

THE LIFEHOUSE

England & Wales · Charity number 1144669

Details

Other names PORTSMOUTH VINEYARD LIFECHURCH

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [07826095](#)

Registered 2011-11-15

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS (THE OBJECTS) ARE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND ARE RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING: (A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS IN THE SCHEDULE TO THE ARTICLES HERETO ATTACHED INCLUDING BUT NOT BY WAY OF LIMITATION THROUGH THE PLANTING OF OTHER VINEYARD CHURCHES IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF PORTSMOUTH, THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT; (B) TO FURTHER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SUCH PARTS OF PORTSMOUTH, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT; (C) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING, TRAINING IN LIFE SKILLS AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF PORTSMOUTH, THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT; (D) TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Activities: Outward focused, family-sized christian church serving the homeless and vulnerable communities in Portsmouth & Southsea with a mandate to relieve poverty across the UK and overseas. We support Portsmouth Food Bank and Portsmouth Street Pastors, and have converted part of a former shop into community use as a homeless drop-in and soup kitchen.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hampshire
- Portsmouth City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£118,612	£111,927	-	-
2023-10-31	£96,006	£96,189	-	-
2022-10-31	£64,102	£61,499	-	-
2021-10-31	£51,477	£53,691	-	-
2020-10-31	£51,477	£53,691	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Peter John Robinson	Chair	2017-02-12
Helen Robinson		2021-12-16
Mike Morell		2016-09-06
Susan Mary Billingham		2025-07-23

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**Annual Report for
the Year Ended
31 October 2024**

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The LifeHouse
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 October 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds year ended 31st October 2024 £	Total Funds year ended 31st October 2023 £
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary Income	2	£118,612	£0	£118,612	£96,006
Total incoming resources		£118,612	£0	£118,612	£96,006
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Resources expended	3	£99,418	£12,509	£111,927	
Total resources expended		£99,418	£12,509	£111,927	£96,189
Net Income		£19,194	-£12,509	£6,685	
Reconciliation of funds					
Total Funds brought forward		£40,329	£12,509	£52,838	£54,988
Total Funds carried forward		£59,523	£0	£59,523	£52,838

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Registration number: 7826095

Balance Sheet as at 31st October 2024

		2024	2023
	Notes		
Current Assets		£	£
Cash at bank and in hand		£59,523	£52,838
		£59,523	£52,838
Net Assets		£59,523	£52,838
The funds of the charity	9		
Restricted Funds		£0	£12,509
Unrestricted Funds		£59,523	£40,329
Total Charity Funds		£59,523	£52,838

These accounts have been approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Michael Morell
Trustee and Treasurer
Date: 16/08/25

The notes on pages 1 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2024

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

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Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the Trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Incoming resources

Donations are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the statement of financial activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

2 Voluntary Income						
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2024		Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2023
		£	£	£		£
General Funds						
Appeals and Donations		£64,589		£64,589		
Grants		£52,536		£52,536		
Interest		£617		£617		
Gift Aid Tax reclaim		£870		£870		
		£118,612	£0	£118,612		£0

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

3 Total Resources Expended						
	Notes	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2024	Restricted Funds			Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2023
Charitable Activities						
Activities Undertaken Directly	4	£91,051	£12,509		£103,560	£55,491
Grant Funding of Activities	5					£578
Support Costs	6	£8,367			£8,367	£5,430
		£99,418	£12,509		£111,927	£61,499

Activities Undertaken Directly	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2024	Restricted Funds			Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2023
Salaries & Wages	£13,676				£10,578
Volunteer Expenses	£3,018				£3,279
Rent and Venue Hire	£25,505				£20,025
Ministry Gifts & Donations	£3,184				£3,857
Hospitality					£22
Light & Heat	£8,815				£7,839
LifeHouse Food	£26,092				£18,370
Maintenance & Refurbishment	£3,290				£7,908
Other LifeHouse Costs	£1,703				£1,579
Client Help	£4,131				£3,711
Equipment	£13,690				£3,751
Vehicle Expenses	£456				
	£103,560	£0		£0	£80,919

