



PARISH OF BUXTED AND HADLOW DOWN

CHARITY REG NO. 1130925

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2024

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Parish of Buxted and Hadlow Down

Trustees' Annual Report

for the year ended 31 December 2024

2024 has been a year of re-building. Some of that physical, with substantial projects taking place at St. Margaret the Queen, and St. Mark the Evangelist; some of that relating to leadership and worship as we welcomed a new church council, Chalice Bearers and a Sacristan at St. Mary's; and some of it musical as our long term director of music at St. Mark's has made room for a new pianist to take on the role of leading worship. We also were sad to see Fr. David Milnes conclude his ministry in the parish after nearly 15 years at the beginning of 2024, and at the end of the year John Marsh stepped down from his longstanding role as the principal organist at St. Margaret's. Lastly, John Thorpe after nearly 50 years of serving in the parish has retired as a Reader and has been made Reader Emeritus by the Diocese of Chichester. We give thanks for those who have served, and we live in hope that others will continue to step forward to serve future generations. We are grateful that Fr. George Pitcher has joined us and assists at our parish services, and Becky Leeves and Dominie Fields have increased their roles in music.

Change is a constant in the church. But our calling is still the same to carry on with the work which has been our task here since 1250- proclaiming the good news that Jesus Christ has died and rose again. That through him we have been set free to live and love according to his pattern, and we also have the assurance of eternal life after death again following our Lord. We give thanks for the heritage of faith that has been passed on by those who have gone before us, and we pray that through the grace of the Holy Spirit, we will be faithful in our day as they were in theirs. The following aims and objectives guided our activities in 2024.

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'.

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.

In 2024, we endeavoured to continue with the following objectives to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible both to worship 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, Facebook and our new webpage.
- 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

We have been grateful to see new families and people join us in 2024, and mourn the loss of some who have gone to their eternal reward. 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 2024, there were 169 parishioners on the electoral roll, of whom 50 were not resident within the parish. 7 were added, 5 died, 8 moved away and 2 removed themselves.

Our longstanding electoral roll officer Mrs Sally Jackson has stood down and Mrs Katherine Arratoon has taken on the role. In 2025 the list has to be renewed as of the date of publication our total is 147 Parishioners of whom 94 are resident and 50 are non-resident.

The average regular weekly attendance across the parish, over the year, was 70 adults and 12 children (excluding school services).

We continued a full complement of Services at Christmas and Easter. Happily, these numbers continue to increase.

Mrs. Dominie Fields, our Director of Music has led the choir at St. Margaret's in providing a high-quality music program and engaged with Buxted Primary School, providing music for school assemblies. She has also stepped into the role of our principal organist.

Our Sunday School Programme at St. Margaret's continues to bless the congregation with a growing number of young families. 2024 also saw 1 additional server join our Youth Server's Guild, while others have moved away taking our total number to 4.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

In 2024, we had 8 Baptisms, 8 weddings, 12 funerals, 8 Crematorium service and 3 Burials of Ashes. We eliminated the 8am service at St. Margaret's with the exception of the 2nd Sunday of the month, and so we now have a service each Sunday at all churches (with the exception of 5th Sundays and Patronal feasts where we gathered for united worship). In addition, special services were arranged including; The Cross in Words and Music on Good Friday, Royal British Legion Remembrance Services and Nine Lessons and Carols.

Outreach

We were pleased to see an increase in Outreach activities in 2024. St. Mary's hosted a well-attended pre-loved sale. Hendall Manor hosted the parish for a lovely garden party and concert. We also enjoyed a Harvest Supper and Lunch. The Social Committee has already set an ambitious calendar for 2025 and we hope to grow in this area.

The parish has strong links with both Buxted School and St. Mark's School Hadlow Down. Both schools usually hold services in our churches, at least twice a term in St. Margaret's, or once a week at St. Mark's. While St. Mark's has always enjoyed a good relationship with the school, St. Margaret's has seen a real boost since the arrival of the new Head of Buxted School. St. Mark's is in a period of discerning its governance model and is considering joining a federation. The Rector is an ex-officio Governor of both schools and we are appointing a new Foundation Governor at Buxted School. The PCC Foundation Governors at St. Mark's, for all or part of the year, are Sue Willmott, Tom Spencer, Peter Smyth and Katharine Davies.

