



PARISH OF BUXTED AND HADLOW DOWN
CHARITY REG NO. 1130925

**Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Report
for the year ended 31st December 2020**

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Parish of Buxted and Hadlow Down

Trustees' Annual Report

for the year ended 31 December 2020

During the year we welcomed our new incumbent, Reverend Peter Molloy, whose institution (by the Bishop of Chichester) and induction (by the Archdeacon of Hastings) was held on Tuesday 20th October 2020 at St Margaret the Queen, Buxted Park. The parish therefore spent the majority of the year in an interregnum, with the two churchwardens taking on the role of sequestrators, since 18th July 2019.

The year was impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic, which led to a period of closure of the churches, suspension of public worship and much reduced congregations. However, a presence was later maintained at all times, through keeping our church buildings open for private prayer and a range of on-line offerings and informal contacts.

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, and during a vacancy the churchwardens as sequestrators, in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England;
- Promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical within the parish.
- Working to know Jesus better and making Him better known;
- Giving practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or ability to pay;
- Providing financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives.

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives

When planning our activities for the year, the PCC considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'. It took a pragmatic view, given that the year started with an interregnum and swiftly was overtaken by the Coronavirus pandemic, to seek to maintain its presence in the parish.

The council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Notwithstanding the pandemic referred to above, we endeavoured to continue with the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible both to worship (safely) at our churches and to become part of the parish community in Buxted and Hadlow Down.
- Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish, whilst considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish, including the sick, elderly and bereaved
- Helping the poor and needy of the parish
- Giving grants / collections to missionary organisations and other charities
- Reaching out to the unchurched through involvement in village activities and events, by social events organised by the PCC and by use of parish/village magazines, emails and Facebook
- Maintaining the fabric of the church buildings as historic centres, focuses of life in the parish and sacred spaces for personal prayer and contemplation

What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

Attendance at worship

The church family welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary. Visitors attend by personal choice and we are pleased to welcome people from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church. We contend that voluntary attendance to worship the Lord Jesus Christ is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

At 31 December 2020, there were 190 parishioners on the electoral roll, of whom 63 were not resident within the parish. During 2020, eleven names were added and seven removed, due to death or leaving the parish.

The average regular weekly attendance across the parish, over the year, was 88 adults and 8 children (excluding school services). These numbers were reduced, both through closure of services and the impact of the pandemic. Emails, with recordings and readings, were sent to around 150 people each week.

Services at Christmas and Easter, traditionally the most popular, were curtailed due to the suspension of services. Those at Easter due to national restrictions, those at Christmas due to a decision of the PCC that it would have been unsafe to continue.

During the year the presence of the organist / choir master at St Margaret's led to an increase in choir numbers and involvement in worship. An electronic organ has been introduced on a temporary trial basis to review an extended range of musical options, whilst plans to develop music, both at St Margaret's and across the parish continue to develop.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

In 2020 there were 2 weddings, 12 funerals, as well as 3 burials of ashes. Due to the restrictions, there were no baptisms. The level of weddings was drastically reduced, due to the pandemic, but will be reflected in the increase expected in 2021, as will be expected of baptisms.

Whether possible, regular services were held across the parish. We were able to continue with the full range of services during the interregnum, cancelling only a couple, where we were unable to find priests to cover.

During the various lockdowns and restrictions, the parish produced a weekly newsletter, circulated by email and reproduced on the parish website, which included readings from across the congregation, as well as thoughts for reflection and prayer. Awareness of parish activities is increased by the parish Facebook page and other social media interactions, as well as the updated website.

Outreach

Parish events were severely curtailed by the pandemic, despite a detailed list of events having been prepared early in the year. Particular disappointment was the cancellation of the Open Day and Craft Fair at St Mary's, as well as regular favourites, such as the Harvest Supper. Our churches host a number of events, such as concerts, and these were all victims of the pandemic, but are a key element to our being part of the community.

The parish has strong links with both Buxted School and St. Mark's School Hadlow Down. Both schools usually hold services, at least twice a term in St. Margaret's, or once a week at St. Mark's. The Rector is, ex officio a Governor of both schools and Lara Roberts is a Foundation Governor at Buxted School. The PCC Foundation Governors at St. Mark's, for all or part of the year, were Vicky Richards, Andy Cook, Angela Wilkes (Co-vice chair), Sue Willmott and John Lawson.

The Signs, Rhymes and Chimes group, in which babies, toddlers and their carers learn sign language and musical activities, suspended its weekly meetings in St. Margaret's, but we hope it will resume. This very supportive group provides a regular meeting place for mothers and carers, with their children.