Support Costs	Unrestricted Funds				Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2023
Insurance	£1,631				£778
Travel & Subsistence					£224
General Expenses	£645				£2,199
Office Cost, Stationery, postage	£2,496				£2,006
Repairs & renewal	£517				£7,289
Bank Charges	£148				£347
Books & Subscriptions	£216				£448
Conference Costs	£260				£620
Auditing & Accountancy Fees	£1,296				£1,296
Legal & Profesional	£1,158				£63
	£8,367				£15,270

Restricted funds have been given for specifically use in refurbishment and re-equipment, e.g. purchasing of new fridges and freezers. Also for the running of the LifeHouse Homeless Food Kitchen, e.g. specifically for food purchasing. These are in addition to grants and funding that is unrestricted.

Analysis of Funds						£111,927
General Funds	2023	Income	Resources expended			
Unrestricted Income	£40,329	£118,612	£99,418	£59,523		
Restricted Funds	£12,509	£0	£12,509	£0		
	£52,838	£118,612	£111,927	£59,523		
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Net Assets by fund						
				Total Funds		Total Funds
		Funds		31st October		31st October
				2024		2023
		£		£		£
Current Account 1		£6,602				£5,707
Current Account 2		£37,703				£32,482
Savings Account 1		£4,163				£2,163
Savings Account 2		£2,163				£4,163
Savings - Aldermore		£8,892				£8,322
		£59,523				£52,838

Taxation

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Bankers	CAF BANK 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ
Independent Examiner	Jeremy Brown 14 Marion Road Southsea Portsmouth Hampshire PO4 0QX

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Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the period ended 31 October 2024.

The LifeHouse was incorporated on 27th October 2011 and granted charitable status on 15th November 2011.

Structure, governance and management

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The liability of the members is limited by their guarantee. In the event of the company being wound up during the period of their membership (or within a year following), members undertake to contribute such amounts as may be required, up to a maximum of £1.

Objectives and activities

The company's charitable objects are:

- a) to relieve hunger, sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling, training in life skills and support in such parts of Portsmouth, the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit.
- b) to provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.
- c) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs in ways that the trustees from time to time may think fit.

Overview

Our staff team at LifeHouse have continued to work hard to deliver the best possible service to callers and guests in need throughout this year. We meet new people on a daily basis, many new to the area and many in substandard accommodation or rough sleeping.

It's good to reflect how we have recruited many excellent volunteers during this period, many specialising in specific roles, spreading responsibilities amount the team and less on key staff and the manager.

We continue to offer a choice of food at our public meals on Wednesdays and Thursdays to 100+ guests each time, our food parcel and ready meals deliveries to those who can't or shouldn't come out, food parcel service on our kitchen door 3-4 days a week, free clothes, bedding and equipment, as well as care services for hair, feet, ears and pets. In addition, we have the service offered by Advice Portsmouth on a Wednesday morning, during our breakfast, for a myriad of concerns and problems our guests may have, including rent, benefit and financial issues.

When our new van collection and delivery van was purchased second hand, we put together a team of van drivers to share the work and maximising effective use of the vehicle.

We have continued to make venue and building improvements, like a rebuilt larder, new coffee bard in our dining room, cupboards and shelf in the kitchen hatch area. These projects make our venue more efficient, hygienic and effectively future proofed. We have started to plan our new, all-stainless-steel kitchen due to be built next year.

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Trustees' Report Continued....

Other Achievements

The LifeHouse supports and encourages other Food Kitchens and Parlours across the City, working with them to help care for those that are homeless, vulnerable and mentally ill. We share food and resources with other Centres to do this and minimise food wastage.

The LifeHouse continued to provide financial support to Compassion International (child schooling sponsorship in Togo).

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity and company should undertake.

Financial review

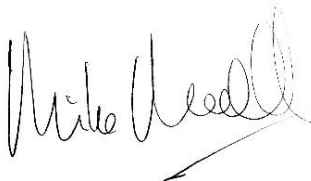
Financially the charity is secure. The unrestricted fund balance has increased this year by some 25% to £59,523 which includes £15,218 of our medium and long-term saving in the Hampshire Trust Bank and Aldermore Business Savings exceed the reserves policy of three months' expenditure as agreed by the Trustees, and reflects both stability in the charity finances and vigilance by the Trustees.