The Buxted Messenger continued to provide monthly details of parish and community news and events. 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. Great thanks to Linda Mason and her merry band of proofreaders and our distributors. The Hadlow Down magazine (not run by the PCC), 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. This year we underwent a new round of quinquennial inspections, while there are no major issues, all of our churches require upkeep and we will need to move forward with those 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.

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. This year the FOSM have been hard at work overseeing clearing the bushes by the southern stone wall which borders the Hotel. We also were grateful for their providing the funds to clean the windows in the church as well as a number of other tasks.

We were pleased to welcome a group of students and faculty from Hurstpierpoint College on a volunteer day to give St. Margaret's a good clean and assist with a number of other tasks.

St Mark's has a number of maintenance issues that are being addressed. We are grateful that the drainage issue that had caused flooding in the St. Mark's Churchyard and created damp in the church has now been resolved. We will now look at remedying some of the damage caused.

St. Mary's had minor repairs to the lightening rod and we are looking to repair one of the windows.

St Mary's Church Hall has been steadily increasing its use and is becoming a source of income for the parish as well as a great resource for the community.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

The pastoral work in the parish remained an ongoing focus during the past year.

The Lunch Club has continued to operate. This has been aimed at the elderly and those living alone and regularly provided a hot Sunday lunch to approximately 30 people.

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. The following are the items for the fiscal year to 31st December 2024:

- Before extra-ordinary items, total receipts
 - 2024 £ 94,945 (2023: £106,345)
- Before extra-ordinary items, total payment
 - 2024 £95,806 (2023: £110,004)
- Discussion of Key Payments in 2024:
 - Water, Gas Electricity & Oil: As anticipated our utility costs dropped by nearly £3000
 - Trustee payments and expenses: The PCC supported the incumbent by paying £2,161.00 (2023-£1992). No payments were made to other PCC members.
 - Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester: The PCC committed to a parish share for 2024 of £54,600 (2023: £52,000), this being circa 69.3% of the amount budgeted by the diocese. The largest expenditure of the PCC, the parish share is 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. We have not been able to afford to meet 100% of our parish share since 2020. Having only just met our budget this year, we have agreed to keep this commitment the same.
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- Net Surplus / (Shortfall): We did not have a December appeal for funds as we were on course to meet our budget. After extra-ordinary items and transfers we ended the year with a slight surplus. (2023: £458)
- Bank/deposit Accounts: The General Fund showed a slight increase in cash balance to £29,711 at the end of 2024 from £28,972 at the end of 2023.

Financial review - Designated Funds

The designated projects funds 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 2024 we withdrew £10,313 from Q projects with the majority being spent on our new sound system.. Wherever possible, the PCC respects donors' wishes and uses the funds for one-off projects at the specified church.

Financial review - Restricted Funds

We withdrew a total of £6,808 from various restricted funds, for the maintenance of St. Mark's, Hadlow Down. The sum of £736 was paid out of the Q Organ/Music Fund for the tuning of the organ.

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. 1130925) 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 six times during the year with an average level of attendance of 75.6%. The individual Church Committees met as needed and the appropriate Deputy Warden subsequently drew 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 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

Incumbent	The Rev'd C. Peter Molloy* Chairman
Licensed Lay Reader	Mr John Thorpe
Churchwarden	Mrs Margaret Scott*
Churchwarden	Mr Martin Shaw*
Treasurer	Mr. Justin Roberts
Deanery Synod Representative	Mrs Patricia Weeks
Deanery Synod Representative	Ms Lesley Watson

Elected laity members:

Mr Anthony Arratoon
Mrs Valerie Banks
Mrs Samantha Butler
Mrs Diana Midson
Mr John Palmer*
Mrs Janet Tourell*
Mr. Paul Dillon-Robinson
Mrs Sue Willmott
Mrs Alison Ledward

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 9th April 2025 signed on its behalf by:

The Rev'd C. Peter Molloy - Chair and Incumbent


Date: 9th April 2025

PARISH OF BUXTED AND HADLOW DOWN

CHARITY REG NO. 1130925

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Parish of Buxted and Hadlow Down