The Buxted Messenger has, however, continued as the village magazine for Buxted and provides updates on parish and community news. The monthly print run is 440 copies and they are delivered to subscribers or available to purchase in various places. Space is provided in Hadlow Down's magazine for parish and church matters, and this magazine is delivered to all households in the village.

Provision of the church buildings and churchyards for people to enjoy

We are proud of the fact that all three of our churches are usually open each day, for all to enjoy; whether as a visitor or seeking a quiet place for prayer and contemplation. The comments from visitors are universally appreciative of the fact that they are open, show that they are cared for and provide a tranquil space. Whilst their central role is as a place of worship, we have also used them as facilities for the benefit of the wider community.

The fact that our churches and their churchyards remain open, and in a good state of repair, is thanks to the ongoing support and hard-work of so many people; but having the benefit of historic buildings brings with it responsibilities. In the last year each of our churches have continued to work on addressing the remaining recommendations from their quinquennial inspections. We are resolved to implement the recommendations as soon as reasonably practicable, and have already made good progress. Our churchyards also benefit from the attendance of a number of volunteers, both regular and those at ad hoc working parties.

Issues of Health & Safety are taken seriously, with matters resolved as they arise. No significant issues were reported in the year.

During the year works were undertaken in the belfry of St Margaret's to address damp problems, and the exposed medieval stonework will now become a permanent feature on two of the four walls. Because of problems with damp within the clergy vestry the church architect has advised that remedial repairs be carried out to both the roof and the exterior stone wall. These issues have been investigated and arrangements made for the necessary repairs to be undertaken.

We are grateful to the Friends of St Margaret's for grants to enable the works to be undertaken without undue pressure on the parish's funds.

Work at St Mark's has been focussed around maintenance of the churchyard, acknowledging that internal works will be easier to address when restrictions are lifted. In part this has been prompted by flooding from the road.

The work at St Mary's has focused on stone and flintwork repairs to the staircase up to the front door. Peeling paint on the east wall was stripped to reveal a frieze behind and options for whether or how this is conserved are being explored. Works on repairs to the bell tower roof were delayed and are being addressed in 2021.

Looking ahead, we are continuing to examine plans for the re-ordering of St Margaret's to provide a kitchen facility, adequate toilet facilities, and the creation of a mezzanine floor in the tower, the upper section of which would be used as a bell-ringing chamber and the lower part as a choir vestry. Access to the mezzanine floor in the tower and a new 'upper room' above the kitchen would be provided from a new gallery to be constructed across the rear of the church. This follows the strong advice from the DAC that we should look to provide these facilities within the church rather than by means of an extension, as had been planned previously.

St Mary's Church Hall has had little use in the year, due to the restrictions, but – when possible – it is used by a variety of organisations from the monthly Sunday Lunch Club, via Scottish Country Dancing and the Buxted Symphony Orchestra. New sources of use are being explored (Know Dementia have already started using the facility).

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

The pastoral work in the parish remained a focus during the past year. We are grateful to Fr David Milnes for being available to support people during the interregnum, and working with the Rector after he joined us.

Going forward, post-pandemic, we hope to rebuild the previous ties with Hurstwood View Care Home, through the administration of regular Eucharist services. Additionally, a small group of parishioners, together with the Rector, will go to Saxon Court once a month to share in a simple service and talk to the residents.

Where possible visits were made to parishioners in need of pastoral support, particularly for those facing family problems, loneliness or illness and those in hospital or bereaved. A group of volunteers has quietly gone about maintaining this during the interregnum, including telephone contact.

The Lunch Club has been unable to meet on its monthly basis, but hopes to resume when it can. This has been aimed at the elderly and those living alone and regularly provided a hot Sunday lunch to approximately 30 people.

Provision of tangible support to the poor and needy and other charitable giving

Harvest gifts of food were donated to the Uckfield Food Bank, but other activities were curtailed by the pandemic

Over the year, donations were much reduced due to the reduction in services with dedicated collections. In total, £371 was donated over the year.

Financial review - General Fund

The classification of receipts and payments continues to follow the latest Charity Commission and Church of England directives. The financial results of "The Friends of St Margaret the Queen Buxted" are not included, as this is a separately registered charity.