The Trustees continue to review the major risks to which the company is exposed in order to establish systems to manage those risks. Our Safeguarding and other Policies and Risk Assessments continue to be reviewed.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small company regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Trustees for The LifeHouse on its behalf by:



Date: 16/08/25

The LifeHouse

Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The Trustees (who are also Directors of The LifeHouse for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The LifeHouse

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 October 2024, which are set out on the preceding pages.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees (who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- i. examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- ii. follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- iii. state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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 you as 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.

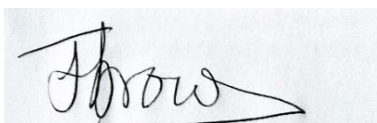
Independent Examiner's Statement

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:

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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.



Jeremy Brown

Independent Examiner
Date: 31/08/2025

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Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary Income	2	£96,006	£0	£96,006	
Total incoming resources		£96,006	£0	£96,006	£102,722
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Resources expended	3	£96,189	£0	£96,189	
Total resources expended		£96,189	£0	£96,189	£71,733
Net Income		-£183	£0	-£183	£30,989
Reconciliation of funds					
Total Funds brought forward		£42,479	£12,509	£54,988	£24,000
Total Funds carried forward		£42,296	£12,509	£54,805	£54,988

**The LifeHouse (Company Registration number: 07826095)
Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2023**

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Current Assets			
Debtors and Prepayments	8		£3,844
Cash at bank and in hand		£54,805	£51,144
		<u>£54,805</u>	<u>£54,988</u>
Net Assets		<u>£54,805</u>	<u>£54,988</u>
The funds of the charity	9		
Restricted Funds		£12,509	£14,033
Unrestricted Funds		£42,296	£71,944
Total Charity Funds		<u>£54,805</u>	<u>£85,977</u>

These accounts have been approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Michael Morell
Trustee and Treasurer
Date: 20/07/24

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**The LifeHouse
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2 Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2023	Total Funds Y/End 31st Oct 2022
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
Appeals and Donations	£39,429		£39,429	£50,950
Grants	£55,790		£55,790	£10,241
Interest	£216		£216	£501
Gift Aid Tax reclaim	£571		£571	£2,410
	£96,006	£0	£96,006	£64,102

3 Total Resources Expended

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2023	Total Funds Year End 31st Oct 2022
Charitable Activities					
Activities Undertaken Directly	4	£80,919			£55,491
Grant Funding of Activities	5				£578
Support Costs	6	£15,270			£5,430
		£96,189			£61,499

4 Activities Undertaken Directly

	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2023		Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2022	
Salaries & Wages	£10,578			£8,342	
Volunteer Expenses	£3,279			£20,522	
Rent and Venue Hire	£20,025			£0	
Ministry Gifts & Donations	£3,857			£4,541	
Hospitality	£22			£977	
Light & Heat	£7,839			£2,215	
LifeHouse Food	£18,370			£4,660	
Maintenance & Refurbishment	£7,908			£9,159	
Other LifeHouse Costs	£1,579			£4,271	
Client Help	£3,711			£624	
Equipment	£3,751			£180	
	£80,919		£0	£55,491	

5 Grants Payable

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct	
			2023	2022
Vineyard UK				£552
Street Pastors				£26
	£0	£0	£0	£578

6 Support Costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2023	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2022
Insurance	£778		£778	£690
Travel & Subsistence	£224		£224	£290
General Expenses	£2,199			£758
Office Cost, Stationery, postage	£2,006		£2,006	£2,340
Repairs & renewal	£7,289		£7,289	£151
Bank Charges	£347		£347	£186
Books & Subscriptions	£448		£448	£326
Conference Costs	£620		£620	
Auditing & Accountancy Fees	£1,296		£1,296	£1,584
Legal & Professional	£63		£63	£301
	£15,270		£15,270	£6,626

7 Employees' remuneration

The average number of persons employed by the charity (including trustees) during the year was ONE. Their net remuneration during this accounting year was £8887.15.

