

HARDINGTON VALE NEWS

Spring 2023



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**This booklet contains reports for the APCM.
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Rector's Report

Our Dwelling in the Word passage for 2022 was Romans 12: v1 - 13 a passage of scripture rich in clear and inspiring instructions on how to live differently as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. I think for me the verses that encapsulate the whole passage for us in Hardington Vale are *'Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.'* Romans 12 v 4 & 5. We each as individuals, bring different life experiences and gifts to 'being church' together in our communities. Yet because we have the common bond of knowing, loving and serving Jesus we come together and are transformed by God and His Holy Spirit into a functioning body of believers.

Things to celebrate and thank God for over 2022 include:

Services A return to 'normal' service patterns. This is delivered by a great team that I am privileged to be part of here in the parish which includes Revd Jo Robinson our Curate, Barbara Day, Michael Harrison and Fergus Stewart our Lay Readers and Revd Stephen Kivett **PTO** who helps with preaching and leading eucharist services. We are all ably supported by Ros Clarke carrying out all the parish admin. We have seen a steady growth in Breakfast Church attendance and have incorporated Mini Breakfast Church back into the main Breakfast Church which takes place on the first Sunday of the month at Norton St Philip. This is proving a good space to invite wedding couples with their children to come along to. This year we looked at the Beatitudes and used the Pilgrim book to help resource this.

Partnership For Missional Church PMC: The spiritual discipline of Dwelling in the Word continues to be a bedrock that we use in many of our meetings. We are grateful to Susie Filkins helping us to keep this focus.

Hardington Vale community response to Ukrainian Guests: It has been a privilege and blessing to respond as a whole community to the offering of hospitality to Ukrainians who have come to the UK. Working together with people of peace in our communities the villages of Hardington Vale benefice and Beckington have welcomed and hosted over 84 men, women and children from Ukraine. They have blessed us in return - hosting a meal both at NSP and Rode to share Ukrainian food and to raise money for their English lessons. A big thank you to Andraea Dawson-Shepherd, Mary Morrison and Ali Smith for heading this up.

Homegroups: Our Homegroups continue to grow and flourish. These groups are led by Fergus & Rachel Stewart, Michael Walker & Anne Harkness, Peter Yarker and Beth Harrison & Barbara Day. What is exciting and positive about our Homegroups is that they welcome Christians in the villages who do not necessarily worship with us but who have a heart for fellowshiping together and praying for the people in the communities of which we are all part.

Curate: Jo Robinson continues to play a full part in services and other activities across the whole parish. Forget- Me-Not cafe which Jo and her team established as we came out of Covid, continues to welcome people who have dementia and their carers and has a small but loyal following.

Prayer: Prayer is the central bedrock to all we do in parish life. In September we started Parish Prayers as a monthly prayer time for the whole parish meeting on a Monday evening of the first Monday in the month.

Children and Family Worker: Sue Rodford stepped down from her involvement with the schools and pre-school at the end of the Summer term. She continued to lead Tots and Toys for the Autumn team retiring completely at Christmas. Her final service, a Christingle service, was extremely well attended by folk representing all the groups she has been involved with over her five years with us. It was a wonderful celebration and a reflection of how many people's lives Sue has enriched over her time with us and with her work as our Children and Family worker.

Using our buildings for Mission: The re-ordering of St Philip and St James Norton St Philip has given us a building with great flexible space in the heart of the community. The building is now being widely used for lunchtime concerts, Tots and Toys, Parish Council meetings and even for the holding of receptions for weddings.

PCC Away Day in November: Arising from our PCC Away Day in Nov a few key areas to work on in 2023 were highlighted, these were; Prayer, Fun, Prayer ministry, Telling our stories (**testimony**) and being open to the Holy Spirit in our lives. We intend to use these to give shape to how we teach and grow as the body of Christ in the coming year.

Caroline, Rector

Curate's Report

This year I've experienced a more normal church life which has been great! Apart from church services these are some of the things I have been involved in:

Alpha – supported by David Mayell and Pete Stratford we held an Alpha course in my home in the first few months of the year. It was encouraging to see people grow in their understanding of God and faith.

Ukrainian response – I was involved in hosting for a short time and it was great to be part of an amazing community response.

Forget me not Café – this is primarily for people living with dementia and their carers. We have a great café team and the café is attended by people from a wider area than just our parish.

School – I am involved in leading assemblies in school and it's been great when the children have come to church for a special festival assembly or to learn about the meaning of baptism.

Training – I have had three opportunities to go on placements this year in two other Benefices and also at Dorothy House Hospice. I have also regularly been off to Flourish House (the Bath and Wells head office) for training sessions.

Finally, a big thank you to all of you – for your encouragement and support and especially to Caroline for her continued commitment to my training.

Jo Robinson, Curate

Electoral Roll Report

From the 159 names on the electoral roll as reported in 2022 there have been the following additions during the year: Martin and Susan Cragg, Stuart and Sofia Perkins, Helen and Neal Shorten, Alan and Patricia Batcheldor and Anthony Powell. Deletions include Rose and Bill Fernie, Jean Horler and Julia Naismith. There are currently 164 names on the electoral roll.

Ros Clarke, Electoral Roll Officer

PCC Report

This report relates to the April 22 to March 23 year. The PCC met in person four times. The Standing Committee met on eight occasions, once in person but otherwise by email. They dealt with matters that otherwise would have a lengthy wait until the full PCC met.

