



PARISH OF BUXTED AND HADLOW DOWN
CHARITY REG NO. 1130925

**Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Report
for the year ended 31st December 2021**

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Parish of Buxted and Hadlow Down

Trustees' Annual Report

for the year ended 31 December 2021

The year continued to be impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic, which limited the extent of public worship, particularly around Easter and Christmas, and resulted in much reduced congregations. However, a presence was 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 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 continued to consider 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 was dominated 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 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 2021, there were 185 parishioners on the electoral roll, of whom 62 were not resident within the parish. During 2021, 1 name was added and 5 removed, due to death or leaving the parish.

The average regular weekly attendance across the parish, over the year, was 79 adults and 9 children (excluding school services). These numbers continue to be reduced, both through closure of services and the

impact of the pandemic. Emails, with recordings and readings, were sent to around 140 people each week in the first part of the year.

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. This was particularly disappointing for the crib services.

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 now been introduced, after a temporary trial. 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 2021, St Margaret's held 8 weddings, 6 funerals and 5 baptisms, whilst St Mary's held 2 funerals. Usual services having been suspended in late December 2020, they commenced again as from Palm Sunday 2021 (28th March). In addition, special services were arranged including; The Cross in Words and Music 2nd April, on 11th April as part of Mattins prayers for Prince Philip were said, the Rector's first Royal British Legion Remembrance service was held in November and 9 Lessons and Carols in December when we bade farewell to Jeff Lloyd-Roberts as this was his last service before returning to live in Wales.

Whether possible, regular services were held across the parish.

During the various restrictions, the parish produced a periodic newsletter, circulated by email and updates on the parish website. Awareness of parish activities is increased by the parish Facebook page and other social media interactions, as well as the website.

Outreach

Parish events were severely curtailed by the pandemic, despite a detailed list of events having been prepared early in the year. However the Open Day and Craft Fair at St Mary's did manage to go ahead. 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, but these were again limited. 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, Andy Cook, Angela Wilkes (Co-vice chair), Richard Brown, Sue Willmott and Diana Midson.

The Signs, Rhymes and Chimes group, in which babies, toddlers and their carers learn sign language and musical activities, continued to suspend its weekly meetings in St. Margaret's, but we hope it will resume at some point in the future. This very supportive group provides a regular meeting place for mothers and carers, with their children. The Buxted Messenger continued to provide monthly details of parish and community news and events, although the latter were again very limited due to the ongoing pandemic. The monthly print run is 440 copies and the magazine is available on subscription or to purchase in various places in Buxted and Five Ash Down. The Hadlow Down magazine, which is delivered to all households in the village, also includes details of parish and church matters.

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, at St Margaret's, a number of repairs required by the Quinquennial Report were carried out to the stonework of the church in various locations, and to the two main windows on the front north elevation and two of the windows on the south elevation. The Clergy Vestry roof was repaired and the whole of the stonework on the front north elevation wall was completely repointed.

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.

Looking ahead, we are getting closer to developing detailed 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. Other projects under consideration during the year included the re-use of part of the southern area of the churchyard, in order to address the steadily diminishing number of available grave spaces, and the works of maintenance and preservation of our historic 2000 year old Yew Tree in the churchyard in accordance with advice received from the Ancient Yew Group

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 and the school playground.

Work on repairs to the bell tower roof at St Mary's were finally completed in September 2021, although the tongue and groove ceiling has yet to be treated and two of the louvres in the tower were not returned to their correct position. In 2020 some of the murals on the east wall of the sanctuary were revealed. In October 2021 a comprehensive and thorough report was carried out by 'Peter Martindale Conservation.' With interesting results, a decision now has to be made as to the best course of action for conservation and the costs that will involve.

St Mary's Church Hall was again very underutilised, but started to show signs of emerging from the restrictions. The main users were a dementia group and a pilates group, but a number of new hirers started towards the end of the year, following closure of the Buxted Reading Room.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

The pastoral work in the parish remained an ongoing focus during the past year. We are grateful to Fr David Milnes for working with the Rector.

Going forward, post-pandemic, we hope to rebuild the previous ties with Hurstwood View Care Home and Saxon Court.

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.

The Lunch Club has recently managed to resume in operation. 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, £131 (2020 : £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 £84,501 (2020 : £75,614), an increase of £8,887 (11%) compared with 2020, but still some £20,000 below pre-Covid levels. Whilst all areas of income showed some increase the absence of any significant fund-raising and other events, given the pandemic restrictions, has been a problem.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £54,000 (2020 : £44,889) 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. In the previous year our contribution had decreased by 33% having, for many years, we met 100% of our parish ministry costs, following Diocesan calculations. The PCC has committed to increase to 100% of the share on 2022. Clergy costs showed an increase to reflect the full year impact of a Rector in post.

