

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	04	2024		31	03	2025

## Section A

## Reference and administration details

Charity name	Access Christian Media
Other names charity is known by	Access, Access Media
Registered charity number (if any)	1131237
Charity's principal address	31 Chamberlain Avenue Stoke-on-Trent  Postcode ST4 5EN

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Steven Perry	Chair, Trustee		
2	Patricia Hargreaves	Trustee		
3	Gareth Littler	Trustee		
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Memorandum and Articles of Association 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2007 as amended: - 18th April 2009 (change of name from 'Congleton Community Media') - 2nd July 2009 (to reflect change in objects and powers) - 8th October 2009 (to reflect change in banking procedures) - 1st April 2014 (additional object added)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Company Limited by Guarantee
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing trustees.

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

No details have been provided in this section either because the charity was not required under the relevant SORP guidance or these areas are not applicable.

## Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1. Advancement of the Christian Faith
2. Relief of poverty
3. Education and Training
4. Promotion of the Arts

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

**1. Advancement of the Christian Faith**

- Through the production of media
- By support and advice provided to other charities and non-profit organisations

**2. Relief of Poverty**

- By the provision of training schemes and education programmes in areas of need
- By raising awareness of related issues through our media outlets
- By support and advice provided to other charities and non-profit organisations

**3. Education and Training**

- By the provision of training, work experience and education programmes in areas of need
- By raising awareness of related issues through our media outlets
- By support and advice provided to other charities and non-profit organisations

**4. Promotion of the Arts**

- By the raising awareness of related issues through our media outlets
- By running events, training and activities related to the promotion of the arts
- By assisting artists and other arts organisations through the provision of services and advice

Throughout all of our activities the trustees have endeavoured to show regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance would be relevant (in accordance Section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. This has been facilitated through discussion at our regular trustee meetings.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

No details have been provided in this section either because the charity was not required under the relevant SORP guidance or these areas are not applicable.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

#### **Introduction**

As has been the case for some time, the Charity continues to seek a permanent home. The process of progress as an organisation remains slow but steady. Nevertheless, we continued to operate the vast majority of our services.

#### **Media and Radio**

This year we continued to work with the various community/non-profit broadcasters in and around our HQ in Stoke-on-Trent on a joint endeavour in the area of *Small Scale DAB (SSD)*.

This year has seen the continued development of our media activity including the development of our on-line radio station and website at [www.accessradio.biz](http://www.accessradio.biz).

#### **Training Projects**

Our training and education provision has continued although, at times, this has been more difficult due to the temporary nature of accommodation in our current building. However, it has been delivered through volunteering, job placements, and the provision of work experience placements to students.

#### **Event Activities**

A number of new events were held and developed including partnerships with local organisations around our HQ in Stoke.

#### **Community Activities**

This year saw the launch of the Little Sites of Beauty project, aiming to improve the town centre environment in our locality using *High Street Action Zone (HAZ)* funding. The funding from Central Government was administered by way of the local authority, Stoke-on-Trent City Council.

#### **Social Enterprise**

Our activities selling used donated items on-line has continued to provide significant revenue and opportunities for training/work experience for members of the public. Given our existing approach to matters such as on-air donation requests this has been very valuable.

Also, our continued stay in temporary accommodation still makes such grant aid more problematic. As in the previous year, grant funding remains difficult as funders priorities have not returned to where they were before the Pandemic. For these reasons we have continued using other funding models that are not reliant on these streams of income.

For these reasons we have also continued to develop the other social enterprise elements of our operation. This has included the on-line sales of second hand items in our *Ebay* and *Amazon* shops. We've also continued to develop aspects of our consultancy activities which provide low-cost expert advice in our areas of expertise.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Given the limited expenditure of the organisation, historically, it has not been necessary to set out a definitive reserve policy. This has not changed this year and the financial challenges presented by our building situations made it even more difficult to set out any policy on reserves. Should this situation change the policy would be reviewed in the coming year.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

No details have been provided in this section either because the charity was not required under the relevant SORP guidance or these areas are not applicable.

## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Steven Perry

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair of Trustees

Date

16/01/26

## **Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts**

Report to the board of directors/trustees of: **Access Christian Media, 31 Chamberlain Avenue, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 5EN**, Reg. Charity No.: **1131237** Reg. Company No.: **06403660**.

On the accounts for the financial year: **1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025** as set out on the following pages.

### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that whilst an audit is not required for this year (in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006) an independent examination is appropriate.

It is my responsibility to:-

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and the procedures advised by Companies House
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention in accordance with the relevant sections of the aforementioned legislation.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and the procedures advised by Companies House. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - a. To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act and the other aforementioned legislation
  - b. To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the account requirements of that legislation have not been met, or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 30th December 2025

RL Accountancy Service  
Dukes Lodge, Drayton Road, Hanchurch,  
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Statement of Financial Activities  
For the year ended 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Notes				
<b>Incoming Resources</b>				
Incoming Resources from generated funds	8,522	12,529	21,051	16,640
Incoming Resources from charitable activities	16,752	0	16,752	7,679
Other incoming resources	0	0	0	15
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>25,274</b>	<b>12,529</b>	<b>37,803</b>	<b>24,334</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>				
Cost of generating Funds of charitable activities	16,160	42	16,202	17,498
Governance Costs	0	0	0	0
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>16,160</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>16,202</b>	<b>17,498</b>
<b>Net (outgoing) / incoming resources before transfers</b>	<b>9,114</b>	<b>12,487</b>	<b>21,601</b>	<b>6,836</b>
Other recognised gains & losses	0	0	0	0
<b>Net Movement of funds</b>	<b>9,114</b>	<b>12,487</b>	<b>21,601</b>	<b>6,836</b>

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Notes				
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Funds brought forward as previously stated	(12,532)	11,240	(1,292)	(8,128)
Net movement in funds	9,114	12,487	21,601	6,836
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>(3,418)</b>	<b>23,727</b>	<b>20,309</b>	<b>(1,292)</b>



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Balance Sheet  
As at 31st March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets		75	0	75	100
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Stock		0	0	0	0
Debtors		477	0	477	477
Cash at bank and in hand		23,912	0	23,912	1,229
VAT Receivable		0	0	0	0
Misc Assets		9	0	9	9
		24,398	0	24,398	1,715
<b>Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year</b>	1	(3,796)	0	(3,796)	(1,785)
<b>Creditors - Amounts falling due after one year</b>		(368)	0	(368)	(1,322)
<b>Net Assets</b>		20,309	0	20,309	(1,292)
<b>Represented By:</b>					
<b>Funds</b>					
Restricted - Income Funds	2	0	23,727	23,727	11,240
Unrestricted - Income Funds		(3,418)	0	(3,418)	(12,532)
<b>Total Funds</b>		(3,418)	23,727	20,309	(1,292)