Administrative information:

- The Parish of Hardington Vale in the Diocese of Bath & Wells includes the Churches of St Leonard (Farleigh Hungerford); St Mary's (Laverton); St Philip & St James (Norton St Philip); St Lawrence (Rode); and All Saints (Tellisford). The churchyard at St Mary's Hemington remains open and is under the care of the PCC.
- The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hardington Vale is a charity registered with the Charity Commission Reg No. 1128078.
- The Parochial Church Council (PCC) Members (Trustees) who have served during the year are shown below:

Incumbent	Revd. Caroline Walker	(Chair)	
Curate	Revd Jo Robinson	(occasional Chair)	
Readers	Barbara Day Michael Harrison	Fergus Stewart	
Secretary	Tony Day		
Parish Wardens	Geoff Banwell (Rode)	(Chair Finance Committee)	
	Fergus Stewart	(Norton St Philip)	
	David Lockley	(Norton St Philip)	
	Chris Cloke	(Norton St Philip)	
Chapel Wardens	Guy Hungerford	(Farleigh Hungerford)	
	Rachel Feilden ¹	(Tellisford)	
	Bob Hill	(Laverton)	
Deputy Wardens	Glenys Brown	(Norton St Philip)	
	Sally Pickett	(Rode)	
Deanery Synod	Andrew Morrison	(Vice Chair) (Health & Safety)	
	Robin Finlay		
	Diana Lucas		
	Barbara Day		
Elected Members	<u>3 year completed</u>	<u>2 year to run</u>	<u>1 year to run</u>
	Tony Day	Anne Harkness	David Mayell
	Ros Lockley	Sally Pickett	Peter Stratford
	Andy Filkins	Rachel Stewart	Diana Lucas
	John Flindall	Susie Filkins	Brenda Graham

Structure, governance & management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election.

Objectives and activities

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical throughout the Parish as well as the responsibility of the maintenance of the churches of the Parish.

In 2022/23 the PCC met on four occasions. Average attendance was 18 of a possible 25 with a minimum of 16.

The standing committee met on eight occasions to expedite these matters.

May 28	email	Appointment of Fergus Stewart as Reader
June 11	email	Faculty for repairs to the organ at St Mary's Laverton
July 31	email	Repairs to projector

Oct 5	in person	Rode roof, appointment of architect, boiler NSP and Hemington issues
Dec 5-7	email	Repairs to the organ at St Mary's Laverton
Dec 7	email	To approve parish share
Dec 14-17	email	Laverton Defibrillator
Dec 17-19	email	Work on the roof of St Lawrence Rode

At each meeting, the PCC received written reports from the Rector and from the Children's and family worker. The PCC received an update at each of their meeting of progress with Partners in Mission Church (PMC). Their content is not reported here but summarised in their annual reports.

The meeting on April **25** was held in NSP church with 19 of a possible 25 attending. Susie Filkins led the PCC in "Dwelling in the Word" using Romans 12

The PCC agreed to these appointments.

Andrew Morrison	Vice-Chair
Tony Day	Secretary
Nick Brown	Treasurer
Geoff Banwell	Chair the Finance Committee
Rachel Stewart	Safeguarding Officer
Andrew Morrison	Health & Safety Officer
Ros Clark	Electoral Roll Officer

The PCC also appointed an acting tower captain in NSP (Jenny Middleton) in order to bring ringing under the safeguarding and health & safety provisions.

The PCC discussed and agreed revisions to the service pattern during lock down and Christmas.

The PCC discussed arrangement for maintenance of the churchyard at St Mary's Hemington, and approved the installation of a water meter at St Lawrence Rode.

Andrew Morrison gave an update of his progress since being appointed to the Health & safety role.

At its meeting on **21 July, 18** of a possible 25 attended.

The PCC discussed the community response to the hosting of Ukrainian visitors.

The retirement of Sue Rodford and options for the continued employment of someone in the role were discussed.

A discussion was had on returning to the use of a common chalice. The matter was deferred until the PCC meeting in October.

Bell tower captains were appointed for Rode (Geoff Banwell) and Farleigh Hungerford (Sandy Wheeler).

A policy and procedure on Lone Working was approved.

Geoff Banwell presented a report on the half year accounts.

Andrew Morrison reported on the role of the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group. DMPG.

Portable Appliance Testing was completed and thanks expressed to Bob Hill for once again carry out this work.

At its meeting on **17 October, 17** of a possible 25 attended.

Fergus Stewart presented a paper and led a discussion on options for the continued work with Families and Children.

Given the then current levels of Covid infection, it was agreed to continue with present practice and delay returning to the use of a common chalice.

Geoff Banwell presented his finance report and expressed his concerns about potential increases in the cost of parish share, electricity and the cost of living impact in general.

Geoff Banwell spoke on his written report on the St Lawrence roof renovation.

Grave wobble tests have been made in all churchyards except Tellisford. A small working group are working their way through any necessary repairs.

The PCC appointed new architects for each church following the retirement of John Beauchamp.

A recommendation was received to disconnect the gas boiler to the radiators in NSP church. . Whilst this would save money, concerns were raised that it might be better to wait until later in the heating season to establish how effective the infra-red heaters are performing.

The PCC agreed to adopt Asha-India as our overseas charity for the next three years.

At its meeting on **9 March**, 17 of a possible 25 attended

Lydia Chancellor attended the meeting for this item and gave an encouraging progress report on her young people and children's project.

A new passage for Dwelling in the word was agreed. Philippians 4:4-13

The rector reported that Bishop Michael was to visit the parish on Sunday 10 Sept and again on Monday for meetings with the leadership team and the PCC.

The rector gave a written report and talked about forthcoming deanery events and issues.

The meeting was delighted to hear Jo Robinson had now completed her formal training.

The PCC noted that following communications from the Bishop, the parish had returned to using a common chalice.

Rachel Stewart gave a written report on safeguarding and the meeting approved the Safeguarding action plan level 2.