8 Debtors and Prepayments

	31st Oct 2023	31st Oct 2022
Gift Aid		£1,967

9 Analysis of Funds

	2022	Income	Resources expended	As At Oct 31st 2023
General Funds				
Unrestricted Income	£42,479	£90,006	£42,296	
Restricted Funds	£12,509	£0	£12,509	
	£54,988	£90,006	£54,805	

Restricted funds have been given for specifically use in refurbishment and re-equipment, e.g. purchasing of new fridges and freezers. Also for the running of the LifeHouse homeless drop-in and soup kitchen, e.g. specifically for food purchasing. These are in addition to grants and funding that is unrestricted.

10 Net Assets by fund

	Funds	Total Funds 31st October 2023	Total Funds 31st October 2022
	£	£	£
Current Account 1	£5,707	£5,707	£6,665
Current Account 2	£32,482	£32,482	£29,979
Savings Account 1	£2,163	£2,163	£2,163
Savings Account 2	£4,163	£4,163	£4,163
Savings - Aldermore	£8,322	£8,322	£8,174
Gift Aid from 2022	£1,967	£1,967	£3,844
	£54,805	£54,805	£24,000

11. Taxation

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Overview

This year can be regarded as one where LifeHouse excelled in all we did and worked to maximum capacity. We still found new, well experienced volunteers and better ways of delivering our service. One striking feature was the growth in our outreach with home-cooked, boxed ready meals given to both those who are rough sleeping and those in accommodation who are incapacitated, too infirm or unwell to come out for our meals at The LifeHouse. We continue to offer a choice of food at our public meals on Wednesdays and Thursdays to 100+ guests each time, our food parcel and ready meals deliveries to those who can't or shouldn't come out, food parcel service on our kitchen door four days a week, free clothes, bedding and equipment, as well as care services for hair, feet and ears. In addition we have the service offered by Advice Portsmouth on a Wednesday morning, during our breakfast, for a myriad of concerns and problems our guests may have, including rent, benefit and financial issues.

Strategies

During this accounting period we saw the Vineyard Church cease its Sunday Services and migrate to an off-site midweek group in the comfortable venue of the Havelock Centre locally.

For the LifeHouse good funding allowed us to spend capital sums repairing and recovering all the front roof that covers the east half of the premises. Also rebuilding the dining room floor which prompted future problems with areas above the cellar which had been poorly maintained during previous tenancies. These projects effectively future proof our venue from any maintenance issues.

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Trustees' Report Continued....

Changes in Personnel

To help us excel in a climate of ever-growing demand and the need to produce more quality meals and more quickly we have engaged a new Chef on a part-time contract. The successful candidate has 16 year's experience in catering and is bringing a good variety of cuisine to our mealtimes.

Our team has increased its supermarket "end of the day" collections to up to 35 times a week to meet growing demand; last year it was 25 times. We have some corporate sponsors and the public have continued to be most generous in their donations and support for our charitable work.

Other Achievements

The LifeHouse supports and encourages other Food Kitchens and Parlours across the City, working with them to help care for those that are homeless, vulnerable and mentally ill. We share food and resources with other Centres to do this and minimise food wastage.

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Financial review

Financially the charity is secure. The unrestricted fund balance of £42,296 along with £14,648 of our short and long-term saving in the Hampshire Trust Bank and Aldermore Business Savings exceed the reserves policy of three months' expenditure as agreed by the Trustees, and reflects both stability in the church finances and vigilance by the Trustees.

The Trustees continue to review the major risks to which the company is exposed in order to establish systems to manage those risks. Our Safeguarding and other Policies and Risk Assessments continue to be reviewed.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small company regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Trustees for The LifeHouse on its behalf by:



Date: 22/07/24

The LifeHouse

Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

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Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The LifeHouse

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 October 2023, which are set out on the preceding pages.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees (who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- i. examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- ii. follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- iii. state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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 you as 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.