After transfers between funds and the realisation of investments, the General Fund showed a net surplus of £7,507

(2020 : £3,037) for the year, primarily achieved by the ongoing reduction in parish share and the realisation of investments to the value of £17,621, without which a deficit of around £10,000 would have been generated. Plans are in place for 2022 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 £1,072.49 (2020 L £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 2021 funds were spent at St Margaret's on architect's fees towards re-ordering plans. At St Mary's the expenditure related to bell tower roof repairs. Wherever possible, the PCC respects donors' wishes and uses the funds for one-off projects at the specified church.

Financial review - Restricted Funds

During the year and following the successful completion of the trial period for the Wyvern Electronic Organ at St Margaret's, we progressed the necessary application for the grant of a Faculty for its retention within the church on a permanent basis. This was ultimately granted by the Chancellor on 1st October 2021. Plans for the extensive cleaning and general overhaul of the Bevington Pipe Organ were also finalised and the necessary approvals were obtained, in readiness for the works to commence in the early part of next year. 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 three times during the year with an average level of attendance of 57%. One of the meetings was inquorate, however decisions were ratified at the following meeting. 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	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 (until 25th May)	
Mr Toby Illingworth	Deanery Synod Representative (until 25th May)	
Ms Lesley Watson	Deanery Synod Representative (from 25th May)	

Elected laity members:

Mr Anthony Arratoon
Mrs Valerie Banks
Mrs Samantha Butler
Mr Iain Lindsay*
Mrs Diana Midson
Dr David Munday* (Treasurer)
Mr John Palmer*
Dr Lara Roberts
Mrs Janet Tourell*

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 27 April 2022 signed on its behalf by:

Paul Dillon-Robinson

PCC Vice-Chairman.


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Date: 27 April 2022

Parish of Buxted and Hadlow Down

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

Summary of Receipts and Payments

	Note	Unrestricted		Restricted Funds	Total All Funds 2021	Total All Funds 2020
		General Fund	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts	4					
Donations and legacies		63,778	6,000	131	69,909	58,716
Government grants		1,859	298	2,091	4,248	3,164
Charitable activities		5,649	0	0	5,649	5,018
Other trading activities		11,409	0	0	11,409	9,968
Investments		1,806	3,336	7,300	12,442	11,676
Total before Extra-ordinary receipts		84,501	9,634	9,522	103,657	88,542
<i>Extra-ordinary receipts</i>	5	28,422	0	37,774	66,196	7,064
Total Receipts		112,923	9,634	47,296	169,853	95,606
Payments	6					
Cost of raising funds		743	0	0	743	0
Charitable costs		86,621	2,918	4,531	94,070	76,196
Trading costs		9,559	0	0	9,559	5,006
Total before Extra-ordinary payments		96,923	2,918	4,531	104,372	81,202
<i>Extra-ordinary payments</i>	7	9,168	2,202	38,630	50,000	16,002
Total Payments		106,091	5,120	43,161	154,372	97,204
Net Surplus/(Shortfall) before transfers		6,832	4,514	4,135	15,481	(1,598)
Transfers between funds	8	675	0	(675)	0	0
Net Surplus/(Shortfall) after transfers		7,507	4,514	3,460	15,481	(1,598)
Bank/Deposit Accounts at 1 January		10,305	21,212	16,276	47,793	49,391
Bank/Deposit Accounts at 31 December		17,812	25,726	19,736	63,274	47,793

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets	Note	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total All Funds 2021	Total All Funds 2020
		General Fund	Designated Funds				
Bank Current Account		5,300				5,300	7,819
Less Wedding Fees 2022 (held as agent)		(648)				(648)	0
		4,652	0	0	0	4,652	7,819
CBF C of E Deposit Fund		13,160	25,726	19,736	0	58,622	39,974
Total Bank/Deposit Accounts		17,812	25,726	19,736	0	63,274	47,793
E - Heating Costs (Costello Trust)		651		(651)		0	0
Gift Aid Recoverable		1,620				1,620	556
VAT Recoverable (by grant)		1,834	486	267		2,587	2,425
Total Debtors		4,105	486	(384)	0	4,207	2,981
Investments at Market Value		21,215	81,324	68,429	138,931	309,899	346,943
Total Assets		43,132	107,536	87,781	138,931	377,380	397,717
Liabilities							
Archdeacon's Loan	9			15,000		15,000	15,000
Wedding Deposits - future years		600				600	300
Utility Costs - December 2021		816				816	440
V Hall PPL/PRS Music Licence		262				262	0
Total Liabilities		1,678	0	15,000	0	16,678	15,740