The draft accounts for the year to 31 December 2022 were presented to the meeting by Geoff Banwell.

The PCC noted the areas of change in finance and, subject to review, approved the account unanimously.

The meeting approved work to the chancel roof at St Lawrence and a programme of work to deal with minor matters raised in the quinquennial.

The Rector outlined potential changes in the deanery set up as the deanery team is reduced from 7 to 6.

Tony Day
Secretary Hardington Vale PCC

Home Groups

Our Homegroups continue to grow and flourish. These groups are led by Fergus and Rachel Stewart, Michael Walker and Anne Harkness, Peter Yarker and Beth Harrison and Barbara Day. The exciting and positive thing about our Homegroups is that they welcome Christians in the villages who do not necessarily worship with us but who have a heart for fellowshiping together and praying for the people in the communities of which we are all part. Fergus and Rachel's group and Michael and Beth's group both meet once a fortnight on a Tuesday evening. They have been studying The Difference course and the books of Revelation and Ruth respectively. Peter and Robin's group meets on a Tuesday afternoon and has been studying the book of Ephesians. Beth and Barbara's group meets on alternate Wednesday evenings and use Ignatian prayer and have been working with the book 'The Cave Refectory Road.' If you are interested in joining one of these please do contact Caroline carolinehwalker@btinternet.com 01373 834258.



RODE AND NORTON ST. PHILIP FIRST SCHOOL FEDERATION



OUTSTANDING!

We had a very busy end of the Autumn term in our two schools which was topped off by a surprise December visit from Ofsted. What a treat!

They were inspecting the Norton St. Philip school children since last visiting in 2017. Achieving an 'outstanding' under the new 2019 Ofsted Framework is very rare so we were 'Outstanding' for children's personal

development and 'good' in all other areas. In the report the inspectors noted that we are a 'welcoming, caring school. The school's ethos, 'Small Schools, Thinking Big', comes alive here. Leaders provide an exciting rich curriculum... Pupils love showcasing their talents when they perform in theatre productions... Pupils are wonderful ambassadors for the school. Parents typically comment that 'children are encouraged to flourish and grow'. Pastoral support for pupils is strong. Staff care deeply about pupils and forge supportive relationships with them... Leaders have designed a rich, well-sequenced curriculum... Leaders inspire pupils to develop a love of reading... The curriculum for pupils' personal development is exceptional."

We waved the inspectors farewell at 5pm on the second day of the inspection and then rushed over to St. James Church, ready for our **Christmas Nativity Concert** at 6pm. The following week, the older children took centre stage in the church singing carols and performing the winning entries in our '**Song for Christmas**' competition. The winning song 'Crazy Christmas', by Mostyn, featured Zak on drums and his dad Simon on guitar. Twelve lucky children have been enjoying guitar lessons with our new teacher Danny Green so hopefully we will have our own guitarist in the future!

Our focus on music, drama, dance, art and film has led to us being awarded the very prestigious '**Gold Artsmark Award**' for both our schools from the Arts Council. In November. We recently displayed a piece of artwork in the **44AD Artspace gallery** in Bath as part of the '**Heroes of the Commonwealth**' exhibition. Every child in school contributed to the piece which was then put together by our Art Lead Natalie Duncan. Children were very proud to visit the gallery and see their exhibit.

We ended the term with an explosive **Science Fair**. The older children set up tests and experiments for the younger children and parents to try including slime-making, magnetic Santa, colour-changing liquids and stepping through a piece of A4 paper!

Early figures indicate that our Reception class is oversubscribed for September 2023 so as we start the new year, we have lots to celebrate in our federation!



www.rodeandnortonschoolfederation.co.uk
Or call us on 01373 830523 or 01373 834327.
COME AND JOIN THE ADVENTURE!



Church Wardens' Reports



St. Leonard's Church, Farleigh Hungerford

A very positive year at St. Leonard's. There have been good attendances at the monthly services, which alternate between Communion and Matins. Four weddings were celebrated at the Church during the year and a successful Carol Service was held on 18th December.

Terry Mackechnie has retired as Captain of Bells after many years' service and been replaced by Sandy Wheeler. Robert Toal has been appointed Church Architect to succeed John Beauchamp.

The Church remains in good condition with a planned ongoing schedule of maintenance to include painting and masonry repairs. The major improvement in the amenity of the Church during the year, has been the installation of an electric under pew heating system to replace the aged boiler, which had become inoperable and unsafe. An improvement completely funded by the Friends of St Leonard's.

Terrier and log book are correct. No assets were acquired or disposed of during the year.

The maintenance of the Church and of the churchyard including grass cutting and the punctilious weeding of the gravel paths has been funded and achieved by the Friends of St. Leonard's to whom thanks are due once again.

I would like to express particular gratitude to Mike Smith, Sallie Neill, John Davidson, Rex Eastment, Claire Covill and Deborah and Robin Allen for their enthusiasm and hard work throughout the year and the contribution they have made to fostering the life and worship in the Church and its maintenance.

All are grateful for the flowers that decorate the Church provided by Deborah Allen, Dilys MacKechnie and Catriona Murfitt.

Guy Hungerford, Chapel Warden



St Mary's, Laverton

Introduction

The pattern of church services continued, with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month and lay-led services on the next 3 Sundays. The pattern was adjusted for Easter and for Christmas when a near record number of 59 people attended the carol service.

After the extensive amount of work completed last year, only 3 items remain outstanding from the 2019 QIR. Repairs to internal wall memorials are deemed too expensive for little benefit and will not be done. The collapsed wall at the northeast corner of the churchyard is no hazard and repair is being deferred to the next quinquennium.