Total receipts, before extra-ordinary items, were £75,614, a decrease of £29,670 (28%) compared with 2019. Whilst most areas of income were down (other than gift aid recovered), there were two significant areas that covered this; donations and legacies (down £7,854 – 12%) from lack of collections at services, and other trading activities (down £18,776 – 65%) due to an absence of fund-raising and other events with the pandemic restrictions.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £44,889 (2019 £66,829) paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs. This amount covers the stipend, pension and housing costs of the incumbent and also a standard sum for diocesan central costs, clergy training and a contribution to national church funds. This year our contribution decreased by 33% on the previous year, a decision made by the PCC and in the light of

financial projections that we would be reducing our general reserves too far, and in line with advice from the Deanery not to do so. For many years we have met 100% of our parish ministry costs, following Diocesan calculations, and will seek to return to do so, when we can. Clergy costs showed a continued decrease to reflect the time spent in interregnum this year.

After transfers between funds, the General Fund showed a net surplus of £3,037 for the year, primarily achieved by the reduction in parish share. Plans are in place for 2021 to continue to control expenditure and seek to increase income, without impacting on the delivery of our public benefit.

Trustee payments and expenses

The PCC supported the incumbent by paying £328.51. No payments were made to other PCC members.

Financial review - Designated Funds

The designated Projects Fund for each church holds legacies and other donations that were felt by the PCC to have been given for that church, or were general reserves of that church when the single parish was created. In 2020 funds were spent at St Margaret's on repairs to a bell headstock, electrical items and architect's fees towards re-ordering plans. At St Mary's the expenditure related to stone and flint repairs, as well as organ tuning. Wherever possible, the PCC respects donors' wishes and uses the funds for one-off projects at the specified church.

Financial review - Restricted Funds

In 2020 funds were spent from the St Margaret's Organ Fund on the retuning of the Bevington organ and towards the trial of an electronic organ. At St Mary's the expenditure was on stone and flint repairs, as well as a report on the conservation of the frieze. At St Mark's the expenditure was towards churchyard maintenance. Other restricted funds are used, wherever possible, for the purposes intended, particularly where the endowments provide income.

Why we hold some money in reserve

The PCC's policy is to ensure that sufficient reserves are held to cover three months of revenue expenditure and known commitments in the medium term, including:

- Expected capital expenditure for maintaining the physical state of the three listed church buildings over the next five years.
- Other commitments of expenditure linked to mission.

The PCC believes that, whilst our reserves currently exceed our minimum requirements, uncertainty over future revenue streams suggest that this is an appropriate and prudent policy to maintain.

Funds over and above day-to-day working requirements are deposited in CBF Church of England deposit accounts. This Policy is reviewed on an annual basis.

Structure, governance and management

The Parish of Buxted & Hadlow Down is a single parish with three parish churches. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011. (Reg. No. XT7790) Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

A separate registered charity, *The Friends of St. Margaret the Queen, Buxted* (Reg. No. 282334) raises funds for the repair and maintenance of the fabric and churchyard at St Margaret's Church.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC membership consists of the incumbent, the churchwardens, the licensed reader, members of the Deanery Synod and church members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Parish. Regular worshippers are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC, or to join one of the three church committees / parish groups, where we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience.

PCC members are responsible for making decisions on a wide range of matters affecting the parish, including compliance with health and safety and disability legislation and safeguarding of children and adults. In their capacity as trustees, members of the PCC are responsible for the stewardship of funds and for the appropriate accounting and reporting of parish finances.

The PCC met four times during the year with an average level of attendance of 65%, all meetings being quorate. Three matters were agreed by email correspondence by PCC members, when there were restrictions on meeting in person, which were subsequently ratified at full meetings. The Standing Committee met twice in the first half of the year, with issues discussed through emails between PCC meetings. The individual Church Committees met as needed and the appropriate Deputy Warden subsequently drawing the attention of the PCC to matters discussed and decisions made at local level, or to be agreed by the full PCC.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

Incumbent (from 20 th October)	Rev. Peter Molloy*	Chairman
Licensed Lay Reader	Mr John Thorpe	
Churchwarden	Mr Paul Dillon-Robinson*	Vice Chairman
Churchwarden and DSR	Mr Duncan Irvine*	
Mrs Patricia Weeks	Deanery Synod Representative	
Mr Colin Woolgrove	Deanery Synod Representative	
Mr Toby Illingworth	Deanery Synod Representative	

Elected laity members:

Mr Anthony Arratoon
Mrs Katharine Arratoon (until 14th October)
Mrs Valerie Banks (elected 14th October)
Mrs Samantha Butler
Mr Iain Lindsay*
Mrs Diana Midson
Dr David Munday* (Treasurer)
Mr John Palmer*
Mr Keith Revoir (until 14th October)
Dr Lara Roberts
Mrs Janet Tourell (* from 14th October)
Mrs Anne Yarrow* (until 14th October)

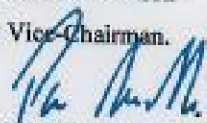
Note : Maximum of 12 permitted

* Standing Committee Members. This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to directions given by the PCC.

The Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC on 11 May 2021 signed on its behalf by:

Paul Dillon-Robinson

PCC Vice-Chairman.



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Date: 11 May 21

Parish of Buxted and Hadlow Down

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

Summary of Receipts and Payments

	Note	Unrestricted		Restricted Funds	Total All Funds 2020	Total All Funds 2019
		General Fund	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies		57,346	1,000	371	58,717	75,841
Government grants		1,700	0	1,464	3,164	8,217
Charitable activities		5,018	0	0	5,018	7,142
Other trading activities		9,968	0	0	9,968	28,744
Investments		1,582	3,478	6,617	11,677	14,892
Total before extra-ordinary receipts	4	75,614	4,478	8,452	88,544	134,836
<i>Extra-ordinary receipts</i>						
Archdeacon's Loan					0	10,000
Grants from <i>The Friends of St. Margaret's</i>		7,064			7,064	5,289
Total Receipts		82,678	4,478	8,452	95,608	150,125
Payments						
Cost of raising funds		0	0	0	0	2,152
Charitable costs		67,571	3,423	5,202	76,196	118,572
Trading costs		5,006	0	0	5,006	9,507
Total before extra-ordinary payments	6	72,577	3,423	5,202	81,202	130,231
<i>Extra Ordinary Payments</i>		7,064	4,301	4,637	16,002	31,948
Total Payments		79,641	7,724	9,839	97,204	162,179
Net surplus/(shortfall) before transfers		3,037	(3,246)	(1,387)	(1,596)	(12,054)
Transfers between funds	7	0	0	0	0	0
Net surplus/(shortfall) after transfers		3,037	(3,246)	(1,387)	(1,596)	(12,054)
Bank/deposit accounts at 1 January		7,269	24,458	17,664	49,391	61,445
Bank/deposit accounts at 31 December		10,306	21,212	16,277	47,795	49,391

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets	Note	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total All Funds 2020	Total All Funds 2019
		General Fund	Designated Funds				
Bank Current account		7,819				7,819	4,783
		7,819	0	0	0	7,819	4,783
CBF C of E Deposit Funds		2,486	21,212	16,276		38,974	44,666
Total Bank/Deposit Accounts		10,305	21,212	16,276	0	47,793	49,391
E - Heating Costs (Costello Trust)		675		(675)		0	0
Gift Aid recoverable		556				556	4,953
VAT recoverable (by grant)		759	1,015	651		2,425	0
Total debtors		1,990	1,015	(24)	0	2,981	4,953
Investments at Market Value		35,606	81,468	97,521	132,148	346,943	359,033
Total Assets		48,101	103,695	113,773	132,148	387,717	413,377
Liabilities							
Archdeacon's loan 5&6				15,000		15,000	15,000
Wedding deposits - future years		300				300	700
Utility Costs - December 2020		440				440	577
E - Churchyard maintenance 2019						0	2,275
Total Liabilities		740	0	15,000	0	15,740	18,552

Statement of Funds

Designated Funds	Deposit Accounts					Investments @ mid. val.
	Jan 1	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Dec 31	
Q - Projects Fund	13,645	3,011	(8,521)		10,335	81,468
V - Projects Fund	3,076	1,014	(1,203)		2,887	
E - Projects Fund	7,537	453			7,990	
Total Designated Funds	24,458	4,478	(7,724)	0	21,212	81,468
Restricted Funds						
Q - Organ/Music Fund	2,605	1,760	(2,015)		2,650	74,965
V - Fabric Fund	4,867	20	(3,909)		878	
E - Churchyard Fund	3,645	2,106	(3,545)		2,206	22,566
V - Churchyard Fund	792	3			795	
E - Costello Trust	5,455	4,192			9,647	
Charity collections	0	371	(371)		0	
Total Restricted Funds	17,664	8,452	(9,840)	0	16,276	97,521
Endowment Funds						
Abdelnoor Trust (E)						12,855
Costello Trust (E)						119,293
Total Endowment Funds						132,148

This Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2020, including the notes following, was approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by

Signed:



Date:

16/12/21

Notes to the Annual Financial Report

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and current Church Accounting Regulations, using the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. The financial statements do not include the results of *The Friends of St. Margaret the Queen Buxted*, a separately registered charity, which raises funds and makes grants to the PCC against specific fabric and churchyard expenditure at St Margaret's Church.
3. The PCC maintains a designated fund for each church, primarily to earmark funds specifically donated to that church from legacies, etc.

