/Welfare	0	578	(367)	0	0	210
David & Manuela Pawson	0	125	(250)	125	0	0
Good News for Everyone	0	0	(250)	250	0	0
Jess Thomas	0	156	(250)	94	0	0
Josh & Kathy Hooker	156	111	(250)	0	0	17
Leprosy Mission 'Unconditional' Appeal	0	63		0	0	63
Non-specified Mission	0	1,000		(1,000)	0	0
Open Doors UK	0	125	(250)	125	0	0
Open the Book	0	0	(250)	250	0	0
Orphaid	0	100	(250)	150	0	0
Peter & Jenny Andrews	0	175	(250)	75	0	0
Richard & Pam Harknett	0	125	(250)	125	0	0
Saviour Alone Reaches Asians	792	405	(774)	24	0	447
Simon & Rebekah Duan	0	125	(250)	125	0	0
Steve & Muriel Studd	0	125	(250)	125	0	0
Talitha Koum	0	0	(250)	250	0	0
Tools with a Mission	0	100	(250)	150	0	0
Grand Total	948	3,469	(5,391)	1,711	0	737