Church Heating

After the routine periodic inspection, the Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR) deemed the electric church heating system installed in the 1960s to be Unsatisfactory. An electric system with convectors under the pews was chosen as the replacement. A Faculty was duly requested and approved for the "Removal and disposal of oil-filled tube electric heating system installed throughout nave and chancel. Installation of fixed under pew heating by Electric Heating Solutions (UK) Ltd" The work was undertaken and completed on 11 July 2022. With the arrival of winter, the system was found to be highly effective and a great deal cheaper than the system it replaced.

Defibrillator

Free of any charge or cost, a defibrillator has been provided and fitted in the porch of St Mary's Church Laverton by the Friends of Frome Hospital who identified the church porch as the most (and possibly the only) suitable location in Laverton. [note: The Faculty Jurisdiction (Amendment) Rules 2019, Table 2 List B includes "the introduction of a defibrillator in a church which is a listed building"]
The Archdeacon's List B approval was received on 20 January 2023

Chamber Organ

In March 2022, during routine tuning, inside the organ Brian Hooper found a large mouse nest (complete with J-cloth!). For full repair and refurbishment, some parts needed to be taken to the workshop, so a Faculty was required. The process for requesting a Faculty proceeded smoothly until the full DAC meeting, at which the organ specialist did not recommend approval, saying that more detail was required. It was agreed that world-renowned organ specialist Dominic Gwynn should be asked to inspect and advise. He came to inspect the organ on 10 October 2022 and sent his report a few days later. His recommendations were included in a second submission for a Faculty "To clean, repair and adjust the 19th century chamber organ" which proceeded smoothly and was received on 9 January 2023. Meanwhile, organ builder Brian Hooper had received more orders and work on Laverton's chamber organ will not start until the end of April 2023, a full year later than the initial submission for a Faculty.

Documentation

Terrier, inventory and logbook have been reviewed. All is present and correct. Throughout the year very large amount of time was spent acquiring Faculties and List B approvals. The assistance of Chris Cloke, the Hardington Vale churchwarden, has been invaluable is greatly appreciated.

Julia Naismith

Julia died on 26 October 2022. As a regular member of the small congregation for over 40 years, even after she moved to Frome, and as one of the takers of lay-led services she is very greatly missed.

Sir Robert Hill, Chapel Warden

St Philip & St James, Norton St Philip



We are very pleased that our services have been able to proceed as normal over the last year. On the first Sunday of the month, Breakfast Church has been well supported and we are grateful to the volunteers who prepare the delicious breakfasts. We have two Holy Communion Services a month and one informal, usually lay-led, service of praise and worship.

Thanks to the creation of the flexible space in our building, there are many activities which have been regularly held in the church:

Once a month, on the third Monday afternoon we have continued to host a Forget-Me-Not Café - a time when dementia sufferers and their carers can get together and have a chat with our dementia-friendly helpers.

Also once a month from April, usually on the first Thursday, we have held Lunchtime Concerts featuring local musicians providing a wide



variety of music including jazz, classical and vocal. Nick Sorensen has been instrumental in organising, and often performing in, these popular concerts.

A few evening events have also been held, including a concert by The Lee Ingram Quintet in March, a Hymns & Pimm's evening in July, an evening with

Hungrytown an American folk duo, in October and a concert of Christmas music by the Mendip Male Voice Choir in December. Profits from the concerts go towards funding future events and also towards the upkeep of the church building.

Every week, on Wednesday mornings, Tots & Toys happened in the church. A chance for parents, grandparents, carers and pre-school children to get together and chat or play and enjoy cake. And during the summer holidays, a Caterpillar Club took place.

During the last year, the church has also been used for regular Ukrainian English Lessons; yoga meditation services; the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, including cream teas and a memorable dance with a band comprising local musicians, hastily arranged when torrential rain prevented it from happening on the Mead; an exhibition venue for Norton St Philip Artists Together; a Christmas wreath making workshop; a Christmas Bazaar; Parish Council meetings, wedding receptions and wedding anniversary celebrations. The increased use of the church has necessitated a regular cleaning regime and we are fortunate that since

August, we have been able to employ two Ukrainian ladies who do splendid work keeping the church clean.



If there are two words which can instill a feeling of foreboding in a churchwarden, it is the 'Quinquennial Inspection'. We are extremely fortunate in having the services of Michael Walker who has undertaken many of the items of work listed in our last QI, including repointing work, renovation of the rainwater goods and, not least, the cleaning and repainting of the end plates of the Tower braces. We will have a new QI this year which will be conducted by our new architect, Emma Green. We hope that minimal work will be required over the next five years.

Attention has also been paid to the many tombstones in the churchyard which were at risk of falling over. Our buildings warden, Chris Cloke checked all the headstones and made them safe. Maintenance of the churchyard is a constant task and we are grateful to the volunteers who, under the guidance of Duncan Barley, form a working party twice a year to keep the vegetation under control. We are also grateful to the Parish Council for funding the mowing of the churchyard during 2022.

It has been a pleasure to hear the bells being rung more frequently and we are grateful to the ringers who now practise regularly. Our thanks also go to the clock winders, the people who lock and unlock the church and the flower group who create wonderful flower arrangements for weddings, festivals and funerals.

The Terrier has been checked and all items are present and correct.

Church warden, *Muriel Duckett*

St Lawrence, Rode



Services

It is good to be able to report that our services have returned to normal some three years after the Covid-19 pandemic disrupted all our lives. We have Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays in the month, Breakfast church on the second Sunday and Informal worship on the fourth Sunday. We are always delighted to welcome our friends from other parts of the parish to any of these services.

Our grateful thanks go to all those who provide the delicious breakfasts on the second Sundays as well as the refreshments at the other services.

