

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Report

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

St Peter's Church, Cowfold

The Street, Cowfold, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 8BW

Registered Charity no. 1139699

For the year ended 31st December 2021

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St Peter's Church, Cowfold

Trustees Annual Report for 2021

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Sue Wharton, in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England;
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and, ecumenical;
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known;
- 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.

The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the Grade I Listed parish church and churchyard. In addition, it appoints six Foundation Governors at St Peter's Church of England (Aided) Primary School, and makes recommendations to the Diocese for two further Foundation Governors.

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered 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.

For this year we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims, in some instances restricted by the Coronavirus pandemic:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Working with village organisations in support of our parish community
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer and learning about our faith through reflection on scripture
- 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
- Providing assistance to the poor and needy of the parish
- Raising funds for organisations with similar objectives
- Reaching out to the people of the village through work with St Peter's Church of England Primary School, media, events and groups
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic centre and focus of life in the village
- Attendance at Deanery meetings and participation in the wider life of the Diocese

What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

Worship

We wish to enable as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community. As Anglican Christians, we are completely committed to meeting and unconditionally accepting all people, without discrimination of any kind, and welcoming them with spiritual and material hospitality.

St Peter's, Cowfold became part of a United Benefice with The Parish of Holy Trinity, Lower Beeding and St John's, Coolhurst on 1st March 2020. In practice the two parishes had begun working together prior to that.

We began the year with a Tier 4 Lockdown so until the beginning of Holy Week we were having to offer worship via livestreaming on Facebook. This was done from Holy Trinity, Lower Beeding as this was the most suitable building, but the work to enable it, and the support when anything went wrong, was provided by Aidan Favell the churchwarden from St Peter's so this was a joint effort. The practice of emailing the readings, collect and sermon each week to those who were following the service on Facebook or who simply wished to receive the email continued throughout the year. One hundred addresses are on the email list.

Since Easter we have been back in church but following the guidelines in place at the time. The idea of the Eucharist being celebrated with the elements uncovered and the presiding priest not using sanitiser and a mask seems to be a long way off. We have however found a way for the congregation to receive safely in two kinds which is wonderful. Over Easter we had 36 worshippers and over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, 186. Our worshipping community, as defined by the Church of England's Statistics for Mission, was 40 consisting of 6 people under 10 years of age, 22 between 18 and 69 years of age and 12 over the age of 70.

In addition to the Parish Eucharist, we have continued to offer an 8am BCP service and an evening Taizé service in St Peter's when possible. During 2021 we held four funerals and also four burials of ashes. There were no weddings or baptisms as a result of the pandemic.

I would like to thank all who contributed to our worship in 2021. This includes those who led worship including Fr Martin, Rev Sally, Geoff Peckham and Linda Murphy as well as our Short and Sweet Team of Linda, Helen and Eileen. It also includes our bellringers, those who led intercessions, read the lessons, led our singing (how we appreciate being able to sing!) or played for us. Those who decorate the church with flowers and those who clean it also contribute a great deal.

I would also like to thank those who have served on the PCC, particularly Aidan Favell our churchwarden and Helen Stanfield our Treasurer. They have both done a wonderful job, as has Nikki Favell as our Secretary. Lorna Dimmock has been our Safeguarding Officer, a role she has carried out conscientiously. The Electoral Roll was 52 with thanks to Kay Blackwell for acting as Electoral Roll Officer.

Serving the community

We believe that it is important that the church is available for private prayer not just to the church family but to the wider visiting community. To this end, St Peter's is always open under normal circumstances. This was restricted to Wednesdays and Sundays in the first part of the year due to additional measures to keep visitors safe. The church was open for private prayer with the focal point of a prayer tree on the National Day of Reflection on 23rd March marking one year since the start of the first Coronavirus lockdown. The church was also opened for the 8 days of national mourning following the death of HRH Prince Philip in April. We resumed daily opening of the church for visitors and private prayer in July.

A Civic Service was held in the autumn in both Lower Beeding and Cowfold churches. Invitations were sent to those who had served their village community during the pandemic and to those who had left the villages to serve the wider community. The services celebrated just how much had been contributed to the general welfare of the community in difficult circumstances by many people of different ages.

