SEVERN VINEYARD

England & Wales · Charity number 1130698

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Company number	06952398
Registered	2009-07-23
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITIES OBJECTS (THE OBJECTS) ARE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND:(A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS IN THE SCHEDULE TO THE ARTICLES HERETO ATTACHED INCLUDING BUT NOT BY WAY OF LIMITATION THROUGH THE PLANTING OF OTHER VINEYARD CHURCHES IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF BRISTOL, THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;(B) TO FURTHER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SUCH PARTS OF BRISTOL, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT;(C) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING, TRAINING IN LIFE SKILLS AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF BRISTOL, THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;(D) TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

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Activities: Volunteers/staff provide:1) practical support/financial assistance to vulnerable persons/families in partnership with social services/other charities.2) events/social networks in local communities to contribute to community cohesion, empower creative expression and stimulate faith and hope amongst every generation.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Environment/conservation/heritage, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BRISTOL, THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD
- Bristol City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£284,236	£252,877	-	-
2024-06-30	£293,129	£325,906	-	-
2023-06-30	£286,686	£344,001	-	-
2022-06-30	£313,196	£311,632	-	-
2021-06-30	£332,043	£247,240	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Nigel Keith Cecil Gazzard	Chair	2023-03-28
Barbara Sifuniso Likulunga		2023-04-19
Claire Lynch		2019-04-30
Gregory Allan Nixon		2016-06-16
Owen Robert Lynch		
Philip Howells		2016-03-08

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Accounts

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 JUNE 2025

Company Registration Number 06952398
Charity Number 1130698

SEVERN VINEYARD

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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SEVERN VINEYARD

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2025.

Governing Document

Severn Vineyard is a registered charity, charity number 1130698, incorporated on 14 July 2009, duly constituted by means of its Memorandum and Articles of Association and operating as a church.

Organisational Structure

Severn Vineyard is a company limited by guarantee as well as a registered charity, in which the company directors also form the Board of Trustees. The day to day running of the Church is delegated to the employed Lead Pastors: Rev. O R Lynch and Rev. C Lynch both of whom are also Trustees. The liability of each Trustee in the event of a winding up is limited to £1.

Connected Charities

Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland ("VCUKI")

VCUKI (registered charity number 1099748) was formed with the purpose of joining together churches that hold common values and practices. VCUKI helps, serves, and strengthens the churches by leading, training, resourcing, administering, and providing pastoral support to senior pastors.

Objectives & Activities

The objectives of Severn Vineyard are:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith including the planting of new Vineyard churches;

2. The advancement of Christian education, through the production of talks, podcasts and Bible study materials;

3. The relief of sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling, training in life skills and support in such parts of Bristol, the UK or the world as the Trustees from time to time may see fit;

4. The provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities with the objective of improving their conditions of life.

Achievements and Performance

Performance against Objectives

The level of performance against objectives is, in the main, a reflection of the activity of the members of Severn Vineyard who volunteer their time, energy and money freely because of their faith in God.

The advancement of the Christian faith including the planting of new Vineyard churches

Recognising the unique contribution that the Christian faith makes to the emotional and spiritual health of individuals, families and communities, there has been significant investment in pathways, courses and content including

- Spiritual Retreats
- Modelling contemplative spirituality, including meditation and reflection

The result of this focus on emotional and spiritual health has been many stories of positive change in mental health and relationships amongst those who have participated.

The advancement of Christian education

Anecdotal evidence suggests that repeated spiritual experiences of Jesus incrementally and radically transform the mind, body, and soul. A key part of this come through theological education. Christian theological education has been delivered in a variety of formats to children, teenagers, and adults, utilising digital platforms and in-person community gatherings.

The staff team plays a key role in leading and coordinating the Christian education of the whole church including a Children and Families Pastor, a Youth and Students Pastor, two Co-Lead Pastors and an Assistant Pastor, as well as a Business Manager and a Communications Manager.

The staff team has worked with volunteer teams to run weekly events for people of all ages including children, youth, families, students, and young adults. Some of this work is done in collaboration with other churches in the UK Vineyard movement and with third party organisations like Fusion. Our association with the Vineyard movement in the UK and Ireland is particularly central to our programme with National events such as "Dreaming the Impossible" (DTI) and "The Cause to Live For" - events and networks that connect youth and young adults.

The Vineyard national networks for Kids and Family Pastors, Youth and Students Pastors, Worship Pastors and Lead Pastors are especially helpful for equipping and networking. Severn Vineyard also contributes to the wider Vineyard movement by releasing the Lead Pastors to serve as Vineyard Area Leaders for the West Country and Wales providing oversight and support to seven other Vineyard churches in the area. Owen & Claire Lynch stepped down from this role during the financial year.

The relief of the poor and needy, and those who are aged or sick

Recognising God's particular determination throughout the Bible to protect and care for the vulnerable and marginalised, Severn has continued to commit significant amounts of time, energy, and money to help the most vulnerable and marginalised in Bristol.

- **Food Poverty:**
  Severn Vineyard continued to run a foodbank in partnership with Field Vineyard Church and the South and East Bristol Foodbank (part of the Trussell Trust network) serving the BS4 area of South Bristol. In the twelve months to 30th June 2025 the foodbank fulfilled, the combined BS4 outlets fulfilled 1461 Referrals, providing 3 days of emergency food to a total of 2224 adults and 1360 children, an 11% increase in the number of people fed on the previous financial year. This was only possible through an extensive team of around 60 volunteers assisting in the preparation, delivery and distribution of the emergency food

parcels, contributing over 2500 hours of their time to help alleviate food poverty in Bristol.

- We have also continued to partner with St. Barnabas in Knowle West to run our face-to-face outlet, where clients can come and collect their food parcels, but also have the opportunity for signposting to wider support through our financial inclusion team.

- To help meet the continued rise in the number of people facing food poverty in the area, and the additional demands that this places on the running of the outlets and the increased need for food to fulfil the referrals, we have appointed a foodbank project assistant to work alongside the foodbank coordinator for one day a week. Part of this role is to increase connections with the wider BS4 community to help raise the support needed to sustain the work of the foodbank outlets.

- **Vulnerable Families:**
  Severn Vineyard has worked in partnership with Home for Good to provide Foster Carers with a support group and families associated with Severn continue to serve as foster carers.

- **Homelessness:**
  Severn Vineyard Soup Run teams have continued to provide food, hot drinks, and toiletries alongside a listening ear to homeless people twice a month, serving up to forty people a night.

- **Debt advocacy and support:**
  In partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Severn Vineyard provides debt advocacy and support to people in the BS3, BS4, BS13, BS14 postcode areas of Bristol. In the twelve months to 30th June 2025 38 people have been helped by this service – 9 clients are now debt free, having been relieved of nearly £200,000 worth of debt. This service is run in partnership with several churches in south Bristol who provide be-frienders to walk with the clients through their journey to becoming debt free.

  Severn Vineyard continued to provide life skills training courses in partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP). Three money coaching courses were held across South Bristol. Attendees were made up of existing clients and some entirely new to CAP services. Each attendee came away with a personalised electronic budgeting tool with support on how to use it, update it over time and most importantly how to ensure it is balanced. The course helped attendees set realistic and achievable savings goals as well as a self-screening tool for recognising when debt was becoming unmanageable, at which point Money Coaches were available and on hand to discuss avenues of support.

- **Refugees and Asylum Seekers:**
  Severn Vineyard has also partnered with Bristol City Council to run a weekly Refugee Welcome Hub. This was initially set up to welcome and help integrate Ukrainian refugees into the city of Bristol, but has expanded to include refugees of other countries, including Syria. This project is funded by Bristol City Council and provides a place where refugees can learn English whilst meeting others in a similar situation. This stopped in April 2025 as those involved gained employment and moved on from basic classes.

The provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities with the objective of improving their conditions of life.

Recognising that no community exists in isolation, Severn has sought to catalyse community groups within local neighbourhoods and among people with similar interests. These groups have helped to counter the inherent loneliness experienced in the city, strengthen neighbourhoods, and bring together people whose differences could have kept them apart.

Severn Vineyard staff and volunteers have worked together to gather and connect people with activities and events, including monthly sharing breakfast "all-ins," walks, a curry night, and a craft night, "Light parties" (as an alternative to Halloween), summer picnics and shared lunches after Sunday morning services. During the Summer break, groups of people met in homes on a Sunday, rather than meeting at the central venue as well as gathering for picnics and walks.

Severn has a pastoral support network to respond to the pastoral needs of members of the church community who are struggling with personal challenges.

As well as community groups, our staff organise teams of volunteers that support the infrastructure of Severn Vineyard. Whilst these teams are essential for the operation of the church, they are also a primary way to provide a forum for friendship to flourish.

In planning church activities, the trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance relating to activities for the public benefit.

Financial review

The finances of Severn Vineyard during 2024 - 2025 show that the trustees have focused expenditure on the four main objectives of the charity.
Restricted funds include funds received for the ongoing building campaign and the Refugee Welcome Hub.

In addition, restricted donations totalling £110,241 were received in 2024/25 for the ongoing work of the South Bristol CAP Centre and BS4 Foodbank Outlet from a variety personal donors, churches and denominational bodies. In addition, grants were awarded from the Willats Trust, the Nisbet Trust, BrisDoc, Feeding Bristol, Blakemore Foundation, Groundworks, Burgess Salmon Trust, the National Benevolent Fund, the Bristol Diocese, and the Bristol Archdeaconry Charity, as well as some local churches and schools.

Principal funding has come from donations made by members of the church. A significant proportion of the donations have been made under the Gift Aid scheme, whereby HM Revenue & Customs returns the tax paid on those donations to Severn Vineyard. Note 3 to the accounts details how the expenditure in the period has supported the church's key objectives.

Unrestricted income for the year was £170,410 and unrestricted expenditure was £183,050 resulting in a deficit on unrestricted funds for the year of £12,640. All funds income for the year was £284,236 and all funds expenditure was £252,877.

Appointment of Trustees
New Trustees are nominated by other Trustees during Trustees' meetings. Open discussions are conducted within the meetings regarding the candidates' suitability for the role, commitment to Severn

Vineyard, and cross referenced to the skills gaps on the Trustee Board. Potential candidates are approached by one of the Lead Pastors and/or the Chair of Trustees, and the candidate is asked to prayerfully consider whether they might serve the Church in this way. Once the candidate confirms they would be happy to undertake this responsibility, they are invited to a Trustees' meeting and appointed as a Trustee. One of the Trustees will meet with them to go through the Trustee job description, as well as assign them a particular function/department.

Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

Remuneration for key management personnel is guided by a pay spine document developed by a former Trustee of Severn, in line with Vineyard UK pay guidelines. A remuneration committee meets to review the salary and package for the Lead Pastors. The Lead Pastors are responsible for the setting of the remuneration of the staff team in line with policy agreed with the Trustees.

Investment Powers and Policy

The constitution of Severn Vineyard authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments using the funds of the Charity. Cash balances are currently held with several banks to protect the charity from undue exposure to a single institution.

Reserves Policy

Severn Vineyard aims to maintain reserves in order to cover short term fluctuations in income and expenditure. The charity actively maximises its liquidity by submitting frequent claims for gift aid and close management of cash flow.

Maintenance:

The Trustees aim to review, on a half-annual basis, the level of reserves held. At present they consider an absolute minimum level of £25,000 (based on redundancy costs of staff) necessary to cover outstanding contractual expenditure should the charity be unable to continue. However, the ideal minimum amount for reserves would be 3 months of expenditure, which is £41,000.

The current free reserves ensure that the charity can cover all contractual expenditure. Free reserves at the year-end are £41,259, which is within the target range.

Review of Reserves Policy:

The Trustees aim to review whether the Policy itself remains appropriate at least once per year.

Risk Management

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

a) an annual budget approved by the Trustees;
b) regular consideration by the Trustees of financial reports;
c) delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
d) identification and management of risks.

The Trustees aim to review the main risks facing the church, and the controls over key financial systems, on a regular basis. The trustees are of the opinion that adequate systems and resources are in place to mitigate any significant matters arising from operational and business risks. The Trustees are pleased to confirm that the internal financial controls, in particular, conform to guidelines issued by the Charity Commission.

Change of policy

The board of Trustees had considered for several months a proposed change of policy, before involving the staff, community group leaders and team leaders of Severn. This change of policy is in relation to two pastoral guidelines requested of us as a Vineyard Church by the association of Vineyard Churches in the UK:

1. Please do not preside over same-sex unions (whether civil partnerships or marriages).

2. Please do not appoint anyone in a sexual relationship outside of a heterosexual marriage to a position of leadership.

In May 2025, the Trustee Board wrote to all those involved with Severn Vineyard Church to ask them to express their opinion, thoughts and concerns on removing the above-mentioned pastoral guidelines.

At a Trustees meeting on 23rd June 2025, the trustees discussed the comments made in the feedback as well as several detailed emails from members of the congregation. In light of that feedback and given that 86% of respondents indicated that they intend to remain as members of Severn, regardless of whether they agree or disagree with the policy changes, the trustees voted unanimously to proceed with the proposed change of policy.

As a consequence of the agreed policy change to disregard the Vineyard Pastoral Guidelines relating to same sex couples, Owen and Claire Lynch entered into several months of discussions with Vineyard Churches to understand the implications of Severn Vineyard disregarding these guidelines. It became clear that Severn Vineyard would need to leave the Vineyard Church and therefore return the licence to use the Vineyard trademark.

This meant that Severn Vineyard would cease to be part of the Vineyard Churches association. The Articles of Association are being amended to reflect these changes.
Severn Vineyard Bristol will be renamed Severn Church Bristol and will be an independent church once the formal departure from Vineyard Churches has been completed.

Plans for future periods

In line with the charitable objectives, Severn Vineyard will continue to contribute to the spiritual, cultural, and social wellbeing of the residents of Bristol and the surrounding area. Whilst Severn Vineyard will no longer be a Vineyard church, its plans and purposes will remain very similar to previous years.

Plans for the next year include:

a) Moving the church from being associated to Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland to becoming an independent church, including changing the name of the charity to Severn Church Bristol.

b) Strengthening the sense of connectedness within the community of people who are associated with the church in Bristol

c) Continuing to create and provide fresh, engaging, and sustainable pathways for spiritual and emotional health for a diverse mix of children, youth, students, and adults.

d) Serving the city through services that relieve poverty and loneliness.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees (who are also directors of Severn Vineyard for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the strategic report and directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure,

of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Approval of Accounts

The accounts were approved on behalf of the Trustees on ……
by:

Greg Nixon
Trustee/Director

Owen Lynch
Trustee/Director

SEVERN VINEYARD

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Company number

06952398

Charity number

1130698

Trustees

The Trustees (who are directors for the purpose of company law) who have served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

G A Nixon
Rev O R Lynch
Rev C Lynch
P M Howells
N Gazzard
B Likulunga

Secretary

P M Howells

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SEVERN VINEYARD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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

Joshua Kingston BSc FCA
Burton Sweet Limited
The Clock Tower
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Old Weston Road
Flax Bourton
Bristol BS48 1UR

Date……..

SEVERN VINEYARD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including income and expenditure account)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and grants	**2**	163,637	110,241	273,878	284,410
Investments		4,043	3,585	7,628	8,381
Charitable activities - events		2,730	-	2,730	338
Total income		170,410	113,826	284,236	293,129
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		1,903	-	1,903	5,000
Charitable activities	**3**	181,147	69,827	250,974	320,906
Total expenditure		183,050	69,827	252,877	325,906
Net income / (expenditure)	**4**	(12,640)	43,999	31,359	(32,777)
Transfers between funds		2,349	(2,349)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(10,291)	41,650	31,359	(32,777)
Total funds brought forward	**12**	53,424	380,320	433,744	466,521
Total funds carried forward	**12**	43,133	421,970	465,103	433,744

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing.

The comparative Statement of Financial Activities is shown in note 6.