The Church Building

As reported previously, the major item on the agenda is the re-covering of the roof. We knew from the 2017 Quinquennial inspection (QI) that six of the ten roof slopes needed to be dealt with at that time. The 2022 QI has confirmed that the whole roof, including the porch, should now be dealt with. Our Architect has drawn up a detailed specification and the first phase, the chancel roof, has been put out to tender at the time of writing. The necessary faculty has been applied for.

In 2017 it was very difficult to see how this was going to be funded, until we were contacted by the trustees of the Richard Oatley Foundation. They have very kindly pledged to contribute £300,000 to this project, but that still leaves £100,000 to be found based on a current best estimate of £400,000 for the total cost. A major appeal has been launched by letters to every house in Rode. These are currently being delivered. Grants are also being sought. We are enormously grateful to the trustees of the Richard Oatley Foundation for their support. It is amazing good fortune that they have come along at our time of greatest need.

Apart from the roof, there are a number of much less significant items mentioned in the QI that require attention. We will be gradually working through these.

We also had a five yearly electrical inspection in 2022. The electrical installation was assessed as being satisfactory for continued use. Some observations about possible improvements are under consideration.

The Churchyard

The Churchyard has been regularly mown and kept in good order. The southern wall requires some attention and the work to repair it has been put in hand. We are grateful to Rode Parish Council for the annual grant they provide towards the cost of maintenance.

Terrier and Log Book

The Terrier and Log Book are up to date. During the year the new radio microphones and the associated receiver were kindly donated by John Flindall.

Fund Raising

Apart from regular and other donations, funds to pay for maintenance and insurance of St Lawrence are raised by the Heart of Rode committee. During the year the money raised by the committee was as follows: Murder Mystery £727, Rode Roxy (4) £608, Tombola on Village Day £428, History Afternoon £178 and Harvest Supper £251 making a total of £2,192.

Occasional Offices

During the year there were no baptisms, one marriage and two funerals in church.

Geoff Banwell and Sally Pickett, Churchwardens

All Saints Tellisford

Our village's Church of All Saints is a Chapel of Ease (since June 2017); each year the congregation and the Fabric Committee elect a Chapel Warden (currently Rachel Feilden), and the Deputy Warden is Helen Curwen. The regular pattern of services is lay-led Matins at 9am on the second Sunday of the month, Holy Communion at 9am on the fourth Sunday, and Evening Prayer every Tuesday fortnight, held at 6pm until November when it moved to 5pm for the foreseeable future.

The full pattern of services had restarted in June 2021, but fresh waves of the continuing pandemic caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus and its variants meant that Nativity Poems for 2021 had been held in the churchyard, and throughout 2022 we used individual glass cups for communion wine.

Our church is open to visitors during daylight hours throughout the year. The team of seven flower arrangers kept the church looking fresh and welcoming, and the Visitors' Book records 87 names with their comments on the peace and beauty of the place. But we know that many more visitors come to our church, which has a footpath through the churchyard.

The churchyard plan is up to date. The Fabric Committee's improved mowing pattern (fortnightly mow including paths connecting to the footpath; late summer mow of longer growth) has a lighter ecological impact by using less petrol and allowing the native plants to flower and set seeds, providing a healthier environment for insects and other wildlife.

The electrical appliances were PAT-tested on 13th May 2022 on a schedule in accordance with Health and Safety Regulations. Fire extinguishers were inspected on schedule in June, and the organ was tuned in November.

We have inspected the Terrier, and all church goods and chattels therein are in place. The Log Book and Register of Services are up to date.

Occasional Offices

All Saints and All Souls, Tuesday 1st November 2022

Memorial Service for Jenny Arney, Tuesday 15th November 2022

Interment of Bill Fernie's ashes, Thursday 22nd December 2022

Nativity Poems and Carols, Friday 23rd December 2022

Rachel Feilden and Helen Curwen, Churchwardens

Safeguarding Report



Safeguarding Action Plan

Please see safeguarding plan attached. Outstanding actions as follows

Safeguarding incidents

- No further incidents have been reported since the last PCC meeting.
- I have set up a folder for HV Safeguarding records to be uploaded to on my Google Drive. The PCC may advise who should have access to this and I can share it with those relevant people only.

- Every time a report is added it will also be sent to the Safeguarding team for advice re. further action needed.

DBS certificates

- **The following certificates have been renewed**
J Robinson, S Kivett, S Rodford, A Harkness, R Lockley, R Tickell, C Walker.

Training Update

- **Leadership course** – B Day, S Kivett
- **Foundation level** – C Cloke, R Hill, R Feilden, M Duckett, A Filkins, S Filkins, A Harkness, M Fleming, G Brown.
- **Basic and Foundation to be updated** - David Lockley, Geoff Banwell, Sally Pickett, Brenda Graham, John Flindall, David Mayell

Rachel Stewart, Safeguarding Officer

Music



With the resumption of worship in our church buildings, music making also returned with an organist for the Holy Communion services in Rode and Norton St Philip and a mixture of recorded and live playing for the informal services. Caroline Whitehead rehearsed and conducted a choir of willing volunteers from around the parish for last Easter and the Christmas carol service. We are also fortunate enough to have Nick Sorensen in our community who has composed pieces for our church choir (led by Caroline Whitehead with Ros Clarke accompanying on the piano) to sing in specific services. Anyone who would like to be involved with helping lead music and worship at any services or to sing in the choir should get in touch with Ros Clarke (admin@hardingtonvale.org.uk t: 01373-834488) for the formal Holy Communion services and Fergus Stewart (fandrstewart1985@gmail.com t: 01373 834611) for Breakfast church and Informal services.