Statement of Funds

Designated Funds	Deposit Accounts					Investments @ mkt. val.
	Jan 1	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Dec 31	
Q - Projects Fund	10,335	8,122	(2,202)		16,255	81,324
V - Projects Fund	2,887	170	(2,918)		139	
E - Projects Fund	7,990	1,342			9,332	
Total Designated Funds	21,212	9,634	(5,120)	0	25,726	81,324
Restricted Funds						
Q - Organ/Music Fund	2,650	39,927	(39,899)		2,678	42,646
V - Fabric Fund	978	628	(1,600)		6	
E - Churchyard Fund	2,206	2,120	(1,531)		2,795	25,783
V - Churchyard Fund	795	0			795	
E - Costello Trust	9,647	4,490		(675)	13,462	
Charity Collections	0	131	(131)		0	
Total Restricted Funds	16,276	47,296	(43,161)	(675)	19,736	68,429
Endowment Funds						
Abdelnoor Trust (E)						12,001
Costello Trust (E)						126,930
Total Endowment Funds						138,931

2020	
Dec 31	@ mkt. val.
10,335	81,468
2,887	
7,990	
21,212	81,468
2,650	74,965
978	
2,206	22,556
795	
9,647	
0	
16,276	97,521
	12,855
	119,293
	132,148

This Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2021, including the notes following, was approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by

Signed:



Date:

27th Apr 2022

Notes to the Annual Financial Report

- 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.

- 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.
- 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 2021	Total All Funds 2020
	General Fund	Designated Funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
Planned giving (excl tax refunds)	29,808			29,808	28,746
Planned giving (no tax refunds)	1,848			1,848	1,800
Loose cash collections	10,460			10,460	6,322
Gift Aid recovered	9,557			9,557	13,290
Legacies	500	6,000		6,500	1,000
Grants - non-Government	720			720	720
Other donations	10,885			10,885	6,467
Charitable donations			131	131	371
Total donations and legacies	63,778	6,000	131	69,909	58,716
Grants - Central Government	759	298	627	1,684	0
Grants - District Government			1,464	1,464	1,464
Grants - Local Government	1,100			1,100	1,700
Total government grants	1,859	298	2,091	4,248	3,164
Fees for weddings and funerals	5,649			5,649	5,018
Total charitable activities	5,649	0	0	5,649	5,018
Fund-raising events	3,072			3,072	456
Buxted Messenger receipts	4,634			4,634	4,611
St. Mary's Hall receipts	3,204			3,204	4,440
Other Church events	499			499	461
Total trading activities	11,409	0	0	11,409	9,968
Dividends on investments	1,804	3,324	7,291	12,419	11,493
Deposit Interest	2	12	9	23	183
Total investment income	1,806	3,336	7,300	12,442	11,676
Total Receipts (before Extra-ordinary)	84,501	9,634	9,522	103,657	88,542
5. Extra-ordinary receipts					
Grants from <i>The Friends of St. Margaret's</i>	9,168			9,168	7,064
Sale of Investments	17,621			17,621	0
Insurance Claim - St Mark's	1,633			1,633	0
Sale of Investments - Wyvern Organ purchase			37,774	37,774	0
Total Extra-ordinary receipts	28,422	0	37,774	66,196	7,064
Total Receipts	112,923	9,634	47,296	169,853	95,606

Notes to the Annual Financial Report (continued)

6. Analysis of Total Payments					
	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total All Funds 2021	Total All Funds 2020
	General Fund	Designated Funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising expenses	743			743	0
Total cost of raising funds	743	0	0	743	0
Charitable grants and donations			131	131	371
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	54,000			54,000	44,889
Insurance of churches	6,332			6,332	6,289
Clergy expenses	6,557			6,557	2,086
Sunday school/Children's work	526			526	386
Water, Gas, Electricity, and Oil	4,761			4,761	3,036
Printing & photocopying	1,512			1,512	1,149
Other regular church running costs	5,944		1,269	7,213	6,240
Church events	45			45	255
Church maintenance & redecoration	5,163	2,918	3,131	11,212	9,733
Miscellaneous costs	1,781			1,781	1,762
Total charitable costs	86,621	2,918	4,531	94,070	76,196
Church hall expenses	6,275			6,275	1,780
Magazine printing and other costs	3,284			3,284	3,226
Total trading costs	9,559	0	0	9,559	5,006
Total Payments (before Extra-ordinary)	96,923	2,918	4,531	104,372	81,202
7. Extra-ordinary payments					
Fabric & ch'yard costs Q - "Friends"	5,417			5,417	7,064
Q - Stone repairs - "Friends"	3,751			3,751	-
Q - Re-ordering project		2,202		2,202	4,301
V - Stone & flint repairs				0	3,137
Q - Wyvern Organ purchase			38,630	38,630	1,500
Total Extra-ordinary payments	9,168	2,202	38,630	50,000	16,002
Total Payments	106,091	5,120	43,161	154,372	97,204

8. Transfers between funds				
Costello Trust Deposit Account			(675)	(675)
CBF Deposit 1D	675			675
Total transfers between funds	675	0	(675)	0

9. An Archdeacon's loan of £20,000 was received in 2016 to help fund the roof repairs and vestry conversion at St Mark's, of which £15,000 has been repaid todate. An additional loan of £10,000 was received in 2019, to help fund the gutter repairs at St Mary's. The loans are 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 2021.

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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