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

Summary of Receipts and Payments

	Note	Unrestricted		Restricted Funds	Total All Funds 2024	Total All Funds 2023
		General Fund	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies		62,432	5,046	915	68,393	74,608
Government grants		4,638	-	1,934	6,572	10,345
Charitable activities		7,533	-	-	7,533	8,082
Other trading activities		18,759	1,100	-	19,859	22,975
Investments		1,133	3,138	6,215	10,486	12,782
Total before extra-ordinary receipts	4	94,495	9,284	9,064	112,843	128,792
Extra-ordinary receipts		9,188	-	-	9,188	9,816
Total Receipts		103,683	9,284	9,064	122,031	138,608
Payments						
Cost of raising funds		530	-	-	530	1,575
Charitable costs		87,576	1,411	4,103	93,090	112,351
Trading costs		7,700	-	-	7,700	8,367
Total before extra-ordinary payments	6	95,806	1,411	4,103	101,320	122,293
Extra Ordinary Payments		9,188	8,902	2,098	20,188	34,996
Total Payments		104,994	10,313	6,201	121,508	157,289
Net surplus/(shortfall) before transfers		(1,311)	(1,029)	2,863	523	(18,681)
Transfers between funds	7	2,050	-	(2,050)	-	-
Net surplus/(shortfall) after transfers		739	(1,029)	813	523	(18,681)
Sale of Investments - Q Organ Fund		-	-	-	-	9,949
Sale of Investments - Edentree	5	-	-	-	-	52,472
Bank/deposit accounts at 1 January		28,972	42,962	28,314	100,248	56,508
Bank/deposit accounts at 31 December		29,711	41,933	29,127	100,771	100,248

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets	Note	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total All Funds 2024	Total All Funds 2023
		General Fund	Designated Funds				
Bank Current account		5,330	-	-	-	5,330	13,738
CBF C of E Deposit Funds		24,381	41,933	29,127	-	95,441	86,510
Total Bank/Deposit Accounts		29,711	41,933	29,127	-	100,771	100,248
E - 2024 Heating costs (Costello Trust)		1,197	-	(1,197)	-	-	-
CCLA Q4 Interest		290	484	356	-	1,130	881
Gift Aid recoverable		1,606	-	-	-	1,606	3,974
VAT recoverable (by grant)		-	-	-	-	-	580
Total Debtors		3,093	484	(841)	-	2,736	5,435
Investments at Market Value		-	36,573	55,151	126,797	218,521	212,840
Total Assets		32,804	78,990	83,437	126,797	322,028	318,523
Liabilities							
2025 & 2026 -Wedding & Blessing Deposits		500	-	-	-	500	400
December 2024 - Utilities		550	-	-	-	550	687
V - Churchyard Maintenance		-	-	-	-	-	620
E - Stonework Repairs		-	-	-	-	-	2,518
E - Electrical Condition Report		-	-	-	-	-	828
Archdeacon's Loan 8		10,000	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
Q - Audio System		-	-	-	-	-	7,141
Total Liabilities		11,050	-	-	-	11,050	22,194

Statement of Funds

Designated Funds	Deposit Accounts					Investments @ mkt. val.
	Jan 1	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Dec 31	
Q - Projects Fund	31,969	7,292	(10,313)	-	28,948	36,573
V - Projects Fund	2	1,123	-	-	1,125	-
E - Projects Fund	10,991	869	-	-	11,860	-
Total Designated Funds	42,962	9,284	(10,313)	-	41,933	36,573
Restricted Funds						
Q - Organ/Music Fund	5,045	2,128	(736)	-	6,437	29,693
V - Fabric Fund	1,423	233	-	-	1,656	-
E - Churchyard Fund	4,072	2,893	(2,661)	-	4,304	25,458
V - Churchyard Fund	832	44	-	-	876	-
E - Costello Trust	16,942	3,059	(4,147)	-	15,854	-
Charity collections	-	706	(706)	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	28,314	9,063	(8,250)	-	29,127	55,151
Endowment Funds						
Abdelnoor Trust (E)						11,301
Costello Trust (E)						115,496
Total Endowment Funds						126,797

This Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2024, including the notes following, was approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by