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET

AT 30 JUNE 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets	**7**	121	983
Current assets			
Debtors	**8**	10,124	10,339
Cash at bank		472,545	435,934
		482,669	446,273
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	**9**	(17,687)	(13,512)
Net current assets		464,982	432,761
Net assets		465,103	433,744
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	**13**	421,970	380,320
Unrestricted funds	**13**	43,133	53,424
		465,103	433,744

For the year ending 30 June 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011.
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006,
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on……..... and are signed on their behalf by:

Greg Nixon
Trustee

Owen Lynch
Trustee

Company registration number 06952398

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these financial statements

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention (except where otherwise stated in the accounting policy note) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102.

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, despite the significant uncertainty being caused by the national cost of living crisis. Whilst the Trustees expect there to be a significant impact on the charity's operations and reserves in the coming months and years, the charity has sufficient reserves to be able to meet these challenges.

b) Income

Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:

I. When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods;

II. When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that activity inclusive of VAT. Support costs and costs that cannot be directly attributed have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resource.

Costs of charitable activities comprise the expenditure associated with achieving the charitable objectives and activities of Severn Vineyard.

Governance costs comprise the costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs are included within support costs.

Expenditure is allocated to a particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories based on use of the particular resource.

d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Designated funds form part of unrestricted funds and have been identified as being for particular purposes by the Trustees. They are not restricted and can be transferred to general funds at any time at the discretion of the Trustees.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

e) **Fixed assets**

Depreciation is calculated so as to write-off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of the asset as follows:

Computer and office equipment	3 years straight line
Motor Vehicles	4 years straight line
PA equipment	4 years straight line

Assets are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500.

f) **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

g) **Cash at bank in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

h) **Creditors**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

i) **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity contributes to defined contribution pension schemes. Contributions payable to the charity's pension schemes are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2 Donations and grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Donations from church members	134,104	66,747	200,851
Gift aid reclaimed	29,533	549	30,082
Grants received	-	42,945	42,945
	163,637	110,241	273,878

Donations of £16,590 (2024: £20,500) were received from trustees and other related parties during the year.

During the year, the charity received government grants of £24,995 (2024: £54,037).

The charity receives gifts in kind from generous donors. These include clothes, toys and baby equipment etc which are then distributed to those in need via The Storehouse. The Storehouse ceased operating during the year, so no additional gifts were received during the current year.

2 Donations and grants (continued)

Prior year	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations from church members	157,147	23,985	181,132
Gift aid reclaimed	34,352	-	34,352
Grants received	7,626	57,561	65,187
Gifts in kind	-	3,739	3,739
	199,125	85,285	284,410

3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Christian Faith £	Education £	Alleviating hardship £	Total 2025 £
Grants and gifts (see below)	1,485	1,000	3,227	5,712
Direct costs:				
Staff costs	41,585	47,975	39,379	128,939
Other staff costs	7,343	6,903	7,552	21,798
Sunday services and events	2,287	2,424	1,350	6,061
Car parking	1,687	1,724	-	3,411
Hospitality and refreshments	2,911	2,769	21,159	26,839
Travelling expenses	405	389	16	810
Support costs (see below)	20,952	20,495	15,957	57,404
	78,655	83,679	88,640	250,974

Support costs

	Christian Faith £	Education £	Alleviating hardship £	Total 2025 £
Premises costs				
Rent, rates and utilities	11,802	12,042	11,639	35,483
Small equipment and repairs	78	78	800	956
Depreciation	375	375	112	862
Insurance	210	199	306	715
Office costs				
Stationery, telephone and IT	1,693	1,186	278	3,157
Sundry costs	767	878	298	1,943
Contributions to VCUK	4,306	4,091	-	8,397
Governance				
Trustees' expenses	4	4	-	8
Accountancy	856	810	1,247	2,913
Independent examiner's fee	861	832	1,277	2,970
	20,952	20,495	15,957	57,404

3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities (continued)

Prior year	Christian Faith	Education	Alleviating hardship	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Grants and gifts (see below)	11,030	10,394	16,910	38,334
Direct costs:				
Staff costs	42,931	43,303	47,863	134,097
Other staff costs	8,801	5,659	12,109	26,569
Volunteer thanks	8	-	-	8
Sunday services and events	1,737	1,888	2,733	6,358
Car parking	2,644	2,491	-	5,135
Hospitality and refreshments	3,758	3,187	18,608	25,553
Travelling expenses	530	398	488	1,416
Support costs (see below)	29,901	29,152	24,383	83,436
	101,340	96,472	123,094	320,906

Support costs

	Christian Faith	Education	Alleviating hardship	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Premises costs				
Rent, rates and utilities	20,723	20,190	16,156	57,069
Small equipment and repairs	512	123	1,237	1,872
Depreciation	914	914	274	2,102
Insurance	263	249	384	896
Office costs				
Stationery, telephone and IT	1,460	715	351	2,526
Sundry costs	1,155	2,240	320	3,715
Contributions to VCUK	3,398	3,310	3,507	10,215
Governance				
Trustees' expenses	2	15	3	20
Accountancy	682	646	994	2,322
Independent examiner's fee	792	750	1,157	2,699
	29,901	29,152	24,383	83,436

3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities (continued)

Grants and gifts

	2025 £	2024 £
Grants and gifts made to organisations:		
Bridges for Communities	3,000	-
Fusion	745	-
Lighthouse Vineyard	-	30,000
Casa de Esparanza - Mexico	-	3,000
Grants and gifts made to individuals	1,967	5,334
	5,712	38,334

4 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

	2025 £	2024 £
Stated after charging:		
Depreciation	862	2,102
Trustees' expenses - 1 trustee reimbursed for travel expenses (2024: 3 trustees reimbursed for travel and subsistence costs, refreshments and stationery)	8	800
Independent examiner's fee - current year - independent examination	1,290	1,020
- accounts preparation	1,680	1,530

5 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	122,527	129,330
Social security costs	2,664	3,935
Pension contributions	5,651	5,832
	130,842	139,097

5 Staff costs and numbers (continued)

The number of staff employed are as follows:

	2025	2024
Pastoral and administration	10	10

Most staff work part-time hours, the full-time equivalent is 3.5 (2024: 3.5).
No employee was paid more than £60,000 in 2025 or 2024.
The Trustees consider the key management personnel for the charity to be themselves, and Liz Nixon, the church operations manager. Rev. Owen Lynch and Rev Claire Lynch, who are joint lead pastors of the church, are also Trustees of the charity.
Total benefits paid to key management personnel during the year were £76,810 (2024: £74,710), including employer's national insurance and pension contributions.

6 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:			
Donations and grants	199,125	85,285	284,410
Investments	1	8,380	8,381
Charitable activities - events	338	-	338
Total income	199,464	93,665	293,129
Expenditure on:			
Fundraising	5,000	-	5,000
Charitable activities	186,204	134,702	320,906
Total expenditure	191,204	134,702	325,906
Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds	8,260	(41,037)	(32,777)
Total funds brought forward	45,164	421,357	466,521
Total funds carried forward	53,424	380,320	433,744

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment	PA equipment	Computer equipment	Total
Cost	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
At 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025	5,027	22,051	8,113	35,191
Depreciation				
At 1 July 2024	5,027	22,051	7,130	34,208
Charge for the year	-	-	862	862
At 30 June 2025	5,027	22,051	7,992	35,070
Net book value				
At 30 June 2025	-	-	121	121
At 30 June 2024	-	-	983	983

8 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	**£**
Gift Aid receivable	7,072	7,650
Other debtors	1,570	1,376
Prepayments	1,482	1,313
	10,124	10,339

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	**£**
Other creditors	8,913	5,881
Taxation and social security	1,198	1,199
Accruals	6,717	5,593
Pension creditor	859	839
	17,687	13,512

10 Related parties and trustee transactions

During the year, the Charity made payments as follows, all permitted by the Charity's Memorandum of Association:

	Remuneration	Pension Contributions	2025 Total
	£	£	£
Rev Owen Lynch	25,722	1,132	26,854
Rev Claire Lynch	25,722	1,132	26,854
	51,444	2,264	53,708

Prior year

	Remuneration	Pension Contributions	2024 Total
	£	£	£
Rev Owen Lynch	26,356	1,107	27,463
Rev Claire Lynch	26,356	1,107	27,463
	52,712	2,214	54,926

Remuneration includes employer's national insurance contributions.

Both Rev Owen Lynch and Rev Claire Lynch are trustees of the charity, and are therefore key management personnel. The remuneration for Rev Owen Lynch and Rev Claire Lynch above is in connection to their roles as lead pastors.

During the year, the church made a grant of £3,000 to Bridges for Communities, a charity of which Rev Owen Lynch is Chair of trustees.

There were no related party transactions during either the current or the prior year apart from those mentioned elsewhere in the accounts.

11 Company limited by guarantee

The Company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited £1 each.

12 Movement in funds

	At 1 July 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	At 30 June 2025 £
Restricted funds					
Church planting	45	-	-	-	45
New Premises	361,321	6,910	(1,667)	-	366,564
CAP Debt Centre	5,192	28,812	(20,039)	-	13,965
West Country and Wales area	1,919	1,500	(893)	-	2,526
Foodbank	9,116	71,609	(42,416)	-	38,309
Ukraine hub	4	4,995	(4,456)	-	543
Hardship fund	18	-	-	-	18
Storehouse	2,705	-	(356)	(2,349)	-
	380,320	113,826	(69,827)	(2,349)	421,970
Unrestricted funds					
Designated fund - New Premises	1,725	4,041	(4,013)	-	1,753
General reserves	51,699	166,369	(179,037)	2,349	41,380
	433,744	284,236	(252,877)	-	465,103

Church planting - Funds received from Vineyard (UK) to facilitate church planting in the local region.

New Premises - Donations received to contribute towards provision of new church premises.

CAP Debt centre - Funds received to work with clients in South Bristol that are struggling with debt, by offering free debt advice and help with negotiating affordable repayments to creditors.

West Country and Wales area - Income received towards senior pastors' expenses incurred as part of regional oversight.

Foodbank - Funds received to cover the costs of a food bank in partnership with Bristol Vineyard and the Trussell Trust**.**

Christmas hampers - Funds were received to give Christmas hampers to clients of Community Services. The funds were transferred to the Foodbank Fund as the charity became aware that the funds could no longer be spent in this way. Donors' permission was sought before the transfer was made.

Ukraine hub - Funds to welcome and help integrate Ukrainian refugees into the city of Bristol, but has expanded to include refugees of other countries, including Syria.

Hardship fund - Funds received to help relieve the hardship of vulnerable families.

Storehouse - Funds received to help relieve the hardship by giving clothes, toys and baby equipment etc.

New Premises designated fund - The trustees have set aside funds to realise the church's vision for new premises.

12 Movement in funds (continued)

Prior year

	At 1 July 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	At 30 June 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Church planting	45	-	-	-	45
New Premises	399,229	11,706	(49,614)	-	361,321
CAP Debt Centre	-	17,588	(12,396)	-	5,192
West Country and Wales area	3,443	-	(1,524)	-	1,919
Foodbank	10,764	18,839	(23,462)	2,975	9,116
Christmas hampers	2,975	-	-	(2,975)	-
Ukraine hub	4,884	-	(4,880)	-	4
Hardship fund	17	38,290	(38,289)	-	18
Storehouse	-	7,242	(4,537)	-	2,705
	421,357	93,665	(134,702)	-	380,320
Unrestricted funds					
Designated fund - New Premises	1,725	-	-	-	1,725
General reserves	43,439	199,464	(191,204)	-	51,699
	466,521	293,129	(325,906)	-	433,744

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	At 30 June 2025 £
Restricted funds	-	421,970	421,970
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	-	1,753	1,753
General funds	121	41,259	41,380
	121	464,982	465,103

Free reserves of the charity at 30 June 2025 were £41,259.

Prior year

	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	At 30 June 2024 £
Restricted funds	-	380,320	380,320
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	-	1,725	1,725
General funds	983	50,716	51,699
	983	432,761	433,744

Free reserves of the charity at 30 June 2024 were £50,716.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2024.

Governing Document

Severn Vineyard is a registered charity, charity number 1130698, incorporated on 14 July 2009, duly constituted by means of its Memorandum and Articles of Association and operating as a church.

Organisational Structure

Severn Vineyard is a company limited by guarantee as well as a registered charity, in which the company directors also form the Board of Trustees. The day to day running of the Church is delegated to the employed Lead Pastors: Rev. O R Lynch and Rev. C Lynch both of whom are also Trustees. The liability of each Trustee in the event of a winding up is limited to £1.

Connected Charities

Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland ("VCUKI")

VCUKI (registered charity number 1099748) was formed with the purpose of joining together churches that hold common values and practices. It gives oversight to the pastors of Vineyard churches and facilitates church planting. VCUKI helps, serves, and strengthens the churches by leading, training, resourcing, administering, and providing pastoral support to senior pastors. Severn Vineyard uses the name Vineyard by licence agreement with VCUKI.

Severn Vineyard aims to give 5% of its unrestricted income to support the work of VCUKI. This is not an obligation but is consistent with the Church's aims of sharing in the training of Christian workers and advancing the Kingdom of God.

Objectives & Activities

The objectives of Severn Vineyard are:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith including the planting of new Vineyard churches;

2. The advancement of Christian education, through the production of talks, podcasts and Bible study materials;

3. The relief of sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling, training in life skills and support in such parts of Bristol, the UK or the world as the Trustees from time to time may see fit;

4. The provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities with the objective of improving their conditions of life.

Achievements and Performance

Performance against Objectives

The level of performance against objectives is, in the main, a reflection of the activity of the members of Severn Vineyard who volunteer their time, energy and money freely because of their faith in God.

The advancement of the Christian faith including the planting of new Vineyard churches

Recognising the unique contribution that the Christian faith makes to the emotional and spiritual health of individuals, families and communities, there has been significant investment in pathways, courses and content including:

- Immanuel Prayer sessions
- Spiritual Direction
- Modelling meditation

The result of this focus on emotional and spiritual health has been many stories of positive change in mental health and relationships amongst those who have participated.

The advancement of Christian education

Anecdotal evidence suggests that repeated spiritual experiences of Jesus incrementally and radically transform the mind, body, and soul. A key part of this is achieved through theological education. Christian theological education has been delivered in a variety of formats to children, teenagers, and adults, utilising digital platforms and in-person community gatherings.

The staff team plays a key role in leading and coordinating the Christian education of the whole church including:

- Children and Families Pastor
- Youth and Students Pastor
- Two Co-Lead Pastors

The staff team have worked with volunteer teams to run weekly events for people of all ages including children, youth, families, students, and young adults. Some of this work is done in collaboration with other churches in the UK Vineyard movement and with third party organisations like Fusion. Our association with the Vineyard movement in the UK and Ireland is particularly central to our programme with National events such as "Dreaming the Impossible" (DTI) and "The Cause to Live For" - events and networks that connect youth and young adults. The Vineyard national networks for Kids and Family Pastors, Youth and Students Pastors, Worship Pastors and Lead Pastors are especially helpful for equipping and networking.

Severn Vineyard also contributes to the wider Vineyard movement by releasing the Lead Pastors to serve as Vineyard Area Leaders for the West Country and Wales providing oversight and support to seven other Vineyard churches in the area.

The relief of the poor and needy, and those who are aged or sick

Recognising God's particular determination throughout the Bible to protect and care for the vulnerable and marginalised, Severn has continued to commit significant amounts of time, energy and money to help the most vulnerable and marginalised in Bristol.

Food Poverty:
Severn Vineyard continued to run an emergency food-bank in partnership with Field Vineyard Church and the South and East Bristol Food-bank (part of the Trussell Trust network) serving the BS4 area of South Bristol. In the year to 30th June 2024 the food-bank fulfilled 1,282 Vouchers, delivering food to a total of 1,912 adults and 1,313 children, a 33% increase in the number of people fed on the previous financial year. This was only possible through an extensive team of around sixty volunteers assisting in the preparation, delivery and distribution of the emergency food parcels.