4. Analysis of total receipts					
	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total All Funds 2020	Total All Funds 2019
	General Fund	Designated Funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
Planned giving (excl tax refunds)	28,746			28,746	30,012
Planned giving (no tax refunds)	1,800			1,800	1,800
Loose cash collections	6,322			6,322	15,937
Gift Aid recovered	13,291			13,291	8,645
Legacies		1,000		1,000	0
Grants - non-Government	720			720	5,732
Other donations	6,467			6,467	9,321
Charitable donations			371	371	4,394
Total donations and legacies	57,346	1,000	371	58,717	75,841
Grants - Central Government				0	5,775
Grants - District Government			1,464	1,464	1,442
Grants - Local Government	1,700			1,700	1,000
Total Government Grants	1,700	0	1,464	3,164	8,217
Fees for weddings and funerals	5,018			5,018	7,142
Total charitable activities	5,018	0	0	5,018	7,142
Fund-raising events	456			456	13,469
Buxted Messenger receipts	4,611			4,611	4,526
St. Mary's Hall receipts	4,440			4,440	7,989
Other Church events	461			461	2,760
Total trading activities	9,968	0	0	9,968	28,744
Dividends on investments	1,574	3,380	6,539	11,493	14,564
Deposit Interest	8	98	78	184	328
Total investment income	1,582	3,478	6,617	11,677	14,892
Total receipts (before extra-ordinary)	75,614	4,478	8,452	88,544	134,836

- During 2018, the Greaves Legacy investments were sold in entirety to assist in the funding of guttering repairs to St Mary's, with the work being completed in January 2019. An Archdeacon's Loan of £10,000 was received in 2019 to also help fund the repairs, together with an agreed grant for £10,000 from Sussex Historic Churches Trust, £5,000 of which was received in April 2019.

Notes to the Annual Financial Report (continued)

6 Analysis of total payments					
	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total All Funds 2020	Total All Funds 2019
	General Fund	Designated Funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising expenses	0.00			0	2,152
Total cost of raising funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	2,152
Charitable grants and donations			371	371	4,882
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	44,889			44,889	66,829
Insurance of churches	6,289			6,289	6,249
Clergy expenses	2,086			2,086	4,235
Sunday school/Children's work	386			386	609
Water, Gas, Electricity, and Oil	3,036			3,036	6,464
Printing & photocopying	1,149			1,149	1,857
Other regular church running costs	3,790	1,935	515	6,240	10,627
Church events	255			255	1,591
Church maintenance & redecoration	4,402	1,015	4,316	9,733	8,358
Miscellaneous costs	1,289	473		1,762	6,871
Total charitable costs	67,571	3,423	5,202	76,196	118,572
Church hall expenses	1,780			1,780	6,154
Magazine printing and other costs	3,226			3,226	3,353
Total trading costs	5,006			5,006	9,507
Total payments (before extra-ordinary)	72,577	3,423	5,202	81,202	130,231
Extra-ordinary payments					
Fabric & ch/yard costs Q - "Friends"	7,064			7,064	5,051
Q - Boiler replacement				0	-
Q - South Aisle development		4,301		4,301	1,231
V - Stone & flint repairs			3,137	3,137	-
Q - Organ repairs			1,500	1,500	-
V - Roof Valley repairs				0	403
V - Gutter Repairs				0	18,629
E - Remembering Our Heroes				0	6,634
Total Extra-ordinary payments	7,064	4,301	4,637	16,002	31,948
Total Payments	79,641	7,724	9,839	97,204	162,179

7 Transfers between funds				
Total transfers between funds	0	0	0	-

8 An Archdeacon's loan of £20,000 was received in 2016 to help fund the roof repairs and vestry conversion at St Mark's. The loan is repayable over seven years without interest. Having already repaid £10,000, a further repayment of £5,000 was made in December 2018 from the Costello Deposit Account. The loan is repayable over seven years without interest.

KEY: Q = St. Margaret the Queen V = St. Mary the Virgin E = St. Mark the Evangelist

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Buxted and Hadlow Down

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

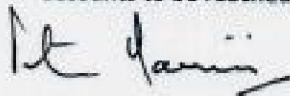
In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- To prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records

have not been met; or

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



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