Parish Clergy Contacts

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(day off normally Friday)

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Notice of Meetings

The Parish of Hardington Vale

Farleigh Hungerford, Hemington, Laverton, Norton St Philip, Rode, Tellisford

Notice of The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Thursday 30 March 2023 at 19:30

To be held in Norton St Philip Church

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer and Dwelling in the word.
2. To receive apologies for absence
3. To agree the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting held on 28 March 2022
4. Matters arising from the Minutes

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

(note: All residents of the Parish of Hardington Vale and all those on the Electoral Roll may vote)

1. Election of churchwardens (Parish Wardens)

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

(note: only those on the Electoral Roll may vote)

1. To receive the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022
2. To appoint an external examiner
3. To receive Annual Reports (as published in Hardington Vale News 2023)
4. Deanery Synod Report
5. To elect representatives to the Deanery Synod (see note over page)
6. To receive the Electoral Roll Report
7. To elect members of the Parochial Church Council (see note over page)
8. Rector's remarks

Tony Day, Secretary to the Parochial Church Council
Hardington Vale

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The Parochial Church Council of Hardington Vale

Annual Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2022

Registered Charity No 1128078

Prepared by
N J Brown FCCA
Treasurer

Reviewed by
A Nash F.I.L.F.M

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12 Months Accounts to 31st December 2022

12 Months

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Friends Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£	
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Voluntary Income	2(a)	90,188		24,763	41,936	156,887	179,240
Grant							38,300
Activities for generating Funds	2(b)			2,664	5,033	7,697	2,830
Parish Magazines	2(c)		13,474			13,474	14,401
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		90,188	13,474	27,427	46,969	178,058	234,771
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Common Fund		58,107			4,766	62,873	59,722
Charitable Donations		1,981			192	2,173	1,199
Ministry Expenses		9,305			717	10,022	9,183
Family Worker		5,107		2,500		7,607	10,110
Electricity, Gas, Oil & Water		6,217			607	6,824	2,831
Admin Expenses News Letters			9,432			9,432	8,560
Maintenance & Cleaning				323	13,796	14,119	37,335
Heritage Grant					33,618	33,618	48,880
Music, Audio & Visual		416			1,021	1,437	367
Church Activities		336		472		808	269
Architects Fees				7,000		7,000	1,607
Finance & Insurance		519		199	5,646	6,364	4,959
NSP Bells				60		60	
Flower Fund				44		44	328
Roundings						-2	1
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		81,988	9,432	10,598	60,364	162,380	185,351
<i>Appendix</i>		<i>B</i>	<i>H + G</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>D</i>		
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS & LOSSES		8,200	4,042	16,829	-13,395	15,678	49,420
Transfers							
Actual income current year		8,200	4,042	16,829	-13,395	15,678	49,420
BALANCE B/FWD 1 JANUARY		14,860	15,913	57,437	51,427	139,637	90,217
BALANCE C/FWD 31 DECEMBER		23,060	19,955	74,266	38,032	155,315	139,637
Market Value of Investments		22,091			20,440	42,531	48,177
Net Total Including Investments		45,151	19,955	74,266	58,472	197,846	187,814

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

	2021 £	2022 £
Current Assets		
Debtors & Prepayments	8,084	6,463
Investments	48,177	42,531
Cash at bank and in hand	135,252	154,579
	<u>191,513</u>	<u>203,573</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors & Accruals	3,699	5,727
Total Net Assets	<u>187,814</u>	<u>197,846</u>
Parish Funds		
Unrestricted	39,883	45,151
Restricted - Friends Funds	74,581	58,473
Restricted - Specific Funds	57,437	74,266
Designated	15,913	19,956
	<u>187,814</u>	<u>197,846</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council 9th March 2023
G Banwell (Chairman of Finance Sub Committee))

The Parochial Church Council of Hardington Vale

Independent Examiners Report to the PCC of Hardington Vale

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 6 and the supporting schedules, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, SORP 2005 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A Nash
F.I.L.L.E.M

The Parochial Church Council of Hardington Vale

Notes to the financial statements
Year ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Designated Funds may be set aside out of an unrestricted fund for a specific purpose, such as the replacement of vestments

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized with the incoming resource to which they relate and are accrued. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Notes:

1. The income & expenditure has been fully accrued or prepaid into the period to which it relates.
2. Funds not under the direct control of the PCC have been excluded

2(a) Voluntary Income

Appendix

Collections & Envelopes
Income Tax Rebate
Donations, Awards, Grants & Bequests
Dividends & Bank Interest
Fees
Revaluation of Investments
Others

Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Friends Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
(A)	(F)	(E)	(C)		
62844		704	9546	73094	71048
15358		591	3658	19606	24993
4304		23786	17959	46049	107533
1130		121	608	1859	2404
6552				6552	10683
		-439	-226	-666	
			10393	10393	880
90188		24763	41936	156887	217541

2(b) Activities for generating Funds

13474	2664	5033	21171	2831
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2(c) Parish Magazines

Income
Expenses
Surplus/ (shortfall in Year)
Balance B/fwd
Total before transfer
Transfer to General Fund
Prior Year Adjustment
Balance C/fwd
Appendix G

The Link	Parish News	Total
6176	7298	13474
5069	4364	9432
1107	2935	4042
9689	6224	15913
10796	9159	19955
10796	9159	19955