The Remembrance Day service was held in St Peter's churchyard and was particularly well attended by the uniformed organisations. There were approximately 60-70 members of varying ages of the Scout Association present. This was particularly welcome as they had not attended in recent years.

We were able to hold our usual Crib Services on Christmas Eve for the first time in three years, which was wonderful. The Advent Calendar windows trail which was started last year was repeated in both villages. Two services for the bereaved were held, one at All Souls and another just before Christmas.

Reaching out to the people of the village

We have a strong link with our parish primary school. The children usually come into church for their Easter service, Leavers service and Christingle service. The Harvest service is normally held in school.

The work in schools had to be done differently because of the ongoing pandemic. For much of the year Collective Worship was offered by recording it on Facebook and then uploading it so that our two schools in the benefice could access it. This method did mean that occasional comments were made by members of the congregation. It was a joy to be able to welcome the children back into church later in the year and during the autumn to resume Collective Worship in school. Planning began during the autumn term to launch "Open the Book" in January 2022 in both St Peter's and Holy Trinity schools.

Our links with the village are perhaps stronger than ever as we begin to emerge from this difficult time. Greening Cowfold, a Parish Council initiative, approached the PCC to ask if we would be interested in working together. The PCC responded by offering a contact to attend Greening Cowfold meetings and resolving to work for the A Rocha Bronze Eco Church Award. The contact is Rev Sue Wharton.

The Mission Action Plan submitted to the Diocese involved the introduction of the "Open the Book" Collective Worship Scheme into St Peter's School and working towards the Eco Church Award. However, the best laid plans of mice and men....

I was informed at the end of November that the Weald Church, which had been running the Church Mice baby and toddler group, was ceasing to meet and would be ceasing to run the group at the end of the school term. The pastor asked if I would like to take over running it. The timing was so tight I had to call an emergency PCC meeting and slightly delay going on leave.

The PCC were determined that the Church Mice group would not fold, it had been running for 30 years and several members had links with it over the years. We were clear what we could offer and what was beyond us. The PCC was able to offer to take over responsibility for the group in terms of the Safeguarding, insurance and responsibility for the finances, but the mums and other carers needed to do the day to day organising. There has been a great deal of gratitude in the community that the group has been able to continue.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

A group from church takes Holy Communion to the Residential Nursing Home within the parish. This resumed in October on a fortnightly basis and is greatly valued by a number of the residents with 10 to 12 people regularly attending the service. Holy Communion is also taken to the elderly in their own homes and Fr Martin does extensive visiting and phoning of those who are in pastoral need. He also visits the Welcome Club, a monthly lunch and social club for the over 60s, which resumed with an afternoon tea in July.

Volunteers from St Peter's Church run a weekly Friday Café in the Village Hall to give people who wish to do so a chance to meet and chat. This re-opened in September but was suspended again in December as Covid infection rates rose.

Provision of tangible support to the poor and needy

We have continued to work with organisations that support the vulnerable in our community, across the Diocese and nationally. We have supported the Diocesan Charity FSW, acting as a collection point for food donations for families that they support. We have also supported the RBL Poppy Appeal and Chestnut Tree House children's hospice.

Financial Review

Incoming resources

The total received on general unrestricted funds was £31,731 and is detailed in the Financial Report. The total includes £4,964 received from an insurance claim; excluding this, income from regular activities and donations was £26,767 compared with £22,636 in 2020 and £26,480 in 2019, the last year before the pandemic.

Planned giving through the Parish Giving Scheme, standing orders and envelopes increased to slightly more than pre-pandemic levels. Collections at services recovered a little this year but remain 50% below the amounts before Coronavirus restrictions came in. This lower level of in-service giving is likely to continue, and we have made alternative methods of giving available such as text giving and QR code links to our online giving page.

Following an appeal in March 2021 as we prepared to re-open the church for in-person worship, we were very grateful to receive a number of one-off donations as well as some increased regular giving. We are most grateful for the generosity of everyone who gives of their time and money in support of St Peter's Church and our ministry in Cowfold.

It was with great joy that fundraising activities could go ahead once more. A Gift Day and Fete to celebrate our patronal festival brought the community together and raised £1,002 for church funds. Our Christmas Tree Festival was another great village event which, together with a Christmas Raffle, raised £1,352. Other activities were a coffee morning, a stall at the Cowfold Festival, teas in the churchyard, Ride + Stride sponsored bike ride, and use of the *Easyfundraising* online platform. Overall, fundraising activities brought in £3,369 after expenses. That is £2,000 more than in 2020 but still down on previous years.