The cost-of-living crisis resulted in a large increase in the number of people suffering from food poverty during 23/24. The Cost-of-Living Grant provided crucial additional funding that allowed us to expand our foodbank operations to meet the increase in need for emergency food parcels at the outlet. This included the purchase of a much needed extensive racking system within the foodbank store room to help manage the 25,609 kg of food and toiletries distributed, paying for additional hire of the packing facilities at The Harbour to allow for food parcel packing sessions to be expanded, the continued hire of St Barnabas church as a venue for the face to face clinic as well as a temporary increase in hours of the food-bank coordinator to help manage the outlet.

It also allowed us to expand the provision for the clients attending the St Barnabas foodbank clinic, both with the purchase of food hygiene courses for volunteers to allow us to be able to prepare to offer cheese toasties to clients, along with additional kitchen equipment including a coffee machine for the outlet to help manage refreshments for the increased number of people attending the outlet.

We also used the funding to work with The Park Community Centre Cafe to provide vouchers for a hot meal and drinks for four hundred adults and children, providing both a vital hot meal but also another connection to the wider community to help prevent social isolation for those suffering from food poverty within the area.

Vulnerable Families:

Severn Vineyard has worked in partnership with Home for Good to provide Foster Carers with a support group and families associated with Severn continue to serve as foster carers.

Our Storehouse has continued to provide support for vulnerable families with free children's clothing and baby equipment. This year, it has supported 162 families, who are often put in touch with us through their support/social/health worker. It is a much-valued service, which also provides opportunities for church members to help and serve those families most in need. A government-funded cost-of-living grant along with two other grants, enabled the Storehouse to be staffed one day a week as well as purchase cots, mattresses, and equipment. We made the difficult decision to close the Storehouse in July 2024 when funding ran out.

Homelessness:
Severn Vineyard Soup Run teams have continued to provide food, hot drinks and toiletries alongside a listening ear to homeless people twice a month, serving up to 40 people a night.

Debt advocacy and support:

In partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Severn Vineyard provides debt advocacy and support to people in the BS3, BS4, BS13, BS14 postcode areas of Bristol. In the year to 30th June 2024 30 people have been helped by this service and families have been relieved of nearly £51,000 worth of debt. This service is run in partnership with several churches in south Bristol who provide be-frienders to walk with the clients through their journey to becoming debt free.

Severn Vineyard continued to provide life skills training courses in partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP). Three money coaching courses were held across South Bristol. Attendees consisted of existing clients and some entirely new to CAP services. Each attendee received a personalised electronic budgeting tool with support on how to use it, update it over time and most importantly how to ensure their budget is balanced. The course helped people to set realistic and achievable savings goals as well as a self-screening tool for recognising when debt was becoming unmanageable, at which point Money Coaches were available and on hand to discuss avenues of support.

Refugees and Asylum Seekers:

Severn Vineyard has also partnered with Bristol City Council to run a weekly Refugee Welcome Hub. This was initially set up to welcome and help integrate Ukrainian refugees into the city of Bristol, but has expanded to include refugees of other countries, including Syria. This project is funded by Bristol City Council and provides a place where refugees can learn English whilst meeting others in a similar situation.

The provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities with the objective of improving their conditions of life.

Recognising that no community exists in isolation, Severn has sought to catalyse community groups within local neighbourhoods and among people with similar interests. These groups have helped to counter the inherent loneliness experienced in the city, strengthen neighbourhoods, and bring together people whose differences could have kept them apart.

Severn Vineyard staff and volunteers have worked together to gather and connect people with activities and events, including monthly sharing breakfast "all-ins," walks, a curry night, and a cocktail night, "Light parties" (as an alternative to Halloween), summer picnics and shared lunches after Sunday morning services. During the Summer break, groups of people met in homes on a Sunday, rather than meeting at the central venue as well as gathering for picnics and walks.

Severn has a pastoral support network to respond to the pastoral needs of members of the church community who are struggling with personal challenges.

As well as community groups, our staff organise teams of volunteers that support the infrastructure of Severn Vineyard. Whilst these teams are essential for the operation of the church, they are also a primary way to provide a forum for friendship to flourish.

In planning church activities, the trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance relating to activities for the public benefit.

Financial review

The finances of Severn Vineyard during 2023 - 2024 show that the trustees have focused expenditure on the three main objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds include funds received for the ongoing building campaign and funds received for the CAP debt advocacy service, Vineyard BS4 Foodbank and the Refugee Welcome Hub. We were fortunate to receive grants totalling £65,187, thanks to the work of our paid, part-time Fundraiser, including from the UK Government, Asda Foundation, Feeding Bristol, Burgess Salmon Trust, The Willats Trust and The Cinnamon Network.

Severn Vineyard received a specific cost-of-living grant from the National Lottery Community Fund. This covered some of the costs of existing services, from July 2023 until March 2024 and enabled us to set up new services or expand existing services. The money was spent on a variety of things, across a variety of Severn's community services and included:

- Setting up a new, twice weekly toddler group for local parents, enabling them to attend for free. Purchasing new toys, equipment and covering staff salaries
- Day-trips to the theatre and Windsor Castle and a womens' spiritual retreat
- Purchasing new shelving to enable better storage for the Food Bank; staff salaries; new equipment of a coffee machine and toastie-maker to enable a lunch service whilst clients collect food parcels
- Purchasing new rails and equipment for the Storehouse project, as well as mattresses for cots and moses baskets, and nappies, wipes, and muslin cloths to gift to new parents
- Bursaries for clients of the CAP debt centre, providing urgently needed food packages, family tickets for day trips during the school holidays
- Other costs including printing, hospitality, administration, rent and utilities

Principal funding to unrestricted funds has come from donations made by members of the church. A significant proportion of the donations have been made under the Gift Aid scheme, whereby HM Revenue & Customs returns the tax paid on those donations to Severn Vineyard. Note 3 to the accounts details how the expenditure in the period has supported the church's key objectives.

Unrestricted income for the year was £199,464 and unrestricted expenditure was £191,204 resulting in a surplus for the year of £8,260. Total income for the year was £293,129 and total expenditure was £325,906.

During 2023/2024 income was budgeted to be significantly lower than in previous years and the trustees approved a plan to reduce expenditure by £60,000 a year for the budget year July 2023/24. The largest reduction was made to staff payroll which took effect from 1st July 2023.

Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are nominated by other Trustees during Trustees' meetings. Open discussions are conducted within the meetings regarding the candidates' suitability for the role, commitment to Severn Vineyard, and cross referenced to the skills gaps on the Trustee Board. Potential candidates are approached by one of the Lead Pastors and/or the Chair of Trustees, and the candidate is asked to prayerfully consider whether they might serve the Church in this way. Once the candidate confirms they would be happy to undertake this responsibility, they are invited to a Trustees' meeting and appointed as a Trustee. One of the Trustees will meet with them to go through the Trustee job description, as well as assign them a particular function/department.

Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

Remuneration for key management personnel is guided by a pay spine document developed by a former Trustee of Severn, in line with Vineyard UK pay guidelines. A remuneration committee meets to review the salary and package for the Lead Pastors. The Lead Pastors are responsible for the setting of the remuneration of the staff team in line with policy agreed with the Trustees.

Investment Powers and Policy

The constitution of Severn Vineyard authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments using the funds of the Charity. Cash balances are currently held with several banks to protect the charity from undue exposure to a single institution.

Reserves Policy

Rationale:

Severn Vineyard aims to maintain reserves in order to cover short term fluctuations in income and expenditure. The charity actively maximises its liquidity by submitting frequent claims for gift aid and close management of cash flow.

Maintenance:

The Trustees aim to review, on a half-annual basis, the level of reserves held. At present they consider a minimum level of £25,000 necessary to cover outstanding contractual expenditure should the charity be unable to continue. The current free reserves ensure that the charity can cover all contractual expenditure. Free reserves at the year-end are £50,716, which are within the policy. The budget planned for 2024/25 will reduce this position by about £10,000.

Review of Reserves Policy:

The Trustees aim to review whether the Policy itself remains appropriate at least once per year.

Risk Management

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

a) an annual budget approved by the Trustees;
b) regular consideration by the Trustees of financial reports;
c) delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
d) identification and management of risks.

The Trustees aim to review the main risks facing the church, and the controls over key financial systems, on a regular basis. The trustees are of the opinion that adequate systems and resources are in place to mitigate any significant matters arising from operational and business risks. The Trustees are pleased to confirm that the internal financial controls, in particular, conform to guidelines issued by the Charity Commission.

Plans for future periods

In line with the charitable objectives, Severn Vineyard will continue to contribute to the spiritual, cultural and social wellbeing of the residents of Bristol and the surrounding area.

Plans for the next two years involve:

a) Strengthening the sense of connectedness within the community of people who are associated with the Vineyard church in Bristol.
b) Continuing to create and provide fresh, engaging and sustainable pathways for spiritual and emotional health for a diverse mix of children, youth, students and adults.
c) Serving the city through services that relieve poverty and loneliness.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees (who are also directors of Severn Vineyard for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the strategic report and directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Approval of Accounts

The accounts were approved on behalf of the Trustees on Mar 20 2025
by:

Greg A. Nixon

Greg Nixon
Trustee/Director

Owen Lynch

Owen Lynch
Trustee/Director

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REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Company number

06952398

Charity number

1130698

Trustees

The Trustees (who are directors for the purpose of company law) who have served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

G A Nixon
Rev O R Lynch
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P M Howells
N Gazzard
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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

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Date Mar 20 2025

SEVERN VINEYARD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including income and expenditure account)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and grants	**2**	199,125	85,285	284,410	280,867
Investments		1	8,380	8,381	5,450
Charitable activities - events		338	-	338	369
Total income		199,464	93,665	293,129	286,686
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		5,000	-	5,000	3,569
Charitable activities	**3**	186,204	134,702	320,906	340,432
Total expenditure		191,204	134,702	325,906	344,001
Net income / (expenditure)	**4**	8,260	(41,037)	(32,777)	(57,315)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		8,260	(41,037)	(32,777)	(57,315)
Total funds brought forward	**12**	45,164	421,357	466,521	523,836
Total funds carried forward	**12**	53,424	380,320	433,744	466,521

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing.

The comparative Statement of Financial Activities is shown in note 6.

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these financial statements

SEVERN VINEYARD

BALANCE SHEET

AT 30 JUNE 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets	**7**	983	3,085
Current assets			
Debtors	**8**	10,339	11,347
Cash at bank		435,934	468,102
		446,273	479,449
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	**9**	(13,512)	(16,013)
Net current assets		432,761	463,436
Net assets		433,744	466,521
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	**13**	380,320	421,357
Unrestricted funds	**13**	53,424	45,164
		433,744	466,521

For the year ending 30 June 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011.
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006,
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on Mar 20 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

Greg A. Nixon

Greg Nixon
Trustee

Owen Lynch

Owen Lynch
Trustee

Company registration number 06952398

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these financial statements

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention (except where otherwise stated in the accounting policy note) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102.

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, despite the significant uncertainty being caused by the national cost of living crisis. Whilst the Trustees expect there to be a significant impact on the charity's operations and reserves in the coming months and years, the charity has sufficient reserves to be able to meet these challenges.

b) Income

Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:

I. When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods;

II. When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that activity inclusive of VAT. Support costs and costs that cannot be directly attributed have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resource.

Costs of charitable activities comprise the expenditure associated with achieving the charitable objectives and activities of Severn Vineyard.

Governance costs comprise the costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs are included within support costs.

Expenditure is allocated to a particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories based on use of the particular resource.

d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Designated funds form part of unrestricted funds and have been identified as being for particular purposes by the Trustees. They are not restricted and can be transferred to general funds at any time at the discretion of the Trustees.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

e) **Fixed assets**

Depreciation is calculated so as to write-off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of the asset as follows:

Computer and office equipment	3 years straight line
Motor Vehicles	4 years straight line
PA equipment	4 years straight line

Assets are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500.

g) **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

h) **Cash at bank in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

i) **Creditors**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

j) **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity contributes to defined contribution pension schemes. Contributions payable to the charity's pension schemes are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2 Donations and grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations from church members	157,147	23,985	181,132
Gift aid reclaimed	34,352	-	34,352
Grants received	7,626	57,561	65,187
Gifts in kind	-	3,739	3,739
	199,125	85,285	284,410

Donations of £20,500 (2023: £15,605) were received from trustees and other related parties during the year.

During the year, the charity received government grants of £54,037 (2023: £nil).

The charity receives gifts in kind from generous donors. These include clothes, toys and baby equipment etc which are then distributed to those in need.

2 Donations and grants (continued)

Prior year	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations from church members	181,751	28,546	210,297
Gift aid reclaimed	41,420	388	41,808
Grants received	600	27,260	27,860
Gifts in kind	-	902	902
	223,771	57,096	280,867

3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Christian Faith £	Education £	Alleviating hardship £	Total 2024 £
Grants and gifts (see below)	11,030	10,394	16,910	38,334
Direct costs:				
Staff costs	42,931	43,303	47,863	134,097
Other staff costs	8,801	5,659	12,109	26,569
Volunteer thanks	8	-	-	8
Sunday services and events	1,737	1,888	2,733	6,358
Car parking	2,644	2,491	-	5,135
Hospitality and refreshments	3,758	3,187	18,608	25,553
Travelling expenses	530	398	488	1,416
Support costs (see below)	29,901	29,152	24,383	83,436
	101,340	96,472	123,094	320,906

Support costs

	Christian Faith £	Education £	Alleviating hardship £	Total 2024 £
Premises costs				
Rent, rates and utilities	20,723	20,190	16,156	57,069
Small equipment and repairs	512	123	1,237	1,872
Depreciation	914	914	274	2,102
Insurance	263	249	384	896
Office costs				
Stationery, telephone and IT	1,460	715	351	2,526
Sundry costs	1,155	2,240	320	3,715
Contributions to VCUK	3,398	3,310	3,507	10,215
Governance				
Trustees' expenses	2	15	3	20
Accountancy	682	646	994	2,322
Independent examiner's fee	792	750	1,157	2,699
	29,901	29,152	24,383	83,436

3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities (continued)

Prior year	Christian Faith	Education	Alleviating hardship	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Grants and gifts (see below)	1,225	996	3,456	5,677
Direct costs:				
Staff costs	66,084	69,232	46,694	182,010
Other staff costs	16,179	14,599	8,664	39,442
Volunteer thanks	44	38	-	82
Sunday services and events	5,676	3,100	300	9,076
Car parking	2,496	2,448	143	5,087
Hospitality and refreshments	6,822	5,495	9,913	22,230
Travelling expenses	825	825	87	1,737
Support costs (see below)	33,097	30,257	11,737	75,091
	132,448	126,990	80,994	340,432

Support costs

	Christian Faith	Education	Alleviating hardship	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Premises costs				
Rent, rates and utilities	17,966	14,813	9,393	42,172
Small equipment and repairs	530	680	221	1,431
Depreciation	1,814	1,815	282	3,911
Insurance	357	332	203	892
Office costs				
Stationery, telephone and IT	1,462	958	323	2,743
Sundry costs	3,163	3,961	139	7,263
Contributions to VCUK	5,677	5,672	-	11,349
Governance				
Accountancy	1,151	1,081	644	2,876
Independent examiner's fee	977	945	532	2,454
	33,097	30,257	11,737	75,091

3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities (continued)

Grants and gifts

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants and gifts made to organisations:		
Lighthouse Vineyard	30,000	-
Bridges for Communities	-	1,800
Casa de Esparanza - Mexico	3,000	-
India Vineyard gift	-	360
Woodlands church	-	150
Kaingam	-	358
Step UK	-	250
Beloved	-	200
Wells Vineyard	-	150
Grants and gifts made to individuals	5,334	2,409
	38,334	5,677

4 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

			2024	2023
			£	£
Stated after charging:				
Depreciation			2,102	3,911
Trustees' expenses (3 trustees reimbursed for travel and subsistence costs, refreshments and stationery)			800	-
Independent examiner's fee	- current year	- independent examination	1,170	1,266
		- accounts preparation	1,530	1,188

5 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	129,330	169,706
Social security costs	3,935	6,094
Pension contributions	5,832	7,968
Redundancy costs	-	1,811
	139,097	185,579

5 Staff costs and numbers (continued)

The number of staff employed are as follows:

	2024	2023
Pastoral and administration	10	13

Most staff work part-time hours, the full-time equivalent is 3.5 (2023: 4.3).
No employee was paid more than £60,000 in 2024 or 2023.
The Trustees consider the key management personnel for the charity to be themselves, and Liz Nixon, the church operations manager. Rev. Owen Lynch and Rev Claire Lynch, who are joint lead pastors of the church, are also Trustees of the charity.
Total benefits paid to key management personnel during the year were £74,710 (2023: £99,565), including employer's national insurance and pension contributions.