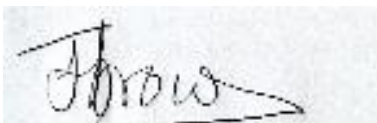
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Jeremy Brown

Independent Examiner

Date:


24/08/2024

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14 Marion Road
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**Annual Report for
the Year Ended
31 October 2022**

Reg. Co. 07826095

Reg. Charity. 1144669

Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 October 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds year ended 31st October 2022 £	Total Funds year ended 31st October 2021 £
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary Income	2	£45,834	£56,888	£102,722	
Total incoming resources		£45,834	£56,888	£102,722	£64,102
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Resources expended	3	£16,369	£55,364	£71,733	
Total resources expended		£16,369	£55,364	£71,733	£61,499
Net Income		£29,465	£1,524	£30,989	£2,603
Reconciliation of funds					
Total Funds brought forward		£13,014	£10,985	£24,000	
Total Funds carried forward		£42,479	£12,509	£54,988	£24,000

**Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch (Company Registration number: 07826095)
Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2022**

	Notes	2022	2021
Current Assets		£	£
Debtors and Prepayments	8	£3,844	£3,821
Cash at bank and in hand		£51,144	£20,179
		<u>£54,988</u>	<u>£24,000</u>
Net Assets		<u>£54,988</u>	<u>£24,000</u>
The funds of the charity	9		
Restricted Funds		£12,509	£13,014
Unrestricted Funds		£42,479	£10,985
Total Charity Funds		<u>£54,988</u>	<u>£24,000</u>

These accounts have been approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Michael Morell
Trustee and Treasurer
Date: 16/07/23

The notes on pages 1 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2022
1. Accounting policies**

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005)', issued in March 2005, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and the Companies Act 2006.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the Trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Incoming resources

Donations are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the statement of financial activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

2 Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2022	Total Funds Y/End 31st Oct 2021
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
Appeals and Donations	£44,016	£53,959	£97,975	£50,950
Grants		£2,000	£2,000	£10,241
Interest	£12	£0	£12	£501
Gift Aid Tax reclaim	£1,337	£1,073	£2,410	£3,565
	£45,834	£56,888	£102,722	£64,102

3 Total Resources Expended

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2022	Total Funds Year End 31st Oct 2021
Charitable Activities					
Activities Undertaken Directly	4	£12,513	£52,088	£64,601	£55,491
Grant Funding of Activities	5	£506	£0	£506	£578
Support Costs	6	£3,350	£3,276	£6,626	£5,430
		£16,369	£55,364	£71,733	£61,499

4 Activities Undertaken Directly

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2022	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2021
Salaries & Wages		£9,046	£9,046	£8,342
Volunteers' Expenses		£145	£145	£0
Rent and Venue Hire	£8,394	£13,670	£22,064	£20,522
Worship & Music Costs			£0	£4,541
Ministry Gifts & Donations	£3,146	£1,500	£4,646	£977
Hospitality	£206		£206	£2,215
Light & Heat		£4,677	£4,677	£4,660
LifeHouse Food		£9,153	£9,153	£9,159
Maintenance & LifeHouse Costs		£5,336	£5,336	£4,271
Other LifeHouse Costs		£8,561	£8,561	£624
Equipment	£137		£137	£180
Conference & Training	£630		£630	
	£12,513	£52,088	£64,601	£55,491

5 Grants Payable

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2022	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2021
Vineyard UK	£506		£506	£552
Street Pastors				£26
Portsmouth Foodbank				£0
	£506		£506	£558

6 Support Costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2022	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2021
Insurance	£138	£552	£690	£535
Travel & Subsistence		£290	£290	£17
General Expenses	£379	£379	£758	£79
Office Cost, Stationery, postage	£1,170	£1,170	£2,340	£1,547
Repairs & renewal	£151		£151	£494
Bank Charges	£93	£93	£186	£360
Books & Subscriptions	£326		£326	£486
Auditing & Accountancy Fees	£792	£792	£1,584	£1,408
Legal Costs	£301		£301	£504
	£3,350	£3,276	£6,626	£5,430

7 Employees' remuneration

The average number of persons employed by the charity (including trustees) during the year was ONE. Their net remuneration during this accounting year was £8887.15.