Grants received

A grant of £840 was awarded by Cowfold Parish Council to enable the completion of repair work to the roof of the Grade I Listed out building that houses the equipment for maintaining the churchyard.

Outgoing resources

Total payments on general unrestricted funds were £26,584 and are detailed in the Financial Report.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

Our diminished reserves resulting from the Coronavirus restrictions of the previous year meant we had to reduce the amount we were able to contribute for our share of Parish Ministry Costs in the diocese. We paid £12,000 in 2021, down from £16,420 in 2020. Our full share for 2021 was £23,404 so we met only 51% of the cost allocated to Cowfold. Once we have finished paying back our Archdeacon's Loan in 2022, we intend to build our contribution back up to fund a greater proportion of Parish Ministry Costs. These costs are made up of the housing, support, stipend and pension costs of the clergy of this parish, training of curates and new ordinands, and a small contribution to the national church.

Staff costs

We do not have a regular parish organist but borrow the services of a small number of church organists from the surrounding area.

We are very grateful to the volunteers who maintain the churchyard, clean the church, arrange the flowers, make the church ready for services and take care of the behind-the-scenes administration. We are blessed that so much service is provided without charge.

Trustee payments and expenses

The PCC support the clergy by paying 50% of Council Tax and water charges for The Vicarage plus other costs of travel, telephone, broadband and printing. All these costs are shared equally with the PCC of Lower Beeding Parish, with whom we share our parish priest.

The only other payments made to trustees were for the reimbursement of occasional purchases made on behalf of the PCC, and £1,100 paid to Favell Finch Engineering Services, a business owned by Mr Aidan Favell, for repairs to the weathervane.

Charitable giving

The congregation was once again able to support the RBL Poppy Appeal raising £122 at an outdoor service on Remembrance Sunday. A special appeal for St Catherine's Hospice raised £213 in memory of Frankie Gair. We continue to collect milk bottle tops on behalf of Chestnut Tree House children's hospice and donations of food for the Family Support Work food bank for families in need across Sussex.

Major repairs

Repairs to the weathervane that was storm damaged during 2020 were completed in the year and a new weathercock erected on the church tower. The amount spent this year of £4,814 was recovered from insurers. Repairs to the roof of the outbuilding were also completed in 2021 at a cost of £5,997, paid for by grants and donations received in the current and previous year.

Loan payments

Following deferral of the final payment due in 2020 on the Archdeacon's loan, originally advanced in 2013 for repairs to the church roof, a payment plan was agreed in the year ensuring the loan will be repaid in full by the end of 2022. £1,000 was paid during 2021 and the final £1,500 will be paid during 2022.

Why we hold some money in reserve

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance of £7,500 on the general unrestricted fund, equating to approximately three months' worth of unrestricted payments, as a contingency against unforeseen situations. The balance held at the end of 2020 fell well short of this at £3,968 as a result of the Coronavirus restrictions. However, this has recovered to £8,114 by the end of 2021 thanks to some generous donations and the reduction in our payments to the diocese.

Surplus monies from the general fund are invested in a deposit account with Lloyds Bank so that they can be readily returned to the current account as soon as needed to pay day-to-day bills. A sum of £1,000 has been designated for improvements to the West End of the church from a donation received in memory of Norton Collins, a much-loved member of the St Peter's Church family.

The PCC also holds restricted funds set aside for the maintenance of the churchyard, a sound system, repairs to the organ, and sums held on behalf of the bellringers and flower arrangers. A new sound system is to be installed during 2022 making use of the sound system fund that has been held for many years. It is PCC policy to invest these restricted funds in an interest-bearing account until needed, currently with National Savings and Investments.

Structure, governance and management of the charity

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members

Incumbent:	The Revd Susan Wharton	Chairman
Curate:	The Revd Martin Mills	
Churchwardens:	Mr Aidan Favell	Vice Chairman
	Mrs Mary Chamberlin	(until 16 th May 2021)

Elected Members

Mrs Jenny Baldwin	
Mrs Anita Casey	
Mrs Lorna Dimmock	(from 16 th May 2021)
Mrs Nichola Favell	Secretary
Mr Simon Langton	
Mrs Linda Murphy	
Mrs Helen Stanfield	Treasurer

Deanery Synod members

Mrs Linda Murphy
Mrs Helen Stanfield

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, lay readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and nine members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

This Trustees' Annual Report was **approved** by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd Sue Wharton, PCC Chairman

SJWharton

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Date.....08/05/2022.....