The Parochial Church Council of Hardington Vale

Accounts for the period**1st January 2021 - 31st December 2022**

	January 1st	Change in Year	Movement between Funds	December 31st
Parish Funds				
Unrestricted				
Investment	25024	-2933		22091
General Fund	14,860	8,200		23,060
	39,884	5,267		45,151
Restricted Funds				
Restricted Friends Funds				
Investment - NSP	23,153	-2,713		20,440
Farleigh Hungerford	215	124		339
Hemington	684	-891		-207
Laverton	17,244	-2,000		15,244
Laverton Medlock Trust Monuments	1,000			1,000
Norton St Philip	24,341	-9,751		14,590
Norton St Philip V Holman Churchyard	1,000	1,000		2,000
St Lawrence Rode	6,697	-1,877		4,820
All Saints Tellisford	247			247
	74,581	-16,108		58,473
N St P Flower Fund	488	-44		444
Hemington Churchyard	1,278	-148		1,131
HV Family Worker	7,884	-1,750		6,134
N St P Choir Fund	131			131
N St P Garden of Remembrance	2,341			2,341
N St P Lighting Fund	53			53
NSP Bell Fund		431		431
St Lawrence Rode HOR Appeal	16,461	3,179		19,640
St Lawrence Rode Reserve Fund	13,784			13,784
St Lawrence Rode Appeal	3,047			3,047
St Lawrence Roof Appeal		15,500		15,500
St Lawrence Bell Fund	5,078			5,078
Tellisford Bell Appeal	83			83
Woolverton Trust	6,808	-339		6,469
	57,436	16,829		74,266
Designated Funds				
The Link	9,688	1,107		10,796
Parish News	6,225	2,935		9,160
	15,913	4,042		19,956
Total Funds	137,814	10,030		197,846

Accounts for the period

1st January 2021 - 31st December 2022

Represented by

	2021	2022
Bank Accounts		
HV Current Account Nat West	81,860	105,950
Nat West NStP	4,289	490
CBF - Hardington Vale 601443001D	22,332	23,902
CBF 601088001S - Investment Rode	2,461	2,235
TSB Bank Hemington	4,423	3,531
TSB Bank - Laverton	6,538	5,541
COIF Investment Fund - Woolverton	3,784	3,345
Scottish Widows Treasury Tracker Laverton	9,566	9,586
	<u>135,253</u>	<u>154,579</u>

Debtors & Prepayments

Debtors	Note 1 below	8,084	6,463
Investments		<u>48,177</u>	<u>42,531</u>
		<u>56,261</u>	<u>48,994</u>

Creditors & Accruals

Creditors	Note 2 Below	3,699	5,727
Year End Movement		<u>3,699</u>	<u>5,727</u>

Total		<u>187,815</u>	<u>197,846</u>
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The General Fund and the Friends of Norton St Philip have the benefit of dividend income from shares in a CBF investment fund which at the 31st December 2022 had a collective market value of £42531

Being made up of -	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Hardington Vale Investment Account	£15,798	£15,562	18476	19752	22592	19944
Hardington Vale Investment Account	£1,701	£1,675	1989	2126	2432	2147
Jackson Bequest - NSP Friends	£15,618	£15,385	18265	19527	22334	19717
EM Bell Bequest - NSP Churchyard	£572	£564	669	716	819	723
	<u>£33,689</u>	<u>£33,186</u>	<u>£39,399</u>	<u>£42,121</u>	<u>£48,177</u>	<u>£42,531</u>

Note 1

Debtors

Laverton Collection	129.50
Charities Paid in in January	559.59
HMRC Blue/Gads	540.08
HMRC Dec S/O	1388.38
Laverton HMRC	1861.22
Laverton C/reader	89.99
Rode Roof VAT Recovery	1400.00
Tellisford Recharge	494.00
	<u>6462.76</u>

Note 2

Creditors and Accruals

HMRC PAYE/NI	124.40
Christmas Charities Paid Out January	1594.97
Parish News Subs 2023	1490.00
Eden UK	16.95
British Gas NSP Electric	523.88
British Gas NSP Gas	164.46
Parish News Adverts 2023	379.00
Priority IT	35.34
BT	109.46
Office Evolution	304.93
Palairat Hall	25.00
Barry Davis	95.00
Southern Electric Rode	689.73
Eon Farleigh Hungerford	123.02
British gas Tellisford	50.54
	<u>5726.68</u>

Appendix A
General Fund

Appendix B

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Appendix C

	10 Friends of Farleigh Hungerford	11 Friends of Hemington	12 Friends of Laverton	13 Friends of Norton St Philip	14 Friends of Rode	15 Friends of Tellisford Fabric Fund	Total 2022	Year 2021
Restricted Funds - Friends of Income								
4001 Envelope Gift Aided								
4010 Bankers Order - Gift Aided			1,708	1,890	1,686		5,284	5,010
4011 Bankers Order - Non Gift Aided					665		665	615
4020 Collections			2,453			13	2,466	1,316
4030 Fabric Donations				1,063		68	1,131	248
4021 Gift Aid Cash Collections GADS								
			4,161	2,953	2,351	81	9,546	7,189
4040 Income Tax Rebate & Gift Aid			1,915	758	965	20	3,658	10,488
4099 Special Appeal			1,920				1,920	42,850
4100 Donations			1,370	7,145	2,172		10,687	4,861
4110 Donations for Charities			192				192	336
4101 Bequests & Legacies								3,000
4140 Grants	966		1,100	2,000	600	494	5,160	40,679
	966		6,497	9,902	3,737	514	21,616	102,214
4200 Dividends				588			588	960
4210 Bank Interest Received			20				20	3
			20	588			608	963
4300 Fund Raising Events			1,283	3,589	160		5,033	2,830
4320 Misc Income			3,355	7,037			10,393	880
4820 Revaluation of Investments					-226		-226	
	966		15,316	24,070	6,021	595	46,969	114,076

