



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/23 Period start date To 31/12/24 Period end date

Charity name: The Yare Valley Churches

Charity registration number: 1138951

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Parochial Church Council powers measure (1956) and Church representation rules Norwich Diocese regulated.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	All our activities are open to the public & are designed to enhance the lives of those loving within the community
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Other than the chair who is paid incumbent all other trustees are volunteers
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Our main objectives and achievements are to Grow disciples Grow leaders Grow new congregations Grow connections within the community as Dementia Friendly Church Community Status Part of Anna Chaplaincy network

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Parochial Church Council powers measure (1956) as amended and Church representation rules Norwich Diocese regulated
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Committee of volunteers chaired by Yare Valley Churches incumbent
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	By nomination and seconding at APCM

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Yare Valley Churches
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	113895
Charity's principal address	The Rectory 73 The Street Brundall Norfolk NR13 5EB

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				
2	Gaye Hailstone	PCC Secretary		
3	Patrick Beales	Church Warden & Lay Chair		
4				
5	Tom Morgan	Fabric Officer		
6	Elisabeth Morgan	Church Warden & Synod Rep		
7				
8	Victoria Gaskin	Church Warden		
		Finance Officer		
9	Gillian Groat			
10	Keith Gerrard	Lay Reader/Synod Rep		
11				
12	Ann Brownlee	PCC member		
13	Douglas Bain	Synod Rep		
14	Rosie Bickers	PCC member		
15				
16	June Carding	PCC member		
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18				
19				
20				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional) Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of	Name	Address	adviser

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

**Signed on behalf of
the charity's trustees**

Signature(s)

G Hailstone	
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Full name(s)

Gaye Hailstone	
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**Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)**

Trustee & acting PCC Secretary	
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Date

12/07/24

Yare Valley Churches Notes to the 2023 accounts

Financial Activities – overview

- p.3 Net income over expenditure is £3846.53. This is made up of an increase in our General Fund of £4441.22 and the overall reduction in the Restricted Funds of £594.69. The details of the change over the year for each of our funds is set out on the sheet headed “Yare Valley Churches funds movement 2023”.

Financial Activities – General Fund

- p.1 General Giving includes collections at services and through the Goodbox card reader, giving for general purposes by envelope and regular giving for general purposes by payments direct to the bank.
- p.1 Other Primary Income is Gift Aid recovered on 2022 income £12200.10 plus income from endowments held for us by the Diocese £456.64.
- p.1 Churchyard income is a grant from Postwick with Witton Parish Council for the upkeep of Postwick churchyard.
- p.2 IN 5 Electricity: this figure is the cost of electricity bills paid in 2023 reduced by the value of grants received. These were £3000 from the Diocese in January for winter 2022/23 and £1460 from the Diocese in December for winter 2023/24, which were Energy Grants from central church funds for all our parish buildings, and £610.50 which was part of a Warm Spaces grant from Brundall Parish Council. A further £229 of the Warm Spaces grant was for the cost of a new microwave for hot snacks in the St Laurence Centre and the provision of free hot drinks at our cafes.
- p.2 IN 6 Oil & IN 7 Maintenance plans. Our costs for these were reduced by donations made in respect of specific costs.
- p.2 Payroll Expenses is net of a Sports Ministry Grant from the Diocese of £4973.73 to fund the employment costs of our Sports Minister, until Tom moved to his new post last March. Our Resources Manager is currently our only employee.
- p.1 & 3 Mission OUT 12. Money was collected and paid out to the Children’s Society for Christingle 2022 (£87) and the Royal British Legion (£76.50). £20 donated by a parishioner for the Bishop’s appeal for Gaza is also recorded under this heading. Donations to the Community Pantry are now shown in a new Restricted Fund.
- p.2 Benefice Request OF 1: the amount requested by the Diocese for 2023 was £54893 and the amount actually paid was £38682. An additional £390 was credited to us in respect of fees for funerals at a crematorium, bringing the total to £39072. This is equivalent to 71.2% of the amount requested by the Diocese.

Balance Sheet – Restricted Funds

All Saints Fund (Postwick): £3204.06 is for restricted purposes at Postwick Church and £9781.50 is available for general purposes in connection with Postwick Church.

Community Pantry is a new Restricted Fund to clearly record and ring-fence all donations and grants made for this activity.

Independent Examiners Certificate

Report to the trustees/ members of:

THE YARE VALLEY CHURCHES

On accounts for the year ended:

31st DECEMBER 2023

Charity no (if any):

1138951

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of []].~~ Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Roger Wiltshire

Date:

14th MARCH 2024

Name:

ROGER WILTSHIRE

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any)

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Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here
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details of

any items
that the
examiner
wishes to
disclose

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