Annual Financial Report

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Summary of Financial Receipts and Payments

The financial effect of our activities during the year can be summarised as follows:

	Unrestricted <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	Restricted <u>Funds</u>	Total All Funds <u>2021</u>	Total All Funds <u>2020</u>	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	21,371	1,477	22,848	26,828	
Charitable activities	1,116	-	1,116	1,741	
Other trading activities	3,767	-	3,767	1,310	
Investments	513	309	822	885	
Other receipts	4,964	-	4,964	3,932	
Total received	31,731	1,786	33,517	34,696	3
Expenditure on:			-		
Charitable costs	24,430	6,559	30,989	64,040	
Trading costs	1,154	-	1,154	157	
Other payments	1,000	-	1,000	-	
Total paid	26,584	6,559	33,143	64,197	9
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>					
Net income or (net expenditure)	5,147	(4,773)	374	(29,501)	
Transfers between funds	(1,000)	1,000	-	-	
Net movement in funds	4,147	(3,773)	374	(29,501)	
Bank accounts at 1 January	3,967	11,855	15,822	27,201	
Bank accounts at 31 December	8,114	8,082	16,196	(2,300)	18

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Our financial position at the year-end

	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Funds	Endowed Funds	Total All Funds 2021	<i>Total All Funds 2020</i>	<i>Notes</i>
	£	£	£	£	£	
Assets:						
Bank current account	5,308	-	-	5,308	3,188	
Bank deposit account	3,772	1,268	-	5,040	6,540	
National Savings & Investment account	-	5,814	-	5,814	5,814	
Cash	34	-	-	34	280	
PCC-owned bank balance	9,114	7,082	-	16,196	15,822	18
Diocesan Assigned Fees received	56	-	-	56	108	
Total bank and deposit accounts	9,170	7,082	-	16,252	15,930	
Gift Aid recoverable	2,073	-	-	2,073	1,384	
Debtors	2,073	-	-	2,073	1,384	
CBF Investment Fund	-	-	27,212	27,212	23,806	
CBF Fixed Interest Fund	-	-	4,487	4,487	4,807	
Investment assets at market value	-	-	31,699	31,699	28,613	
Total assets	11,243	7,082	31,699	50,024	45,927	
Liabilities:						
Archdeacon's loan	1,500	-	-	1,500	2,500	17
Unpaid Diocesan fees for weddings/funerals	56	-	-	56	108	
Unpaid clergy expenses	173	-	-	173	151	
Total liabilities	1,729	-	-	1,729	2,759	

This Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2021, including the notes following, was approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by The Revd. Sue Wharton, PCC Chair:

SJWharton

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Date17/03/2022.....

Notes to the 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 following assets are recognised but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities: Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, which require a faculty for disposal.
- 3** Analysis of total received

	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Funds	Endowed Funds	Total All Funds 2021	<i>Total All Funds 2020</i>	<i>Notes</i>
	£	£	£	£	£	
Planned giving (excl. tax refunds)	6,923	-	-	6,923	6,279	4
Planned giving (no tax refunds)	2,108	-	-	2,108	1,978	4
Collections	3,117	-	-	3,117	2,252	5
Special appeals	-	335	-	335	469	
Gift Aid recovered	2,823	-	-	2,823	6,559	6
Donations at fundraising events	647	-	-	647	115	
Donations freely given	5,753	302	-	6,055	3,034	
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	
Grants received	-	840	-	840	6,142	7
Donations and legacies	21,371	1,477	-	22,848	26,828	
Fees for weddings & funerals	1,116	-	-	1,116	1,741	
Charitable activities	1,116	-	-	1,116	1,741	
Fundraising events	3,035	-	-	3,035	1,295	
Sale of memorials	708	-	-	708	-	
Sales of the parish magazine	24	-	-	24	15	
Other trading activities	3,767	-	-	3,767	1,310	
Bank & CBF deposit interest	31	101	-	132	218	
CBF investment fund dividend	482	208	-	690	667	
Investments	513	309	-	822	885	
Other receipts	4,964	-	-	4,964	3,932	8
Total received on all funds	31,731	1,786	-	33,517	34,696	