6 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations and grants	223,771	57,096	280,867
Investments	123	5,327	5,450
Charitable activities - events	369	-	369
Total income	224,263	62,423	286,686
Expenditure on:			
Fundraising	3,569	-	3,569
Charitable activities	280,071	60,361	340,432
Total expenditure	283,640	60,361	344,001
Net (expenditure)/income	(59,377)	2,062	(57,315)
Transfers between funds	(2,523)	2,523	-
Net movement in funds	(61,900)	4,585	(57,315)
Total funds brought forward	107,064	416,772	523,836
Total funds carried forward	45,164	421,357	466,521

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment	PA equipment	Computer equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024	5,027	22,051	8,113	35,191
Depreciation				
At 1 July 2023	5,027	20,928	6,151	32,106
Charge for the year	-	1,123	979	2,102
At 30 June 2024	5,027	22,051	7,130	34,208
Net book value				
At 30 June 2024	-	-	983	983
At 30 June 2023	-	1,123	1,962	3,085

8 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift Aid receivable	7,650	8,242
Other debtors	1,376	1,127
Prepayments	1,313	1,978
	10,339	11,347

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	5,881	6,194
Taxation and social security	1,199	714
Accruals	5,593	7,229
Pension creditor	839	1,876
	13,512	16,013

10 Related parties and trustee transactions

During the year, the Charity made payments as follows, all permitted by the Charity's Memorandum of Association:

	Remuneration	Pension Contributions	2024 Total
	£	£	£
Rev Owen Lynch	26,356	1,107	27,463
Rev Claire Lynch	26,356	1,107	27,463
	52,712	2,214	54,926

Prior year

	Remuneration	Pension Contributions	2023 Total
	£	£	£
Rev Owen Lynch	38,668	1,551	40,219
Rev Claire Lynch	43,707	1,772	45,479
	82,375	3,323	85,698

Remuneration includes employer's national insurance contributions.

Both Rev Owen Lynch and Rev Claire Lynch are trustees of the charity, and are therefore key management personnel. The remuneration for Rev Owen Lynch and Rev Claire Lynch above is in connection to their roles as lead pastors.

The charity made donations during the year of £nil (2023: £1,800) to Bridges for Communities, a charity of which Rev Owen Lynch is a Trustee.

There were no other related party transactions during either the current or the prior year.

11 Company limited by guarantee

The Company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited £1 each.

12 Movement in funds

	At 1 July 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	At 30 June 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Church planting	45	-	-	-	45
New Premises	399,229	11,706	(49,614)	-	361,321
CAP Debt Centre	-	17,588	(12,396)	-	5,192
West Country and Wales area	3,443	-	(1,524)	-	1,919
Foodbank	10,764	18,839	(23,462)	2,975	9,116
Christmas hampers	2,975	-	-	(2,975)	-
Ukraine hub	4,884	-	(4,880)	-	4
Hardship fund	17	38,290	(38,289)	-	18
Storehouse	-	7,242	(4,537)	-	2,705
	421,357	93,665	(134,702)	-	380,320
Unrestricted funds					
New Premises	1,725	-	-	-	1,725
General reserves	43,439	199,464	(191,204)	-	51,699
	466,521	293,129	(325,906)	-	433,744

Church planting - Funds received from Vineyard (UK) to facilitate church planting in the local region.

New Premises - Donations received to contribute towards provision of new church premises.

CAP Debt centre - Funds received to work with clients in South Bristol that are struggling with debt, by offering free debt advice and help with negotiating affordable repayments to creditors.

West Country and Wales area - Income received towards senior pastors' expenses incurred as part of regional oversight.

Foodbank - Funds received to cover the costs of a food bank in partnership with Bristol Vineyard and the Trussell Trust.

Christmas hampers - Funds were received to give Christmas hampers to clients of Community Services. The funds were transferred to the Foodbank Fund as the charity became aware that the funds could no longer be spent in this way. Donors' permission was sought before the transfer was made.

Ukraine hub - Funds to welcome and help integrate Ukrainian refugees into the city of Bristol, but has expanded to include refugees of other countries, including Syria.

Hardship fund - Funds received to help relieve the hardship of vulnerable families.

Storehouse - Funds received to help relieve the hardship by giving clothes, toys and baby equipment etc.

New Premises designated fund - The trustees have set aside funds to realise the church's vision for new premises.

12 Movement in funds (continued)

Prior year

	At 1 July 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	At 30 June 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Church planting	45	-	-	-	45
New Premises	397,220	9,965	(7,956)	-	399,229
CAP Debt Centre	3,226	12,079	(17,828)	2,523	-
West Country and Wales area	1,174	2,750	(481)	-	3,443
Foodbank	12,169	24,438	(25,843)	-	10,764
Christmas hampers	2,921	4,150	(4,096)	-	2,975
Ukraine hub	-	8,139	(3,255)	-	4,884
Hardship fund	17	-	-	-	17
Storehouse	-	902	(902)	-	-
	416,772	62,423	(60,361)	2,523	421,357
Unrestricted funds					
New Premises	3,381	-	(1,656)	-	1,725
General reserves	103,683	224,263	(281,984)	(2,523)	43,439
	523,836	286,686	(344,001)	-	466,521

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	At 30 June 2024 £
Restricted funds	-	380,320	380,320
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	-	1,725	1,725
General funds	983	50,716	51,699
	983	432,761	433,744

Free reserves of the charity at 30 June 2024 were £50,716.

Prior year

	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	At 30 June 2023 £
Restricted funds	-	421,357	421,357
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	-	1,725	1,725
General funds	3,085	40,354	43,439
	3,085	463,436	466,521

Free reserves of the charity at 30 June 2023 were £40,354.

SEVERN VINEYARD

England & Wales - Charity number 1130698

Accounts

SEVERN VINEYARD

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 JUNE 2023

Company Registration Number 06952398
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SEVERN VINEYARD

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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SEVERN VINEYARD

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2023.

Governing Document

Severn Vineyard is a registered charity, charity number 1130698, incorporated on 14 July 2009, duly constituted by means of its Memorandum and Articles of Association and operating as a church.

Organisational Structure

Severn Vineyard is a company limited by guarantee as well as a registered charity, in which the company directors also form the Board of Trustees. The day to day running of the Church is delegated to the employed Lead Pastors: Rev. O R Lynch and Rev. C Lynch both of whom are also Trustees. The liability of each Trustee in the event of a winding up is limited to £1.

Connected Charities

Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland ("VCUKI")

VCUKI (registered charity number 1099748) was formed with the purpose of joining together churches that hold common values and practices. It gives oversight to the pastors of Vineyard churches and facilitates church planting. It helps, serves and strengthens the churches by leading, training, resourcing, administering and providing pastoral support to senior pastors. Severn Vineyard uses the name Vineyard by licence agreement with VCUKI.

Severn Vineyard aims to give 5% of its unrestricted income to support the work of VCUKI. This is not an obligation but is consistent with the Church's aims of sharing in the training of Christian workers and advancing the Kingdom of God.

Objectives & Activities

The objectives of Severn Vineyard are:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith including the planting of new Vineyard churches;

2. The advancement of Christian education, through the production of talks, podcasts and Bible study materials;

3. The relief of sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling, training in life skills and support in such parts of Bristol, the UK or the world as the Trustees from time to time may see fit;

4. The provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities with the objective of improving their conditions of life.

Achievements and Performance

Performance against Objectives

The level of performance against objectives is, in the main, a reflection of the activity of the members of Severn Vineyard who volunteer their time, energy and money freely because of their faith in God.

The advancement of the Christian faith including the planting of new Vineyard churches

Recognising the unique contribution that the Christian faith makes to the emotional and spiritual health of individuals, families and communities, there has been significant investment in pathways, courses and content including:

- Immanuel Prayer sessions
- Spiritual Direction
- Modelling meditation

The result of this focus on emotional and spiritual health has been many stories of positive change in mental health and relationships amongst those who have participated in these pathways, sessions and courses.

Investment in staff and leaders has contributed to a pipeline of leaders who are able to lead community groups and teams who will continue to lead the advancement of the Christian faith in Bristol and beyond. A third Vineyard Church, Lighthouse Vineyard, has been planted in Bristol in the South Bristol area of Totterdown, and was officially launched in February 2023.

During the year Owen Lynch has served as the Regional Vineyard Multiplication Coordinator for the South of England and Wales. He stepped back from this role in September 2022.

The advancement of Christian education

Anecdotal evidence suggests that repeated spiritual experiences of Christ Jesus incrementally and radically transform the mind, body and soul. A key part of this is theological education.

Christian theological education has been delivered in a variety of formats to children, teenagers and adults, utilising digital platforms and in-person community gatherings. There has been a "How to read the Bible well" course run during the Summer term, attended by more than 25 people.

The staff team plays a key role in leading and coordinating the Christian education of the whole church including:

- Children and Families Pastor
- Youth and Students Pastor
- Digital Platforms Director

- Worship Pastor
- Two Co-Lead Pastors

The staff team have worked with volunteer teams to run weekly events for people of all ages including children, youth, families, students, young adults, singles and couples.

Some of this work is done in collaboration with other churches in the UK Vineyard movement and with third party organisations like Fusion. Our association with the Vineyard movement in the UK and Ireland is particularly central to our programme with National events such as "Dreaming the Impossible" (DTI), "The Cause to live For" - events and networks that connect youth and young adults. The Vineyard national networks for Kids and Family Pastors, Youth and Students Pastors, Worship Pastors and Lead Pastors are especially helpful for equipping and networking.

Severn Vineyard also contributes to the wider Vineyard movement by releasing the Lead Pastors to serve as Vineyard Area Leaders for the West Country and Wales providing oversight and support to seven other Vineyard churches in the area.

The relief of the poor and needy, and those who are aged or sick

Recognising God's particular determination throughout the Bible to protect and care for the vulnerable and marginalised, Severn has continued to commit significant amounts of time, energy and money to help the most vulnerable and marginalised in Bristol.

Food Poverty:
Severn Vineyard continued to run an emergency food-bank in partnership with Field Vineyard Church and the South and East Bristol Food-bank (part of the Trussell Trust network) serving the BS4 area of South Bristol. In the twelve months to 30th June 2023 the food-bank fulfilled 983 Vouchers, delivering food to a total of 1488 adults and 937 children.

In December 2022, Severn Vineyard in partnership with Field Vineyard provided over 100 Christmas food packs, 60 vouchers for fresh food for families and 100 vouchers for children's gifts to vulnerable families who have accessed our community services in the previous 12 months.

Vulnerable Families:
Severn Vineyard has worked in partnership with Home for Good to provide Foster Carers with a support group and families associated with Severn continue to serve as foster carers.

Our Storehouse has continued to provide support for vulnerable families with free children's clothing and baby equipment. This year, it has supported 141 families, who are often put in touch with us through their support/social/health worker.

Severn Vineyard continues to provide life skills training courses in partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and a church in the Hartcliffe area of south Bristol. Providing education and support to vulnerable families, the course provides parents with key life skills to help their families flourish.

Homelessness:
Severn Vineyard Soup Run teams have continued to provide food, hot drinks and toiletries alongside a listening ear to homeless people twice a month, serving up to 40 people a night.

Debt advocacy and support:
In partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Severn Vineyard provides debt advocacy and support to people in the BS3, BS4, BS13, BS14 postcode areas of Bristol. In the twelve months to 30th June 2023, 22 people have been helped by this service and relieved from nearly £126,000 of debt. This service is run in partnership with several churches in south Bristol who provide be-frienders to walk with the clients through their journey to becoming debt free.

Refugees and Asylum Seekers:
Severn Vineyard has provided support to refugees and asylum seekers, through our partnership with Bridges for Communities. In the twelve months to 30th June 2023, Severn was again a key partner of Bridges for Communities, providing £1,800 of financial support. Many people associated with Severn also volunteer with Bridges for Communities as befrienders.
Severn Vineyard has also partnered with Bristol City Council to run a weekly Refugee Welcome Hub. This was initially set up to welcome and help integrate Ukrainian refugees into the city of Bristol, but has expanded to include refugees of other countries, including Syria. This project is funded by Bristol City Council and provides a place where refugees can learn English whilst meeting others in a similar situation.

The provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities with the objective of improving their conditions of life

Recognising that no community exists in isolation, Severn has sought to catalyse community groups within local neighbourhoods and among people with similar interests. These groups have helped to counter the inherent loneliness experienced in the city, strengthen neighbourhoods and bring together people whose differences could have kept them apart.

Severn Vineyard staff and volunteers have worked together to gather and connect children, youth and students with age-specific activities and events.

Severn has a pastoral support network to respond to the pastoral needs of members of the church community who are struggling with personal challenges.

As well as community groups, our staff organise teams of volunteers that support the infrastructure of Severn Vineyard. Whilst these teams are essential for the operation of the church, they are also a primary way to provide a forum for friendship to flourish.

In planning church activities, the trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance relating to activities for the public benefit.

Financial review

Restricted funds include funds received for the ongoing building campaign and funds received for the CAP debt advocacy service, Vineyard BS4 Foodbank and the Refugee Welcome Hub. Principal funding has come from donations made by members of the church. A significant proportion of the donations have been made under the Gift Aid scheme, whereby HM Revenue & Customs returns the tax paid on those donations to Severn Vineyard.

Note 3 to the accounts details how the expenditure in the period has supported the church's key objectives.

Income for the year was £286,686 and expenditure was £344,001, resulting in a deficit for the year of £57,315.

During 2022/23 income fell by 8.3% compared to budget due to the unexpected loss of several donors, who together contributed approximately £60,000 (including Gift Aid) of income a year. These donors had moved out of the city or joined the new church plant sponsored by Severn Vineyard. The trustees approved a plan to reduce expenditure by £60,000 a year for the budget year July 2023/24. The largest reduction was made to staff payroll, through a process run between April – June 2023, involving redundancy and a reduction of staff hours, which took effect from 1st July 2023.

Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are nominated by other Trustees during Trustees' meetings. Open discussions are conducted within the meetings regarding the candidates' suitability for the role, commitment to Severn Vineyard, and cross referenced to the skills gaps on the Trustee Board. Potential candidates are approached by one of the Lead Pastors and/or the Chair of Trustees, and the candidate is asked to prayerfully consider whether they might serve the Church in this way. Once the candidate confirms they would be happy to undertake this responsibility, they are invited to a Trustees' meeting and appointed as a Trustee. One of the Trustees will meet with them to go through the Trustee job description, as well as assign them a particular function/department.

Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

Remuneration for key management personnel is guided by a pay spine document developed by a former Trustee of Severn, in line with Vineyard UK pay guidelines. A remuneration committee meets to review the salary and package for the Lead Pastors. The Lead Pastors are responsible for the setting of the remuneration of rest of the staff team in line with policy agreed with the Trustees.

Investment Powers and Policy

The constitution of Severn Vineyard authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments using the funds of the Charity.

Cash balances are currently held with several banks to protect the charity from undue exposure to a single institution.