Signed: C. P. M. J. +

Date: 9th April 2025

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 2024	Total All Funds 2023
	General Fund	Designated Funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
Planned giving (excl tax refunds)	24,453	-	-	24,453	24,909
Planned giving (no tax refunds)	1,102	-	-	1,102	1,954
Loose cash collections	15,941	-	-	15,941	15,911
Gift Aid recovered	12,253	22	159	12,434	10,270
Legacies	-	5,024	-	5,024	1,000
Grants - non-Government	720	-	-	720	720
Other donations	7,963	-	50	8,013	17,274
Charitable donations	-	-	706	706	2,570
Total donations and legacies	62,432	5,046	915	68,393	74,608
Grants - Central Government	1,459	-	-	1,459	6,137
Grants - District Government	-	-	1,934	1,934	1,878
Grants - Local Government	3,179	-	-	3,179	2,330
Total Government Grants	4,638	-	1,934	6,572	10,345
Fees for weddings and funerals	7,533	-	-	7,533	8,082
Total charitable activities	7,533	-	-	7,533	8,082
Fund-raising events	972	1,100	-	2,072	5,235
Buxted Messenger receipts	5,063	-	-	5,063	4,462
St. Mary's Hall receipts	8,871	-	-	8,871	9,694
Other Church events	3,853	-	-	3,853	3,584
Total trading activities	18,759	1,100	-	19,859	22,975
Dividends on investments	-	1,192	4,160	5,352	11,263
Deposit Interest	1,133	1,946	2,055	5,134	1,519
Total Investment income	1,133	3,138	6,215	10,486	12,782
Total receipts (before extra-ordinary)	94,495	9,284	9,064	112,843	128,792
<i>Extra-ordinary receipts</i>					
Grants from The Friends of St. Margaret's	9,188	-	-	9,188	8,716
Insurance Claim - Q	-	-	-	-	1,100
Sale of Investments - Wyvern Organ	-	-	-	-	-
Total Extra-ordinary receipts	9,188	-	-	9,188	9,816
Total Receipts	103,683	9,284	9,064	122,031	138,608

- 5 Edentree Investment Management company closed the Amity Balanced Fund in September 2023, in which we invested General and Q Projects Funds. The liquidated proceeds are currently held in interest bearing CCLA deposit accounts.

Notes to the Annual Financial Report

6 Analysis of total payments

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total All Funds 2024	Total All Funds 2023
	General Fund	Designated Funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising expenses	530	-	-	530	1,575
Total cost of raising funds	530	-	-	530	1,575
Charitable grants and donations	-	-	706	706	3,570
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	54,600	-	-	54,600	52,000
Insurance of churches	7,228	-	-	7,228	7,164
Clergy expenses	7,559	-	-	7,559	7,466
Sunday school/Children's work	421	-	-	421	475
Water, Gas, Electricity, and Oil	6,713	-	-	6,713	9,368
Printing & photocopying	853	-	-	853	2,020
Other regular church running costs	3,311	96	736	4,143	10,061
Church events	1,319	-	-	1,319	1,349
Church maintenance & redecoration	3,993	659	2,661	7,313	16,921
Miscellaneous costs	1,579	656	-	2,235	1,957
Total charitable costs	87,576	1,411	4,103	93,090	112,351
Church hall expenses	4,509	-	-	4,509	5,293
Magazine printing and other costs	3,191	-	-	3,191	3,074
Total trading costs	7,700			7,700	8,367
Total payments (before extra-ordinary)	95,806	1,411	4,103	101,320	122,293
Extra-ordinary payments					
Fabric & ch'yard costs Q - "Friends"	9,188	-	-	9,188	8,716
Q - Audio System	-	7,141	-	7,141	7,093
Q - South Aisle Redevelopment	-	-	-	-	3,773
Q - Electrical Lighting upgrades	-	-	-	-	3,946
Q - Emergency Lighting	-	1,761	-	1,761	-
Q - Pipe Organ Repairs & Cleaning	-	-	-	-	6,468
E - Stone Repairs	-	-	2,098	2,098	-
E - Archdeacon's Loan repayment	-	-	-	-	5,000
Total Extra-ordinary payments	9,188	8,902	2,098	20,188	34,996
Total Payments	104,994	10,313	6,201	121,508	157,289

7 Transfers between funds

E Heating Costs 2023				
- Costello Trust Deposit Account			(1,250)	(1,250)
- CBF Deposit 1D	1,250			1,250
E Lightning Conductor				
- Costello Trust Deposit Account			(800)	(800)
- General Funds	800			800
Total transfers between funds	2,050	0	(2,050)	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, which has now been paid in full. An additional loan of £10,000 was received in 2019, to help fund the gutter repairs at St Mary's - the interest free loan is repayable by April 2026.

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 2024.

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

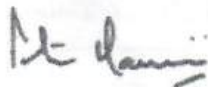
Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 recordshave 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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Date: 28th March 2025