- 4** Planned Giving is received by direct debit through the Parish Giving Scheme, or by Standing Order, allowing the PCC to pay its regular costs including its share of the cost of the clergy.
- 5** Collection receipts continued to be suppressed by periods of closure of the church during the Coronavirus pandemic and have not recovered to pre-pandemic levels since the return of collective worship.
- 6** Gift Aid is tax claimed on the previous year's giving, together with recoveries received each month from the Parish Giving Scheme and some online gifts.
- 7** Grant funding was received from Cowfold Parish Council to enable the completion of repairs to the roof of the church's outbuilding.
- 8** Payment of an insurance claim was received following storm damage to the weather vane.

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Notes to the Financial Report

9 Analysis of total paid

	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds 2021	Total All Funds 2020	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Charitable giving	35	336	371	564	10
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	12,000	-	12,000	16,420	11
Salaries and honoraria	1,150	-	1,150	550	12
Parsonage House	1,588	-	1,588	1,443	13
Clergy expenses	629	-	629	711	13
Mission costs	142	-	142	134	14
Children's work	108	-	108	100	
Insurance	2,215	-	2,215	2,208	
Water, Gas, Electricity, and Oil	1,134	-	1,134	1,624	
Printing & photocopying	-	-	-	-	
Other regular church running costs	230	184	414	266	
Accounting and Examiner's fees	-	-	-	-	
Church maintenance & repairs	385	-	385	927	
Major repairs	4,814	5,997	10,811	4,484	15
Upkeep of churchyard	-	42	42	14	16
New building work	-	-	-	34,595	
Charitable costs	24,430	6,559	30,989	64,040	
Fundraising event expenses	313	-	313	27	
Memorial costs	711	-	711	-	
Magazine printing	130	-	130	130	
Trading costs	1,154	-	1,154	157	
Other payments	1,000	-	1,000	-	17
Total paid on all funds	26,584	6,559	32,143	64,197	

10 Charitable gifts were paid to St Catherine's Hospice £213, RBL Poppy Appeal £123 and National Churches Trust £35.

11 Parish share to Chichester Diocese is for the payment of clergy and other central costs. The full cost of parish ministry attributed to Cowfold was £23,404 for 2021. The PCC plans to increase its contribution once the Archdeacon's Loan is repaid in full.

12 Staff costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages paid to PCC employees	-	-
Fees paid to others	1,150	550
Employer National Insurance and pension contributions	-	-
	1,150	550

Notes to the Financial Report

13 Parsonage House and Clergy expenses were shared equally with Lower Beeding PCC including Council tax £1,445, Environmental charges £143, Telephone, travel, printing, etc £629.

14 Mission costs represent payments to hire a room in Cowfold Village Hall for the weekly Friday Café, restarted in September 2021 following the lifting of Coronavirus restrictions and suspended again in December as infection rates rose once more.

15 Major repair costs were for the completion of repairs to the storm damaged and also roof repairs to the outbuilding.

16 The churchyard was generously maintained on an entirely voluntary basis this year.

17 A monthly payment plan was agreed for the deferred Archdeacon's loan to ensure it is repaid in full by the end of 2022.

18 Statement of funds

Fund income and expenditure and final balances are as follows:

	Balances b/fwd 1 Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balances c/fwd 31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Churchyard fund	8,274	1,287	(6,039)	-	3,522
Flower fund	58	163	(184)	-	37
Sound system fund	2,206	-	-	-	2,206
Bellringers fund	525	-	-	-	525
Organ repair fund	792	-	-	-	792
Special appeals	-	336	(336)	-	-
Total of all restricted funds	11,855	1,786	(6,559)	-	7,082
General fund	3,967	31,731	(26,584)	(1,000)	8,114
Designated improvements fund	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Total of all unrestricted funds	3,967	31,731	(26,584)	-	9,114
Total funds	£15,822	£33,517	£(33,143)	-	£16,196

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Peter's Church, Cowfold for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of St Peter, Cowfold, on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2021 set out on pages 7 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 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 material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below in Section B below~~ *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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*

Examiner's signature

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22/04/2022

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