Reserves Policy

Rationale:

Severn Vineyard aims to maintain reserves in order to cover short term fluctuations in income and expenditure. The charity actively maximises its liquidity by submitting frequent claims for gift aid and close management of cash flow.

Maintenance:

The Trustees aim to review, on a half-annual basis, the level of reserves held. At present they consider a minimum level of £20,950 necessary to cover outstanding contractual expenditure should the charity be unable to continue. The current free reserves ensure that the charity can cover all contractual expenditure. Free reserves at the year end are £40,354, which continues to be within the range set by the reserves policy, and the budget for 2023/24 will maintain this position.

Review of Policy:

The Trustees aim to review whether the Policy itself remains appropriate at least once per year.

Risk Management

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

a) an annual budget approved by the Trustees;
b) regular consideration by the Trustees of financial reports;
c) delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
d) identification and management of risks.

The Trustees aim to review the main risks facing the church, and the controls over key financial systems, on a regular basis. The trustees are of the opinion that adequate systems and resources are in place to mitigate any significant matters arising from operational and business risks. The Trustees are pleased to confirm that the internal financial controls, in particular, conform to guidelines issued by the Charity Commission.

Plans for future periods

In line with the charitable objectives, Severn Vineyard will continue to contribute to the spiritual, cultural and social wellbeing of the residents of Bristol and the surrounding area.

Plans for the next two years involve:

a) Strengthening the sense of connectedness within the community of people who are associated with the Vineyard church in Bristol.
b) Continuing to create and provide fresh, engaging and sustainable pathways for spiritual and emotional health for a diverse mix of children, youth, students and adults.
c) Serving the city through services that relieve poverty and loneliness.
d) The search for permanent premises to invest the restricted the restricted building fund.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees (who are also directors of Severn Vineyard for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the strategic report and directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Approval of Accounts

The accounts were approved on behalf of the Trustees on 13 March 2024
by:

Greg A. Nixon

Greg Nixon
Trustee/Director

Claire Lynch

Claire Lynch
Trustee/Director

SEVERN VINEYARD

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Company number

06952398

Charity number

1130698

Trustees

The Trustees (who are directors for the purpose of company law) who have served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

G A Nixon	
Rev O R Lynch	
Rev C Lynch	
P M Howells	
A H Pudner	resigned March 2023
R Roberts	resigned December 2022
N K C Gazzard	appointed March 2023
B S Likulunga	appointed April 2023

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P M Howells

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SEVERN VINEYARD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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

Joshua Kingston

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Date 13 March 2024

SEVERN VINEYARD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including income and expenditure account)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and grants	**2**	223,771	57,096	280,867	312,446
Investments		123	5,327	5,450	750
Charitable activities - events		369	-	369	-
Total income		224,263	62,423	286,686	313,196
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		3,569	-	3,569	44
Charitable activities	**3**	280,071	60,361	340,432	311,588
Total expenditure		283,640	60,361	344,001	311,632
Net income / (expenditure)	**4**	(59,377)	2,062	(57,315)	1,564
Transfers between funds		(2,523)	2,523	-	-
Net movement in funds		(61,900)	4,585	(57,315)	1,564
Total funds brought forward	**12**	107,064	416,772	523,836	522,272
Total funds carried forward	**12**	45,164	421,357	466,521	523,836

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing.

The comparative Statement of Financial Activities is shown in note 6.

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements

SEVERN VINEYARD

BALANCE SHEET

AT 30 JUNE 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets	**7**	3,085	5,279
Current assets			
Debtors	**8**	11,347	12,659
Cash at bank		468,102	518,017
		479,449	530,676
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	**9**	(16,013)	(12,119)
Net current assets		463,436	518,557
Net assets		466,521	523,836
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	**13**	421,357	416,772
Unrestricted funds	**13**	45,164	107,064
		466,521	523,836

For the year ending 30 June 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006,

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on……13 March 2024..... and are signed on their behalf by:

Greg A. Nixon

Greg Nixon
Trustee

Claire Lynch

Claire Lynch
Trustee

Company registration number 06952398

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention (except where otherwise stated in the accounting policy note) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102.

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, despite the significant uncertainty being caused by the national cost of living crisis. Whilst the Trustees expect there to be a significant impact on the charity's operations and reserves in the coming months and years, the charity has sufficient reserves to be able to meet these challenges.

b) Income

Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:

I. When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods;

II. When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that activity inclusive of VAT. Support costs and costs that cannot be directly attributed have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resource.

Costs of charitable activities comprise the expenditure associated with achieving the charitable objectives and activities of Severn Vineyard.

Governance costs comprise the costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs are included within support costs.

Expenditure is allocated to a particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories based on use of the particular resource.

d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Designated funds form part of unrestricted funds and have been identified as being for particular purposes by the Trustees. They are not restricted and can be transferred to general funds at any time at the discretion of the Trustees.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

e) **Fixed assets**

Depreciation is calculated so as to write-off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of the asset as follows:

Computer and office equipment	3 years straight line
Motor Vehicles	4 years straight line
PA equipment	4 years straight line

Assets are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500.

f) **Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

g) **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

h) **Cash at bank in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

i) **Creditors**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

j) **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity contributes to defined contribution pension schemes. Contributions payable to the charity's pension schemes are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2 Donations and grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Donations from church members	181,751	28,546	210,297
Gift aid reclaimed	41,420	388	41,808
Grants received	600	27,260	27,860
Gifts in kind	-	902	902
	223,771	57,096	280,867

Donations of £15,605 (2022: £31,785) were received from trustees and other related parties during the year.

The charity receives gifts in kind from generous donors. These include clothes, toys and baby equipment etc which are then distributed to those in need.

2 Donations and grants (continued)

Prior year	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations from church members	229,031	16,643	245,674
Gift aid reclaimed	49,039	459	49,498
Grants received	200	17,074	17,274
	278,270	34,176	312,446

3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Christian Faith £	Education £	Alleviating hardship £	Total 2023 £
Grants and gifts (see below)	1,225	996	3,456	5,677
Direct costs:				
Staff costs	66,084	69,232	46,694	182,010
Other staff costs	16,179	14,599	8,664	39,442
Volunteer thanks	44	38	-	82
Sunday services and events	5,676	3,100	300	9,076
Car parking	2,496	2,448	143	5,087
Hospitality and refreshments	6,822	5,495	9,913	22,230
Travelling expenses	825	825	87	1,737
Support costs (see below)	33,097	30,257	11,737	75,091
	132,448	126,990	80,994	340,432

Support costs

	Christian Faith £	Education £	Alleviating hardship £	Total 2023 £
Premises costs				
Rent, rates and utilities	17,966	14,813	9,393	42,172
Small equipment and repairs	530	680	221	1,431
Depreciation	1,814	1,815	282	3,911
Insurance	357	332	203	892
Office costs				
Stationery, telephone and IT	1,462	958	323	2,743
Sundry costs	3,163	3,961	139	7,263
Contributions to VCUK	5,677	5,672	-	11,349
Governance				
Accountancy	1,151	1,081	644	2,876
Independent examiner's fee	977	945	532	2,454
	33,097	30,257	11,737	75,091

3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities (continued)

Prior year - restated	Christian Faith	Education	Alleviating hardship	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Grants and gifts (see below)	1,605	1,196	6,016	8,817
Direct costs:				
Staff costs	66,028	66,029	35,176	167,233
Other staff costs	11,913	11,335	9,495	32,743
Volunteer thanks	85	85	10	180
Sunday services and events	2,969	2,418	397	5,784
Car parking	1,875	1,875	-	3,750
Hospitality and refreshments	5,059	3,572	3,274	11,905
Travelling expenses	569	304	-	873
Support costs (see below)	37,162	32,684	10,457	80,303
	127,265	119,498	64,825	311,588

Support costs

	Christian Faith	Education	Alleviating hardship	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Premises costs				
Rent, rates and utilities	18,413	14,302	8,819	41,534
Small equipment and repairs	1,067	1,067	213	2,347
Depreciation	1,537	1,536	122	3,195
Insurance	437	403	174	1,014
Office costs				
Stationery, telephone and IT	1,914	1,889	170	3,973
Sundry costs	4,118	4,001	80	8,199
Contributions to VCUK	7,051	7,021	-	14,072
Governance				
Accountancy	1,471	1,384	510	3,365
Independent examiner's fee	1,154	1,081	369	2,604
	37,162	32,684	10,457	80,303

3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities (continued)

Grants and gifts

	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants and gifts made to organisations:		
Bridges for Communities	1,800	2,460
Casa de Esparanza - Mexico	-	3,000
Easton Family Centre	-	150
Exeter Vineyard	-	135
India Vineyard gift	360	319
Woodlands church	150	-
Kaingam	358	-
Step UK	250	-
Beloved	200	-
Wells Vineyard	150	-
Just Love	-	200
Samaritan's Purse	-	150
Grants and gifts made to individuals	2,409	2,403
	5,677	8,817

4 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

			2023	2022
			£	£
Stated after charging:				
Depreciation			3,911	3,195
Trustees' expenses			-	-
Independent examiner's fee	- current year	- independent examination	1,266	1,080
		- accounts preparation	1,188	1,152
	- underprovided in prior years		-	372

5 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	169,706	155,641
Social security costs	6,094	4,821
Pension contributions	7,968	6,771
Redundancy costs	1,811	-
	185,579	167,233

5 Staff costs and numbers (continued)

The number of staff employed are as follows:

	2023	2022
Pastoral and administration	13	11

Most staff work part-time hours, the full-time equivalent is 4.3.
No employee was paid more than £60,000 in 2023 or 2022.
The Trustees consider the key management personnel for the charity to be themselves, and Liz Nixon, the church operations manager. Rev. Owen Lynch and Rev Claire Lynch, who are joint lead pastors of the church, are also Trustees of the charity.
Total benefits paid to key management personnel during the year were £99,565 (2022: £86,094), including employer's national insurance and pension contributions.

6 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:			
Donations and grants	278,270	34,176	312,446
Investments	16	734	750
Total income	278,286	34,910	313,196
Expenditure on:			
Fundraising	44	-	44
Charitable activities	294,549	17,039	311,588
Total expenditure	294,593	17,039	311,632
Net (expenditure)/income	(16,307)	17,871	1,564
Transfers between funds	3,548	(3,548)	-
Net movement in funds	(12,759)	14,323	1,564
Total funds brought forward	119,823	402,449	522,272
Total funds carried forward	107,064	416,772	523,836

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment	PA equipment	Computer equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1 July 2022	5,027	22,051	6,396	33,474
Additions	-	-	1,717	1,717
At 30 June 2023	5,027	22,051	8,113	35,191
Depreciation				
At 1 July 2022	5,027	18,852	4,316	28,195
Charge for the year	-	2,076	1,835	3,911
At 30 June 2023	5,027	20,928	6,151	32,106
Net book value				
At 30 June 2023	-	1,123	1,962	3,085
At 30 June 2022	-	3,199	2,080	5,279

8 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift Aid receivable	8,242	7,841
Other debtors	1,127	1,164
Prepayments	1,978	3,654
	11,347	12,659

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	6,194	5,396
Taxation and social security	714	791
Accruals	7,229	4,161
Pension creditor	1,876	1,771
	16,013	12,119

10 Related parties and trustee transactions

During the year, the Charity made payments as follows, all permitted by the Charity's Memorandum of Association:

	Remuneration	Pension Contributions	2023 Total
	£	£	£
Rev Owen Lynch	38,668	1,551	40,219
Rev Claire Lynch	43,707	1,772	45,479
	82,375	3,323	85,698

Prior year

	Remuneration	Pension Contributions	2022 Total
	£	£	£
Rev Owen Lynch	38,539	1,542	40,081
Rev Claire Lynch	44,218	1,795	46,013
	82,757	3,337	86,094

Remuneration included above for 2022 and 2023 includes employer's national insurance contributions.

Both Rev Owen Lynch and Rev Claire Lynch are trustees of the charity, and are therefore key management personnel. The remuneration for Rev Owen Lynch and Rev Claire Lynch above is in connection to their roles as lead pastors.

The charity made donations during the year of £1,800 (2022: £2,460) to Bridges for Communities, a charity of which Rev Owen Lynch is a Trustee.

There were no other related party transactions during either the current or the prior year.

11 Company limited by guarantee

The Company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited £1 each.

12 Movement in funds

	At 1 July 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	At 30 June 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Church planting	45	-	-	-	45
New Premises	397,220	9,965	(7,956)	-	399,229
CAP Debt Centre	3,226	12,079	(17,828)	2,523	-
West Country and Wales area	1,174	2,750	(481)	-	3,443
Foodbank	12,169	24,438	(25,843)	-	10,764
Christmas hampers	2,921	4,150	(4,096)	-	2,975
Ukraine hub	-	8,139	(3,255)		4,884
Hardship fund	17	-	-	-	17
Storehouse	-	902	(902)	-	-
	416,772	62,423	(60,361)	2,523	421,357
Unrestricted funds					
New Premises	3,381	-	(1,656)	-	1,725
General reserves	103,683	224,263	(281,984)	(2,523)	43,439
	523,836	286,686	(344,001)	-	466,521

Church planting - Funds received from Vineyard (UK) to facilitate church planting in the local region.

New Premises - Donations received to contribute towards provision of new church premises.

CAP Debt centre - Funds received to work with clients in South Bristol that are struggling with debt, by offering free debt advice and help with negotiating affordable repayments to creditors.

West Country and Wales area - Income received towards senior pastors' expenses incurred as part of regional oversight.

Foodbank - Funds received to cover the costs of a food bank in partnership with Bristol Vineyard and the Trussell Trust.

Christmas hampers - Funds were received to give Christmas hampers to clients of Community Services.

Ukraine hub - Funds to welcome and help integrate Ukrainian refugees into the city of Bristol, but has expanded to include refugees of other countries, including Syria.

Hardship fund - Funds received to help relieve the hardship of vulnerable families.

New Premises designated fund - The trustees have set aside funds to realise the church's vision for new premises.

Storehouse - Funds received to help relieve the hardship by giving clothes, toys and baby equipment etc.

12 Movement in funds (continued)

Prior year

	At 1 July 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	At 30 June 2022 £
Restricted funds					
Church planting	45	-	-	-	45
New Premises	387,721	9,499	-	-	397,220
CAP Debt Centre	7,230	6,625	(10,629)	-	3,226
West Country and Wales area	1,592	-	(418)	-	1,174
Foodbank	4,929	16,722	(5,934)	(3,548)	12,169
Christmas hampers	915	2,064	(58)	-	2,921
Hardship fund	17	-	-	-	17
	402,449	34,910	(17,039)	(3,548)	416,772
Unrestricted funds					
New Premises	8,336	-	(4,955)	-	3,381
General reserves	111,487	278,286	(289,638)	3,548	103,683
	522,272	313,196	(311,632)	-	523,836

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	At 30 June 2023 £
Restricted funds	-	421,357	421,357
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	-	1,725	1,725
General funds	3,085	40,354	43,439
	3,085	463,436	466,521

Free reserves of the charity at 30 June 2023 were £40,354.

Prior year	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	At 30 June 2022 £
Restricted funds	-	416,772	416,772
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	-	3,381	3,381
General funds	5,279	98,404	103,683
	5,279	518,557	523,836

Free reserves of the charity at 30 June 2022 were £98,404.

SEVERN VINEYARD

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Accounts

SEVERN VINEYARD

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 JUNE 2022

Company Registration Number 06952398
Charity Number 1130698

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SEVERN VINEYARD

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2022.

Governing Document

Severn Vineyard is a registered charity, charity number 1130698, incorporated on 14 July 2009, duly constituted by means of its Memorandum and Articles of Association and operating as a church.

Organisational Structure

Severn Vineyard is a company limited by guarantee as well as a registered charity, in which the company directors also form the Board of Trustees. The day to day running of the Church is delegated to the employed Lead Pastors: Rev. O R Lynch and Rev. C Lynch both of whom are also Trustees. The liability of each Trustee in the event of a winding up is limited to £1.