Appendix D

	10 Friends of Farleigh Hungerford	11 Friends of Hemington	12 Friends of Laverton	13 Friends of Norton St Philip	14 Friends of Rode	15 Friends of Tellisford Fabric Fund	Total 2022	Year 2021
Restricted Funds - Expenditure								
5000 Common Fund			4,766				4,766	4,528
5100 Charitable Donations			192				192	219
5211 HV Admin Recharge			717				717	665
5238 Clergy Expenses, Training & Development								
5300 Electricity			607				607	621
5315 Water & Sewerage								37
5500 Maintenance - Building			1,566	4,006	5,729	43	11,425	35,430
5501 Building Projects			8,368	25,250			33,618	48,880
5510 Maintenance - Church Wall				67			67	
5516 Wages for Grass Cutting			600	800	240		1,640	1,905
5530 Cleaning Costs				664			664	
5600 Organ Tuning & Repairs				130			130	
5655 Bells - Assoc fees etc		891					891	15
5800 Insurance	842		500	1,823	1,929	552	5,646	4,274
5810 Architects Fees								1,607
Total	842	891	17,317	32,821	7,898	595	60,364	98,181
Net Change	124	-891	-2,000	-8,751	-1,877	0	-13,395	15,896

Appendix E

	18 Hemington Church Yard	20 NStP Flower Fund	22 NStPBellr Fund	29 St Lawrenc e Heart of Rode Appeal	30 St Lawrence Roof Fund	35 Woolvert on Trust	57 Families Worker	Total 2022	Year 2021
Restricted Funds - Income									
4001 Envelope Gift Aided									
4010 Bankers Order - Gift Aided	10			680				690	727
4011 Bankers Order - Non Gift Aided									180
4020 Collections	14							14	
4040 Income Tax Rebate & Gift Aid	150		94	197			150	591	567
4100 Donations	100		376	110			600	1,186	1845
4140 Grant	100				22,500			22,600	4868
4200 Dividends			22			100		121	719
4300 Fund Raising Events				2,664				2,664	
4310 VAT Recovery					0				
4820 Revaluation of Investments						-439		-439	
	374		491	3,651	22,500	-339	750	27,427	8,906
	18 Hemington Churchyard	20 NStP Flower Fund	22 NStPBellr Fund	29 St Lawrenc e Heart of Rode Appeal	30 St Lawrence Roof Fund	35 Woolvert on Trust	57 Families Worker	Total 2022	Year 2021
Restricted Funds - Expenditure									
5241 Room Hire									
5281 Family Worker							2,500	2,500	4928
5300 Electricity									
5510 Maintenance - Churchyards	323							323	
5655 Bells - Assoc fees etc			60					60	
5750 Flowers		44						44	328
5800 Insurance	199							199	196
5810 Architects Fees					7,000			7,000	
5950 Fund Raising Activities				472				472	
	522	44	60	472	7,000		2,500	10,598	5,452
Net Change	-148	-44	431	3,179	15,500	-339	-1,750	16,829	3,454

Appendix F

	45 DF The Link	46 DF Parish News	Total 2022	Year 2021
Designated Funds - Income				
4040 Income Tax Rebate & Gift Aid	647	816	1,463	1,535
4500 Magazine Subscription	2,561	3,124	5,685	6,069
4510 Magazine Adverts	2,968	3,358	6,326	6,797
4520 Magazine Other				
	6,176	7,298	13,474	14,401
	45 DF The Link	46 DF Parish News	Total 2022	Year 2021
Designated Funds - Expenditure				
5400 Printing	4,810		4,810	4,172
5401 Misc Magazine Expenses	259	79	338	
5410 Paper for printing		1,690	1,690	1,616
5415 Copier/Printer for Magazine Printing		2,595	2,595	2,772
5420 Photocopier maintenance				
	5,069	4,364	9,432	8,560
Net Change	1,107	2,935	4,042	5,841

PCC Accounts and Returns Checklist

This checklist is designed to enable the PCC Treasurer to ensure all year end responsibilities have been completed.

Accounts have been prepared on:

☐

Receipts & Payments basis

OR

☒

Accruals basis

(If income is greater than £250k, your accounts must be prepared on an accruals basis)

☒

The accounts have been approved prior to the APCM, received at the APCM & signed by the PCC Chairman.

All the following should form part of your accounts pack. Tick to confirm this.

☒ PCC annual report approved prior to the APCM

☒ Signed independent examiners report.

Model report can be downloaded from

<http://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-parishes/finances/for-treasurers/treasurers-accountin-returns/>

☐ Statement of Assets & Liabilities / Balance Sheet as appropriate.

☒

The Return of Parish Finance totals agree with the accounts (attach this or submit online)

☒

Is PCC income (total including all restricted funds and excluding transfers between funds) above £100k for the year ? (Yes/No)

If **YES**, the following further confirmation is required :

Either ☐ The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission

The registration number is

1128078

☒ PCC accounts and annual return have been filed at the Charity Commission /will be filed before the deadline (31 October 2019)

Or ☐ The PCC is currently applying for registration

Or ☐ This year is a 'one off' & the PCC has applied to the Charity Commission for dispensation not to register this year.

Please return this checklist with your Accounts and Finance returns to:

Janine Lavery at the Finance Department, Flourish House, Cathedral Park, Wells, BA5 1FD

or by email to returns@bathwells.anglican.org

If you have any queries regarding the completion of your accounts or returns there is guidance on the Diocesan website <http://www.bathandwells.org.uk> and Parish Resources, www.parishresources.org.uk

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of:

HARDINGTON VALE

Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended:

31st DECEMBER 2022

Charity Number (if applicable):

112 80 78

Set out on pages

1 - 10

(reference to include the page numbers of all included sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of trustees and
examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

A.C. Nash

Date:

10th March 2023

Name:

ANTHONY CHARLES NASH

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):**

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