Connected Charities

Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland ("VCUKI")

VCUKI (registered charity number 1099748) was formed with the purpose of joining together churches that hold common values and practices. It gives oversight to the pastors of Vineyard churches and facilitates church planting. It helps, serves and strengthens the churches by leading, training, resourcing, administering and providing pastoral support to senior pastors. Severn Vineyard uses the name Vineyard by licence agreement with VCUKI.

Severn Vineyard aims to give 5% of its unrestricted income to support the work of VCUKI. This is not an obligation but is consistent with the Church's aims of sharing in the training of Christian workers and advancing the Kingdom of God.

Objectives & Activities

The objectives of Severn Vineyard are:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith including the planting of new Vineyard churches;

2. The advancement of Christian education, through the production of talks, podcasts and Bible study materials;

3. The relief of sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling, training in life skills and support in such parts of Bristol, the UK or the world as the Trustees from time to time may see fit;

4. The provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities with the objective of improving their conditions of life.

Achievements and Performance

Performance against Objectives

The level of performance against objectives is, in the main, a reflection of the activity of the members of Severn Vineyard who volunteer their time, energy and money freely because of their faith in God.

The advancement of the Christian faith including the planting of new Vineyard churches

Recognising the unique contribution that the Christian faith makes to the emotional and spiritual health of individuals, families and communities, there has been significant investment in pathways, courses and content including:

- Emotionally Focused Pathway
- Immanuel Prayer sessions
- The Gold Course
- Spiritual Direction

The result of this focus on emotional and spiritual health has been many stories of positive change in mental health and relationships amongst those who have participated in these pathways, sessions and courses.

Investment in staff and leaders has contributed to a pipeline of leaders who are able to lead community groups and teams who will continue to lead the advancement of the Christian faith in Bristol and beyond. Plans for the planting of a third Vineyard church are being developed and the leaders are being trained.

During the year Owen Lynch has served as the Regional Vineyard Multiplication Coordinator for the South of England and Wales. In this role he has contributed to the planting of three new churches in Southampton, Stoke on Trent and Pembrokeshire as well as helping with the transition of Vineyard Senior Pastors in Taunton, Trowbridge and Bournemouth.

The advancement of Christian education

Anecdotal evidence suggests that repeated spiritual experiences of Christ Jesus incrementally and radically transform the mind, body and soul. A key part of this is theological education.

Christian theological education has been delivered in a variety of formats to children, teenagers and adults, utilising digital platforms and in-person community gatherings.

The staff team plays a key role in leading and coordinating the Christian education of the whole church including:

- Children and Families Pastor
- Youth and Students Pastor
- Community Groups Pastor

- Emotional and Spiritual Health Coordinator
- Digital Platforms Director
- Worship Pastor
- Two Co-Lead Pastors

The staff team have worked with volunteer teams to run weekly events for people of all ages including children, youth, families, students, young adults, singles and couples.

Some of this work is done in collaboration with other churches in the UK Vineyard movement and with third party organisations like Fusion and Emotionally Focussed. Our association with the Vineyard movement in the UK and Ireland is particularly central to our programme with National events such as "Dreaming the Impossible" (DTI), "Cause to live For" - events and networks that connect youth and young adults. The Vineyard national networks for Kids and Family Pastors, Youth and Students Pastors, Worship Pastors and Lead Pastors are especially helpful for equipping and networking.

Severn Vineyard also contributes to the wider Vineyard movement by releasing the Lead Pastors to serve as Vineyard Area Leaders for the West Country and Wales providing oversight and support to seven other Vineyard churches in the area.

The relief of the poor and needy, and those who are aged or sick

Recognising God's particular determination throughout the Bible to protect and care for the vulnerable and marginalised, Severn has continued to commit significant amounts of time, energy and money to help the most vulnerable and marginalised in Bristol.

Food Poverty:
Severn Vineyard continued to run an emergency food-bank in partnership with Bristol Vineyard Church and the East Bristol Food-bank (part of the Trussell Trust network) serving the BS4 area of South Bristol. In the twelve months to 30th June 2022 the food-bank fulfilled 560 Vouchers, delivering food to a total of 825 adults and 615 children.

In December 2021, Severn Vineyard provided over 50 Christmas food packs and 75 vouchers for children's gifts to vulnerable families who have accessed our community services in the previous 12 months.

Vulnerable Families:
Severn Vineyard has worked in partnership with Home for Good to provide Foster Carers with a support group and families associated with Severn continue to serve as foster carers.

Our Storehouse has continued to provide support for vulnerable families with free children's clothing and baby equipment.

Severn Vineyard works in partnership with Easton Academy and two churches to provide an Early Intervention Mentoring Scheme for primary school children.

Severn Vineyard continues to provide life skills training courses in partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and a church in the Hartcliffe area of south Bristol. Providing education and support to vulnerable families, the course provides parents with key life skills to help their families flourish.

Homelessness:
Severn Vineyard Soup Run teams have continued to provide food, hot drinks and toiletries alongside a listening ear to homeless people twice a month, serving up to 40 people a night.

Debt advocacy and support:
In partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Severn Vineyard provides debt advocacy and support to people in the BS3, BS4, BS13, BS14 postcode areas of Bristol. In the twelve months to 30th June 2022 25 people have been helped by this service. This service is run in partnership with several churches in south Bristol who provide be-frienders to walk with the clients through their journey to becoming debt free.

Refugees and Asylum Seekers:
Severn Vineyard has provided support to refugees and asylum seekers, through our partnership with Bridges for Communities. In the twelve months to 30th June 2022, Severn was again a key partner of Bridges for Communities, providing £2,400 of financial support. Many people associated with Severn also volunteer with Bridges for Communities as befrienders.

The provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities with the objective of improving their conditions of life

Recognising that no community exists in isolation, Severn has sought to catalyse community groups within local neighbourhoods and among people with similar interests. These groups have helped to counter the inherent loneliness experienced in the city, strengthen neighbourhoods and bring together people whose differences could have kept them apart.

Severn Vineyard staff and volunteers have worked together to gather and connect children, youth and students with age-specific activities and events.

Severn has a pastoral support network to respond to the pastoral needs of members of the church community who are struggling with personal challenges.

As well as community groups, our staff organise teams of volunteers that support the infrastructure of Severn Vineyard. Whilst these teams are essential for the operation of the church, they are also a primary way to provide a forum for friendship to flourish.

In planning church activities, the trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance relating to activities for the public benefit.

Financial review

The finances of Severn Vineyard during 2021-22 show that the trustees have focused expenditure on the four main objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds include funds received for the ongoing building campaign and funds received for the CAP debt advocacy service and Vineyard BS4 Foodbank.

Principal funding has come from donations made by members of the church. A significant proportion of the donations have been made under the Gift Aid scheme, whereby HM Revenue & Customs returns the tax paid on those donations to Severn Vineyard.

Note 3 to the accounts details how the expenditure in the period has supported the church's key objectives.

Income for the year was £313,196, and expenditure was £311,632, resulting in an overall surplus for the year of £1,564.

Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are nominated by other Trustees during Trustees' meetings. Open discussions are conducted within the meetings regarding the candidates' suitability for the role, commitment to Severn Vineyard, and cross referenced to the skills gaps on the Trustee Board. Potential candidates are approached by one of the Lead Pastors and/or the Chair of Trustees, and the candidate is asked to prayerfully consider whether they might serve the Church in this way. Once the candidate confirms they would be happy to undertake this responsibility, they are invited to a Trustees' meeting and appointed as a Trustee. One of the Trustees will meet with them to go through the Trustee job description, as well as assign them a particular function/department.

Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

Remuneration for key management personnel is guided by a pay spine document developed by a former Trustee of Severn, in line with Vineyard UK pay guidelines. A remuneration committee meets to review the salary and package for the Lead Pastors. The Lead Pastors are responsible for the setting of the remuneration of rest of the staff team in line with policy agreed with the Trustees.

Investment Powers and Policy

The constitution of Severn Vineyard authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments using the funds of the Charity.

Cash balances are currently held with several banks to protect the charity from undue exposure to a single institution.

Reserves Policy

Rationale:

Severn Vineyard aims to maintain reserves in order to cover short term fluctuations in income and expenditure. The charity actively maximises its liquidity by submitting frequent claims for gift aid and close management of cash flow.

Maintenance:

The Trustees aim to review, on a half-annual basis, the level of reserves held. At present they consider a minimum level of £20,950 necessary to cover outstanding contractual expenditure should the charity be unable to continue. The current free reserves ensure that the charity can cover all contractual expenditure. Free reserves at the year end are £98,404, which continues to be above the level required by the reserves policy, however the budget for 2022/23 will bring the reserves into the target range.

Review of Policy:

The Trustees aim to review whether the Policy itself remains appropriate at least once per year.

Risk Management

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

a) an annual budget approved by the Trustees;
b) regular consideration by the Trustees of financial reports;
c) delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
d) identification and management of risks.

The Trustees aim to review the main risks facing the church, and the controls over key financial systems, on a regular basis. The trustees are of the opinion that adequate systems and resources are in place to mitigate any significant matters arising from operational and business risks. The Trustees are pleased to confirm that the internal financial controls, in particular, conform to guidelines issued by the Charity Commission.

Plans for future periods

In line with the charitable objectives, Severn Vineyard will continue to contribute to the spiritual, cultural and social wellbeing of the residents of Bristol and the surrounding area.

Plans for the next two years involve:

a) Strengthening the sense of connectedness within the community of people who are associated with the Vineyard church in Bristol.
b) Continuing to create and provide fresh, engaging and sustainable pathways for spiritual and emotional health for a diverse mix of children, youth, students and adults.
c) Serving the city through services that relieve poverty and loneliness.
d) The search for permanent premises to invest the restricted the restricted building fund continued during 2021/22 and an assessment of Totterdown Methodist Church concluded that the property was not suitable for Severn's purposes. This involved expenditure on a building survey. The search for permanent premises is continuing, specifically in partnership with local methodist and United Reformed Churches.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees (who are also directors of Severn Vineyard for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the strategic report and directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Approval of Accounts

The accounts were approved on behalf of the Trustees on Mar 24 2023
by:

Greg A. Nixon

Greg Nixon
Trustee/Director

Claire Lynch

Claire Lynch
Trustee/Director

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REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Company number

06952398

Charity number

1130698

Trustees

The Trustees (who are directors for the purpose of company law) who have served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

G A Nixon	
Rev O R Lynch	
Rev C Lynch	
P M Howells	
A H Pudner	appointed November 2021
R Roberts	appointed August 2021, resigned December 2022

Secretary

P M Howells

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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

Joshua Kingston

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Mar 24 2023
Date……..

SEVERN VINEYARD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including income and expenditure account)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and grants	**2**	278,270	34,176	312,446	330,613
Investments		16	734	750	1,320
Other income - profit on sale of van		-	-	-	110
Total income		278,286	34,910	313,196	332,043
Expenditure on:					
Fundraising		44	-	44	775
Charitable activities	**3**	294,549	17,039	311,588	246,465
Total expenditure		294,593	17,039	311,632	247,240
Net income	**4**	(16,307)	17,871	1,564	84,803
Transfers between funds		3,548	(3,548)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(12,759)	14,323	1,564	84,803
Total funds brought forward	**12**	119,823	402,449	522,272	437,469
Total funds carried forward	**12**	107,064	416,772	523,836	522,272

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing.

The comparative Statement of Financial Activities is shown in note 6.

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET

AT 30 JUNE 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets	**7**	5,279	7,254
Current assets			
Debtors	**8**	12,659	16,273
Cash at bank		518,017	515,356
		530,676	531,629
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	**9**	(12,119)	(16,611)
Net current assets		518,557	515,018
Net assets		523,836	522,272
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	**13**	416,772	402,449
Unrestricted funds	**13**	107,064	119,823
		523,836	522,272

For the year ending 30 June 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Director's responsibilities;

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006,

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

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

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on……..... Mar 24 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:

Greg A. Nixon

Greg Nixon
Trustee

Claire Lynch

Claire Lynch
Trustee

Company registration number 06952398

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements

1 Accounting policies

a) **Basis of preparation**

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties affecting the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

b) **Income**

Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:

I. When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods;

II. When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

c) **Expenditure**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that activity inclusive of VAT. Support costs and costs that cannot be directly attributed have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resource.

Costs of charitable activities comprise the expenditure associated with achieving the charitable objectives and activities of Severn Vineyard.

Governance costs comprise the costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs are included within support costs.

Expenditure is allocated to a particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories based on use of the particular resource.

d) **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Designated funds form part of unrestricted funds and have been identified as being for particular purposes by the Trustees. They are not restricted and can be transferred to general funds at any time at the discretion of the Trustees.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

e) **Fixed assets**

Depreciation is calculated so as to write-off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of the asset as follows:

Computer and office equipment	3 years straight line
Motor Vehicles	4 years straight line
PA equipment	4 years straight line

Assets are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500.

f) **Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

g) **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered.
Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

h) **Cash at bank in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

i) **Creditors**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

j) **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity contributes to defined contribution pension schemes. Contributions payable to the charity's pension schemes are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2 Donations and grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations from church members	229,031	16,643	245,674
Gift aid reclaimed	49,039	459	49,498
Grants received	200	17,074	17,274
	278,270	34,176	312,446

Donations of £31,785 (2021: £36,407) were received from trustees and other related parties during the year.

2 Donations and grants (continued)

Prior year	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations from church members	231,135	26,516	257,651
Gift aid reclaimed	49,312	4,870	54,182
Grants received	-	18,780	18,780
	280,447	50,166	330,613

3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Christian Faith £	Education £	Alleviating hardship £	Total 2022 £
Grants and gifts (see below)	1,605	1,196	6,016	8,817
Direct costs:				
Staff costs	75,781	75,331	43,922	195,034
Volunteer thanks	85	85	10	180
Sunday services and events	2,969	2,418	397	5,784
Car parking	1,875	1,875	-	3,750
Hospitality and refreshments	5,059	3,572	3,274	11,905
Travelling expenses	569	304	-	873
Support costs (see below)	39,322	34,717	11,206	85,245
	127,265	119,498	64,825	311,588

Support costs

	Christian Faith £	Education £	Alleviating hardship £	Total 2022 £
Premises costs				
Rent, rates and utilities	18,413	14,302	8,819	41,534
Small equipment and repairs	1,067	1,067	213	2,347
Depreciation	1,537	1,536	122	3,195
Insurance	437	403	174	1,014
Office costs				
Stationery, telephone and IT	1,914	1,889	170	3,973
Sundry costs	4,118	4,001	80	8,199
Contributions to VCUK	7,051	7,021	-	14,072
Governance				
Accountancy	3,631	3,417	1,259	8,307
Independent examiner's fee	1,154	1,081	369	2,604
	39,322	34,717	11,206	85,245

3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities (continued)

Prior year

	Christian Faith	Education	Alleviating hardship	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Grants and gifts (see below)	2,865	3,114	10,040	16,019
Direct costs:				
Staff costs	59,744	59,743	39,410	158,897
Volunteer thanks	12	142	-	154
Sunday services and events	150	182	267	599
Car parking	13	13	-	26
Hospitality and refreshments	464	749	411	1,624
Travelling expenses	194	201	21	416
Support costs (see below)	30,102	31,019	7,609	68,730
	93,544	95,163	57,758	246,465

Support costs

	Christian Faith	Education	Alleviating hardship	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Premises costs				
Rent, rates and utilities	6,440	8,233	5,400	20,073
Small equipment and repairs	458	461	38	957
Depreciation	1,540	1,541	-	3,081
Insurance	665	748	204	1,617
Office costs				
Stationery, telephone and IT	7,452	8,014	364	15,830
Sundry costs	3,080	1,484	174	4,738
Contributions to VCUK	6,940	6,940	-	13,880
Governance				
Accountancy	2,713	2,766	1,092	6,571
Independent examiner's fee	814	832	337	1,983
	30,102	31,019	7,609	68,730

3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities (continued)

Grants and gifts

	2022	2021
	£	£
Grants and gifts made to organisations:		
Bridges for Communities	2,460	2,400
Casa de Esparanza - Mexico	3,000	2,500
Easton Academy	-	3,000
Easton Family Centre	150	350
Exeter Vineyard	135	360
India Vineyard gift	319	405
Just Love	200	400
Samaritan's Purse	150	-
Vineyard UK	-	2,336
Smaller gifts <£100	-	316
Grants and gifts made to individuals	2,403	3,952
	8,817	16,019

4 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

			2022	2021
			£	£
Stated after charging:				
Depreciation			3,195	3,081
Trustees' expenses			-	-
Independent examiner's fee	- current year	- independent examination	1,080	960
		- accounts preparation	1,152	1,023
	- underprovided in prior years		372	-

5 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries	155,641	138,357
Social security costs	4,821	3,964
Pension contributions	6,771	6,406
	167,233	148,727

5 Staff costs and numbers (continued)

The number of staff employed are as follows:

	2022	2021
Pastoral and administration	11	10

Most staff work part-time hours, the full-time equivalent is 4.9.
No employee was paid more than £60,000 in 2022 or 2021.
The Trustees consider the key management personnel for the charity to be themselves. Rev. Owen Lynch and Rev Claire Lynch, who are joint lead pastors of the church, are also Trustees of the charity.
Total benefits paid to key management personnel during the year were £86,094 (2021: £79,458), including employer's national insurance and pension contributions.

6 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:			
Donations and grants	280,447	50,166	330,613
Investments	2	1,318	1,320
Other income - profit on sale of van	110	-	110
Total income	280,559	51,484	332,043
Expenditure on:			
Fundraising	775	-	775
Charitable activities	225,969	20,496	246,465
Total expenditure	226,744	20,496	247,240
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds	53,815	30,988	84,803
Total funds brought forward	66,008	371,461	437,469
Total funds carried forward	119,823	402,449	522,272

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment	PA equipment	Computer equipment	Total
Cost	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
At 1 July 2021	5,027	22,051	5,177	32,255
Additions	-	-	1,219	1,219
At 30 June 2022	5,027	22,051	6,396	33,474
Depreciation				
At 1 July 2021	4,996	16,780	3,225	25,001
Charge for the year	31	2,072	1,091	3,194
At 30 June 2022	5,027	18,852	4,316	28,195
Net book value				
At 30 June 2022	-	3,199	2,080	5,279
At 30 June 2021	31	5,271	1,952	7,254

8 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	**£**
Gift Aid receivable	7,841	10,421
Other debtors	1,164	1,117
Prepayments	3,654	4,735
	12,659	16,273

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	**£**
Other creditors	5,396	1,912
Taxation and social security	791	3,294
Accruals	4,161	5,237
Pension creditor	1,771	6,168
	12,119	16,611

10 Related parties and trustee transactions

During the year, the Charity made payments as follows, all permitted by the Charity's Memorandum of Association:

	Remuneration	Pension Contributions	2022 Total
	£	£	£
Rev Owen Lynch	38,539	1,542	40,081
Rev Claire Lynch	44,218	1,795	46,013
	82,757	3,337	86,094

Prior year

	Remuneration	Pension Contributions	2021 Total
	£	£	£
Rev Owen Lynch	38,261	1,468	39,729
Rev Claire Lynch	38,261	1,468	39,729
	76,522	2,936	79,458

Remuneration included above for 2022 and 2021 includes employer's national insurance contributions.

Both Rev Owen Lynch and Rev Claire Lynch are trustees of the charity, and are therefore key management personnel. The remuneration for Rev Owen Lynch and Rev Claire Lynch above is in connection to their roles as lead pastors.

The charity made donations during the year of £2,460 (2021: £2,400) to Bridges for Communities, a charity of which Rev Owen Lynch is a Trustee.

There were no other related party transactions during either the current or the prior year.

11 Company limited by guarantee

The Company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited £1 each.

12 Movement in funds

	At 1 July 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	At 30 June 2022 £
Restricted funds					
Church planting	45	-	-	-	45
New Premises	387,721	9,499	-	-	397,220
CAP Debt Centre	7,230	6,625	(10,629)	-	3,226
West Country and Wales area	1,592	-	(418)	-	1,174
Foodbank	4,929	16,722	(5,934)	(3,548)	12,169
Christmas hampers	915	2,064	(58)	-	2,921
Hardship fund	17	-	-	-	17
	402,449	34,910	(17,039)	(3,548)	416,772
Unrestricted funds					
New Premises	8,336	-	(4,955)	-	3,381
General reserves	111,487	278,286	(289,638)	3,548	103,683
	522,272	313,196	(311,632)	-	523,836

Church planting - Funds received from Vineyard (UK) to facilitate church planting in the local region.

New Premises - Donations received to contribute towards provision of new church premises.

CAP Debt centre - Funds received to work with clients in South Bristol that are struggling with debt, by offering free debt advice and help with negotiating affordable repayments to creditors.

West Country and Wales area - Income received towards senior pastors' expenses incurred as part of regional oversight.

Foodbank - Funds received to cover the costs of a food bank in partnership with Bristol Vineyard and the Trussell Trust**.**

Christmas hampers - Funds were received to give Christmas hampers to clients of Community Services

Casa de Esparanza - funds received for a home in Mexico for young men who are suffering with drug, alcohol and substance abuse issues.

Hardship fund - Funds received to help relieve the hardship of vulnerable families.

New Premises designated fund - The trustees have set aside funds to realise the church's vision for new premises.

12 Movement in funds (continued)

Prior year

	At 1 July 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	At 30 June 2021 £
Restricted funds					
Church planting	122	-	(77)	-	45
New Premises	361,479	26,914	(672)	-	387,721
CAP Debt Centre	3,609	18,968	(15,347)	-	7,230
West Country and Wales area	2,188	-	(596)	-	1,592
Foodbank	4,046	1,887	(1,004)	-	4,929
Christmas hampers	-	1,215	(300)	-	915
Casa de Esparanza	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Hardship fund	17	-	-	-	17
	371,461	51,484	(20,496)	-	402,449
Unrestricted funds					
New Premises	9,515	-	(1,179)	-	8,336
Covid-19	1,870	-	(1,870)	-	-
General reserves	54,623	280,559	(223,695)	-	111,487
	437,469	332,043	(247,240)	-	522,272

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	At 30 June 2022 £
Restricted funds	-	416,772	416,772
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	-	3,381	3,381
General funds	5,279	98,404	103,683
	5,279	518,557	523,836

Free reserves of the charity at 30 June 2022 were £98,404.

Prior year

	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	At 30 June 2021 £
Restricted funds	-	402,449	402,449
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	-	8,336	8,336
General funds	7,254	104,233	111,487
	7,254	515,018	522,272

Free reserves of the charity at 30 June 2021 were £104,233.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 JUNE 2021

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SEVERN VINEYARD

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2021.

Governing Document

Severn Vineyard is a registered charity, charity number 1130698, incorporated on 4 July 2009, duly constituted by means of its Memorandum and Articles of Association and operating as a church.

Organisational Structure

Severn Vineyard is a company limited by guarantee as well as a registered charity, in which the company directors also form the Board of Trustees. The day to day running of the Church is delegated to the employed Lead Pastors: Rev. O R Lynch and Rev. C Lynch both of whom are also Trustees. The liability of each Trustee in the event of a winding up is limited to £1.

Connected Charities

Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland ("VCUKI")

VCUKI (registered charity number 1099748) was formed with the purpose of joining together churches that hold common values and practices. It gives oversight to the pastors of Vineyard churches and facilitates church planting. It helps, serves and strengthens the churches by leading, training, resourcing, administering and providing pastoral support to senior pastors. Severn Vineyard uses the name Vineyard by licence agreement with VCUKI.

Severn Vineyard aims to give 5% of its unrestricted income to support the work of VCUKI. This is not an obligation but is consistent with the Church's aims of sharing in the training of Christian workers and advancing the Kingdom of God.

Objectives & Activities

The objectives of Severn Vineyard are:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith including the planting of new Vineyard churches;

2. The advancement of Christian education;

3. The relief of sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling, training in life skills and support in such parts of Bristol, the UK or the world as the Trustees from time to time may see fit;

4. The provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities with the objective of improving their conditions of life.

Achievements and Performance

Performance against Objectives

The level of performance against objectives is, in the main, a reflection of the activity of the members of Severn Vineyard who volunteer their time, energy and money freely because of their faith in God.

The COVID-19 pandemic and resulting social restrictions that started in March 2020 have had a significant impact on the activities of Severn Vineyard. Between 1st July 2020 and the end of June 2021, UK COVID-19 restrictions significantly limited the ability of Severn Vineyard to organise public gatherings and affected the willingness of the general public to attend in person gatherings. In response, the staff team and volunteer leaders have utilised digital platforms and COVID-19 secure environments to fulfil the objectives of Severn Vineyard.

Strategically, the leadership of the church has adopted three priorities in 2020/21 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Emotional and spiritual health.
- Relationships with family, neighbours and colleagues.
- Serving the city through vocation and volunteering.

These three priorities have enabled Severn to better fulfil its objectives.

The advancement of the Christian faith

Recognising the unique contribution that the Christian faith makes to the emotional and spiritual health of individuals, families and communities, there has been significant investment in pathways, courses and content including:

- Emotionally Focused Pathway (formerly Faith Walking)
- Immanuel Prayer sessions
- The Gold Course
- The Alpha Course
- Emotionally Healthy Church podcast
- Spiritual Direction

The result of this focus on emotional and spiritual health has been many stories of positive change in mental health and relationships amongst those who have participated in these pathways, sessions and courses.

The COVID-19 social restrictions has given new impetus to localism and the importance of the local neighbourhood. We have responded to this social change by facilitating smaller expressions of church (often using digital platforms), thereby encouraging wider participation in local neighbourhood events

and gatherings. This has contributed to the advancement of faith in Jesus Christ, by empowering individuals and families to share their faith in Jesus with their neighbours and friends.

The advancement of Christian education

Everything Severn Vineyard does is focused on helping people establish a relationship with Jesus. This is because it has been demonstrated by anecdotal evidence that repeated experiences of Jesus incrementally and radically transform the mind, body and soul.

Christian theological education has been delivered in a variety of formats to children, teenagers and adults, utilising digital platforms and in person community gatherings.

The staff team plays a key role in leading and coordinating the Christian education of the whole church including:

- Children and families Pastor
- Youth and Students Pastor
- Community Groups Pastor
- Emotional and Spiritual Health Coordinator
- Digital Platforms Director
- Worship Pastor
- Two Co-Lead Pastors

The staff team have worked with volunteer teams to run weekly events for people of all ages including children, youth, families, students, young adults, singles and couples.

Some of this work is done in collaboration with other churches in the UK Vineyard movement and with third party organisations like Fusion, UCCF and Emotionally Focussed. Our association with the Vineyard movement in the UK and Ireland is particularly central to our programme with National events such as "Dreaming the Impossible" (DTI), "Cause to live For" - events and networks that connect youth and young adults. The Vineyard national networks for Kids and Family Pastors, Youth and Students Pastors, Worship Pastors and Lead Pastors are especially helpful for equipping and networking.

Severn Vineyard also contributes to the wider Vineyard movement by releasing the Lead Pastors to serve as Vineyard Area Leaders for the West Country and Wales providing oversight and support to seven other Vineyard churches in the area. Owen Lynch also serves the wider movement as the Regional Vineyard Multiplication Coordinator for the South of England and Wales.

The relief of the poor and needy, and those who are aged or sick

Recognising God's particular determination throughout the Bible to protect and care for the vulnerable and marginalised, Severn has continued to commit significant amounts of time, energy and money to help the most vulnerable and marginalised in Bristol.

Food Poverty:
Severn Vineyard continued to run an emergency food-bank in partnership with Bristol Vineyard Church and the East Bristol Food-bank (part of the Trussell Trust network) serving the BS4 area of South Bristol. In the twelve months to 30th June 2021 the food-bank fulfilled 293 Vouchers, delivering food to a total of 435 adults and 234 children. During June 2021, the decision was made to make the food bank permanent.

In December 2020, Severn Vineyard provided Christmas food packs for vulnerable families who have accessed our community services in the previous 12 months.

Vulnerable Families:
Severn Vineyard has worked in partnership with Home for Good to provide emergency Foster Carers with a support group and families associated with Severn continue to serve as foster carers.

Our Storehouse has continued to provide support for vulnerable families with free children's clothing and baby equipment.

The Severn Vineyard DIYSOS programme has enabled teams of volunteers to provide free home decoration and garden maintenance to vulnerable people who can't do it for themselves.

Severn Vineyard works in partnership with Easton Academy and two churches to provide an Early Intervention Mentoring Scheme for primary school children.

Severn Vineyard continues to provide life skills training courses in partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and a church in the Hartcliffe area of south Bristol. Providing education and support to vulnerable families the course provides parents with key life skills to help their families flourish.

Homelessness:
Severn Vineyard Soup Run teams have continued to provide food, hot drinks and toiletries alongside a listening ear to homeless people twice a month, serving up to 80 people a night.

Severn Vineyard has continued to partner with InHope Bristol to facilitate a Life Recovery Group which is a weekly Christian support group for 24 people living in recovery from addiction and/or mental health challenges.

Debt advocacy and support:
In partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Severn Vineyard provides debt advocacy and support to people in the BS3, BS4, BS13, BS14 postcode areas of Bristol. In the twelve months to 30th June 2021 14 people have been helped by this service. This service is run in partnership with several churches in south Bristol who provide be-frienders to walk with the clients through their journey to becoming debt free.

Refugees and Asylum Seekers:
Severn Vineyard has provided support to refugees and asylum seekers, through our partnership with Bridges for Communities. In the twelve months to 30th June 2021, Severn was again a key partner of

Bridges for Communities, providing £2,400 of financial support. Many people associated with Severn also volunteer with Bridges for Communities as be-frienders.

The provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities with the objective of improving their conditions of life

Recognising that no community exists in isolation, Severn has sought to catalyse community groups within local neighbourhoods and among people with similar interests. These groups have helped to counter the inherent loneliness experienced in the city, strengthen neighbourhoods and bring together people whose differences could have kept them apart. During the Covid related social restrictions, many of these groups gathered online or in the open air.

Working within the Covid related social restrictions Severn Vineyard staff and volunteers have endeavoured to gather and connect children, youth and students with age specific activities and events.

Severn has a pastoral support network to respond to the pastoral needs of members of the church community who are struggling with personal challenges.

As well as community groups, our staff organise teams of volunteers that support the infrastructure of Severn Vineyard. Whilst these teams are essential for the operation of the church, they are also a primary way to provide a forum for friendship to flourish.

In planning church activities, the trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance relating to activities for the public benefit.

Financial review

The finances of Severn Vineyard during 2020-21 show that the trustees have focused expenditure on the four main objectives of the charity.

The surplus of unrestricted funds for the financial year of £53,815 is a result of reduced expenditure due to COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings.

Restricted funds include funds received for the ongoing building campaign and funds received for the CAP debt advocacy service.

Principal funding has come from donations made by members of the church. A significant proportion of the donations have been made under the Gift Aid scheme, whereby HM Revenue & Customs returns the tax paid on those donations to Severn Vineyard.

Note 3 to the accounts details how the expenditure in the period has supported the church's key objectives.

Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are nominated by other Trustees during Trustees' meetings. Open discussions are conducted within the meetings regarding the candidates' suitability for the role, commitment to Severn Vineyard, and cross referenced to the skills gaps on the Trustee Board. Potential candidates are approached by one of the Lead Pastors and/or the Chair of Trustees, and the candidate is asked to

prayerfully consider whether they might serve the Church in this way. Once the candidate confirms they would be happy to undertake this responsibility, they are invited to a Trustees' meeting and appointed as a Trustee. One of the Trustees will meet with them to go through the Trustee job description, as well as assign them a particular function/department.

Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

Remuneration for key management personnel is guided by a pay spine document developed by a former Trustee of Severn, in line with Vineyard UK pay guidelines. A remuneration committee meets to review the salary and package for the Lead Pastors. The Lead Pastors are responsible for the setting of the remuneration of rest of the staff team in line with policy agreed with the Trustees.

Investment Powers and Policy

The constitution of Severn Vineyard authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments using the funds of the Charity.

Cash balances are currently held with several banks to protect the charity from undue exposure to a single institution.

Reserves Policy

Rationale:

Severn Vineyard aims to maintain reserves in order to cover short term fluctuations in income and expenditure. The charity actively maximises its liquidity by submitting frequent claims for gift aid and close management of cash flow.

Maintenance:

The Trustees aim to review, on a half-annual basis, the level of reserves held. At present they consider a minimum level of £20,950 necessary to cover outstanding contractual expenditure should the charity be unable to continue. The current free reserves ensure that the charity can cover all contractual expenditure. The COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions on social gatherings reduced expenditure on venue hire and contributed to an unrestricted surplus of £53,815 for the year. This has increased current free reserves to £104,233 which is above the target range agreed by the trustees. A surplus of £30,988 on restricted funds results in a year end balance of £402,449. The total surplus for the year is £84,803. The trustees are content with the high level of reserves given the economic downturn caused by the COVID 19 pandemic.

Review of Policy:

The Trustees aim to review whether the Policy itself remains appropriate at least once per year.

Risk Management

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

a) an annual budget approved by the Trustees;
b) regular consideration by the Trustees of financial reports;
c) delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
d) identification and management of risks.

The Trustees aim to review the main risks facing the church, and the controls over key financial systems, on a regular basis. The trustees are of the opinion that adequate systems and resources are in place to mitigate any significant matters arising from operational and business risks. The Trustees are pleased to confirm that the internal financial controls, in particular, conform to guidelines issued by the Charity Commission.

Plans for future periods

In line with the charitable objectives, Severn Vineyard will continue to contribute to the spiritual, cultural and social wellbeing of the residents of Bristol and the surrounding area.

Plans for the next two years involve:

1. Continuing the search for suitable permanent premises for the church.

2. An increased emphasis on the three priorities of:
   2.1 Emotional and spiritual health.
   2.2 Relationships with family, neighbours and colleagues.
   2.3 Serving the city through vocation and volunteering.

3 Greater collaboration with Bristol Vineyard Church.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees (who are also directors of Severn Vineyard for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the strategic report and directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Approval of Accounts

The accounts were approved on behalf of the Trustees on ……., by:

Greg Nixon
Trustee/Director

Claire Lynch
Trustee/Director

SEVERN VINEYARD

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Company number

06952398

Charity number

1130698

Trustees

The Trustees (who are directors for the purpose of company law) who have served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

G A Nixon	
Rev O R Lynch	
A T H Edwards	resigned June 2021
Rev C Lynch	
P M Howells	
A H Pudner	appointed November 2021
R Roberts	appointed August 2021

Secretary

G A Nixon	resigned April 2021
P M Howells	appointed April 2021

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SEVERN VINEYARD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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

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SEVERN VINEYARD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including income and expenditure account)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from:					
Donations and grants	**2**	280,447	50,166	330,613	344,190
Charitable activities:					
Contributions receivable for events and trips		-	-	-	913
Investments		2	1,318	1,320	1,864
Other income - profit on sale of van		110	-	110	-
Total income		280,559	51,484	332,043	346,967
Expenditure on:					
Fundraising		775	-	775	-
Charitable activities	**3**	225,969	20,496	246,465	270,665
Total expenditure		226,744	20,496	247,240	270,665
Net income and movement in funds	**4**	53,815	30,988	84,803	76,302
Total funds brought forward	**12**	66,008	371,461	437,469	361,167
Total funds carried forward	**12**	119,823	402,449	522,272	437,469

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing.

The comparative Statement of Financial Activities is shown in note 6.

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these financial statements

SEVERN VINEYARD

BALANCE SHEET

AT 30 JUNE 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets	**7**	7,254	2,896
Current assets			
Stock		-	50
Debtors	**8**	16,273	12,160
Cash at bank		515,356	439,941
		531,629	452,151
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	**9**	(16,611)	(17,578)
Net current assets		515,018	434,573
Net assets		522,272	437,469
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	**13**	402,449	371,461
Unrestricted funds	**13**	119,823	66,008
		522,272	437,469

For the year ending 30 June 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Director's responsibilities;

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006,

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

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

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on….....and are signed on their behalf by:

Greg Nixon
Trustee

Claire Lynch
Trustee

Company registration number 06952398

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these financial statements

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102.
The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties affecting the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

b) Income

Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:
I. When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods;
II. When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that activity inclusive of VAT. Support costs and costs that cannot be directly attributed have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resource.
Costs of charitable activities comprise the expenditure associated with achieving the charitable objectives and activities of Severn Vineyard.
Governance costs comprise the costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs are included within support costs.
Expenditure is allocated to a particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.
Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories based on use of the particular resource.

d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.
Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.
Designated funds form part of unrestricted funds and have been identified as being for particular purposes by the Trustees. They are not restricted and can be transferred to general funds at any time at the discretion of the Trustees.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

e) **Fixed assets**

Depreciation is calculated so as to write-off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of the asset as follows:

Computer and office equipment	3 years straight line
Motor Vehicles	4 years straight line
PA equipment	4 years straight line

Assets are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500.

f) **Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

g) **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered.
Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

h) **Cash at bank in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

i) **Creditors**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

j) **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity contributes to defined contribution pension schemes. Contributions payable to the charity's pension schemes are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2 Donations and grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations from church members	231,135	26,516	257,651
Gift aid reclaimed	49,312	4,870	54,182
Grants received	-	18,780	18,780
	280,447	50,166	330,613

Donations of £36,407 (2020: £77,844) were received from trustees and other related parties during the year.

2 Donations and grants (continued)

Prior year	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£
Donations from church members	227,155	53,528	280,683
Gift aid reclaimed	46,904	9,453	56,357
Grants received	-	7,150	7,150
	274,059	70,131	344,190

3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Christian Faith	Education	Alleviating hardship	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Grants and gifts (see below)	2,865	3,114	10,040	16,019
Direct costs:				
Staff costs	59,744	59,743	39,410	158,897
Volunteer thanks	12	142	-	154
Sunday services and events	150	182	267	599
Car parking	13	13	-	26
Hospitality and refreshments	464	749	411	1,624
Travelling expenses	194	201	21	416
Support costs (see below)	30,102	31,019	7,609	68,730
	93,544	95,163	57,758	246,465

Support costs

	Christian Faith	Education	Alleviating hardship	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Premises costs				
Rent, rates and utilities	6,440	8,233	5,400	20,073
Small equipment and repairs	458	461	38	957
Depreciation	1,540	1,541	-	3,081
Insurance	665	748	204	1,617
Office costs				
Stationery, telephone and IT	7,452	8,014	364	15,830
Sundry costs	3,080	1,484	174	4,738
Contributions to VCUK	6,940	6,940	-	13,880
Governance				
Accountancy	2,713	2,766	1,092	6,571
Independent examiner's fee	814	832	337	1,983
	30,102	31,019	7,609	68,730

3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities (continued)

Prior year

	Christian Faith	Education	Alleviating hardship	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Grants and gifts (see below)	2,214	2,279	5,954	10,447
Direct costs:				
Staff costs	62,141	62,143	38,861	163,145
Volunteer thanks	31	31	-	62
Sunday services and events	1,376	1,576	600	3,552
Car parking	3,607	3,607	-	7,214
Hospitality and refreshments	3,387	4,221	562	8,170
Travelling expenses	682	682	478	1,842
Support costs (see below)	33,222	33,774	9,237	76,233
	106,660	108,313	55,692	270,665

Support costs

	Christian Faith	Education	Alleviating hardship	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Premises costs				
Rent, rates and utilities	13,823	15,526	5,895	35,244
Small equipment and repairs	626	747	87	1,460
Depreciation	572	572	-	1,144
Insurance	848	987	625	2,460
Office costs				
Stationery, telephone and IT	3,216	3,281	847	7,344
Sundry costs	3,053	1,478	261	4,792
Trustee expenses	60	57	17	134
Contributions to VCUK	7,252	7,252	-	14,504
Governance				
Accountancy	2,785	3,361	1,117	7,263
Independent examiner's fee	987	513	388	1,888
	33,222	33,774	9,237	76,233

3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities (continued)

Grants and gifts

	2021	2020
	£	£
Grants and gifts made to organisations:		
Bridges for Communities	2,400	2,600
Brighter Bristol	-	661
Casa de Esparanza - Mexico	2,500	-
Easton Academy	3,000	-
Easton Family Centre	350	1,000
Exeter Vineyard	360	1,110
Great Lakes Outreach - Burundi	-	500
India Vineyard gift	405	110
Just Love	400	-
Love the One	-	250
South Bristol CAP Debt Centre	-	844
Southmead Chaplains	-	376
Vineyard UK	2,336	200
Year of Jubilee - P Joiner	-	600
Smaller gifts <£100	316	30
Grants and gifts made to individuals	3,952	2,166
	16,019	10,447

4 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Stated after charging:		
Depreciation	3,081	1,143
Trustees' expenses: 0 trustees. (2020: 0 trustees, £0)	-	-
Independent examiner's fee	1,983	1,888

5 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Salaries	138,357	133,465
Social security costs	3,964	5,175
Pension contributions	6,406	6,690
	148,727	145,330

5 Staff costs and numbers (continued)

The number of staff employed are as follows:

	2021	2020
Pastoral and administration	9.5	9.1

Most staff work part-time hours, the full-time equivalent is 4.3.
No employee was paid more than £60,000 in 2021 or 2020.
The Trustees consider the key management personnel for the charity to be themselves. Rev. Owen Lynch and Rev Claire Lynch, who are joint lead pastors of the church, are also Trustees of the charity.
Total benefits paid to key management personnel during the year were £79,458 (2020: £77,582), including employer's national insurance and pension contributions.

6 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds 2020
	£	£	£
Income from:			
Donations and grants	274,059	70,131	344,190
Charitable activities:			
Contributions receivable for events and trips	913	-	913
Investments	7	1,857	1,864
Total income	274,979	71,988	346,967
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	253,774	16,891	270,665
Total expenditure	253,774	16,891	270,665
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds	21,205	55,097	76,302
Total funds brought forward	44,803	316,364	361,167
Total funds carried forward	66,008	371,461	437,469

7 Tangible fixed assets

Cost	Motor Vehicles £	Equipment £	PA equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
At 1 July 2020	6,190	5,027	17,540	4,151	32,908
Additions	-	-	4,511	2,928	7,439
Disposals	(6,190)	-	-	(1,902)	(8,092)
At 30 June 2021	-	5,027	22,051	5,177	32,255
Depreciation					
At 1 July 2020	6,190	4,963	14,708	4,151	30,012
Charge for the year	-	33	2,072	976	3,081
Eliminated on disposal	(6,190)	-	-	(1,902)	(8,092)
At 30 June 2021	-	4,996	16,780	3,225	25,001
Net book value					
At 30 June 2021	-	31	5,271	1,952	7,254
At 30 June 2020	-	64	2,832	-	2,896

8 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Gift Aid receivable	10,421	3,963
Other debtors	1,117	1,809
Prepayments	4,735	6,388
	16,273	12,160

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors	1,912	1,974
Taxation and social security	3,294	1,433
Accruals	5,237	10,179
Pension creditor	6,168	3,992
	16,611	17,578

10 Related parties and trustee transactions

During the year, the Charity made payments as follows, all permitted by the Charity's Memorandum of Association:

	Expenses	Remuneration	Pension Contributions	2021 Total
		£	£	£
Rev Owen Lynch	-	36,792	2,937	39,729
Rev Claire Lynch	-	36,792	2,937	39,729
	-	73,584	5,874	79,458

Prior year

	Expenses	Remuneration	Pension Contributions	2020 Total
		£	£	£
Rev Owen Lynch	-	35,885	2,749	38,634
Rev Claire Lynch	100	36,199	2,749	39,048
	100	72,084	5,498	77,682

Remuneration included above for 2021 and 2020 includes employer's national insurance contributions.

Both Rev Owen Lynch and Rev Claire Lynch are trustees of the charity, and are therefore key management personnel. The remuneration for Rev Owen Lynch and Rev Claire Lynch above is in connection to their roles as lead pastors.

The charity made donations during the year of £2,400 (2020: £2,600) to Bridges for Communities, a charity of which Rev Owen Lynch is a Trustee.

There were no other related party transactions during either the current or the prior year.

11 Company limited by guarantee

The Company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited £1 each.

12 Movement in funds

	At I July 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	At 30 June 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Church planting	122	-	(77)	-	45
New Premises	361,479	26,914	(672)	-	387,721
CAP Debt Centre	3,609	18,968	(15,347)	-	7,230
West Country and Wales area	2,188	-	(596)	-	1,592
Foodbank	4,046	1,887	(1,004)	-	4,929
Christmas hampers	-	1,215	(300)		915
Casa de Esparanza	-	2,500	(2,500)		-
Hardship fund	17	-	-	-	17
	371,461	51,484	(20,496)	-	402,449
Unrestricted funds					
New Premises	9,515	-	(1,179)	-	8,336
Covid-19	1,870	-	(1,870)	-	-
General reserves	54,623	280,559	(223,695)	-	111,487
	437,469	332,043	(247,240)	-	522,272

Church planting - Funds received from Vineyard (UK) to facilitate church planting in the local region.

New Premises - Donations received to contribute towards provision of new church premises.

West Country and Wales area - Income received towards senior pastors' expenses incurred as part of regional oversight.

CAP Debt centre - Funds received to work with clients in South Bristol that are struggling with debt, by offering free debt advice and help with negotiating affordable repayments to creditors.

CAP Life Skills - Funds received to run courses giving people the skills and confidence needed to survive living on a low income.

Foodbank - Funds received to cover the costs of a food bank in partnership with Bristol Vineyard and the Trussell Trust.

Hardship fund - Funds received to help relieve the hardship of vulnerable families.

New Premises designated fund - The trustees have set aside funds to realise the church's vision for new premises.

Special offering designated fund - Funds to support the church's work with vulnerable people.

Covid-19 - Funds set aside by the trustees to meet the extra costs incurred by the church caused by the Covid 19 pandemic.

Christmas hampers - Funds were received to give Christmas hampers to clients of Community Services

Casa de Esparanza - Funds received to support this charity based in Mexico

12 Movement in funds (continued)

Prior year

	At 1 July 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	At 30 June 2020 £
Restricted funds					
Church planting	199	-	(77)	-	122
New Premises	308,193	54,318	(1,032)	-	361,479
CAP Debt Centre	5,098	11,675	(13,164)	-	3,609
West Country and Wales area	2,874	1,150	(1,836)	-	2,188
Foodbank	-	4,252	(206)	-	4,046
Hardship fund	-	593	(576)	-	17
	316,364	71,988	(16,891)		371,461
Unrestricted funds					
New Premises	11,000	-	(1,485)	-	9,515
Special offering designated fund	1,219	-	(1,219)	-	-
Covid-19	-	6,000	(4,130)	-	1,870
General reserves	32,584	268,979	(246,940)	-	54,623
	-			-	-
	361,167	346,967	(270,665)	-	437,469

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	At 30 June 2021 £
Restricted funds	-	402,449	402,449
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	-	8,336	8,336
General funds	7,254	104,233	111,487
	7,254	515,018	522,272

Free reserves of the charity at 30 June 2021 were £104,233.

Prior year	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	At 30 June 2020 ``
Restricted funds	-	371,461	371,461
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	-	11,385	11,385
General funds	2,896	51,727	54,623
			-
	2,896	434,573	437,469

Free reserves of the charity at 30 June 2020 were £51,727.