8 Debtors and Prepayments

	31st Oct 2022	31st Oct 2021
Gift Aid	£1,967	£3,821

9 Analysis of Funds

	2021	Income	Resources expended	As At Oct 31st 2022
General Funds				
Unrestricted Income	£13,014	£45,834	£16,369	£42,479
Restricted Funds	£10,985	£56,888	£55,364	£12,509
	£23,999	£102,102	£71,733	£54,988

Restricted funds have been given for specifically use in refurbishment and re-equipment, e.g. purchasing of new fridges and freezers. Also for the running of the LifeHouse homeless drop-in and soup kitchen, e.g. specifically for food purchasing. These are in addition to grants and funding that is unrestricted. Our aim, as always is to connect with people who find themselves in homelessness or addiction and in need of hot meals and food parcels. The LifeHouse also signposts users to other support services across the city.

10 Net Assets by fund

	Funds	Total Funds 31st October 2022	Total Funds 31st October 2021
	£	£	£
Current Account 1	£6,665	£6,665	£1,573
Current Account 2	£29,979	£29,979	£4,106
Savings Account 1	£2,163	£2,163	£2,163
Savings Account 2	£4,163	£4,163	£4,163
Savings - Aldermore	£8,174	£8,174	£8,174
Gift Aid Due	£3,844	£3,844	£3,821
	£54,988	£54,988	£24,000

11. Taxation

Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from taxation.

Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch
Charity registration number	1144669
Company registration number	07826095
Principal Office	153 Albert Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, PO4 0JW
Registered Office	153 Albert Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, PO4 0JW
Trustees	Mr Peter John Robinson, (Appointed 13 November 2016 – Chair of Trustees) Mr Helen Robinson, (Appointed 16 December 2021) Mr Clive Oliver, (Appointed 29 May 2016, resigned on 10 October 2022) Mr Michael Morell, (Appointed 6 September 2016) Mrs Paula Bettina Jolly (Appointed 1 September 2018) Ms Rosina Susan Godfrey (Appointed 27 March 2020, resigned on 31 December 2021)
Bankers	CAF BANK 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ
Independent Examiner	Jeremy Brown 14 Marion Road Southsea Portsmouth Hampshire PO4 0QX

Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch

Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the period ended 31 October 2022.

Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch was incorporated on 27th October 2011 and granted charitable status on 15th November 2011.

Structure, governance and management

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The liability of the members is limited by their guarantee. In the event of the company being wound up during the period of their membership (or within a year following), members undertake to contribute such amounts as may be required, up to a maximum of £1.

Objectives and activities

The company's charitable objects are:

- a) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling, training in life skills and support in such parts of Portsmouth, the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit.
- b) to provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.
- c) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs including but not by way of limitation through the planting of other Vineyard Churches in such ways and in such parts of Portsmouth, the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit.
- d) to further Christian education in such parts of Portsmouth, the United Kingdom and the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

Strategies

During this accounting period we had a period of rapid numerical and financial growth in all our LifeHouse Food Kitchen activities and but a decline in Church activities. We have been so pleased to see our different benevolent (including the LifeHouse), spiritual and pastoral (through the Vineyard) activities and events continue to serve the wider community here in Portsmouth.

We have been able during this period to start in person activities in our building and resume a service to the homeless and under-housed inside rather than outside. We have continued our different delivery runs for food for those unwell, vulnerable and isolating. Risk assessments, policies and training notes continue to be issued to new volunteers and put on display.

Closure of Portsmouth Vineyard Church

At the end of October 2022 it was regrettably decided and unanimously agreed to close the church meetings and activities of the Portsmouth Vineyard Church. The Christian group that had been meeting as a Church on Sundays changed to being a home group meeting on Wednesday evenings under the pastoral care of the Winchester Vineyard Church, our regional hub. The LifeHouse continues to thrive and under a Resolution passed by the Trustees the charity is now renamed "The LifeHouse" with Companies House and The Charity Commissioners. The LifeHouse is now the sole user of the property at 153 Albert Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, PO4 0JW.

Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch Trustees' Report Continued....

Changes in Personnel

Portsmouth Vineyard saw more changes this year. Helen Robinson applied to take assessment as part of her application to become our Pastor supported by her husband Peter. Mike Morell remains a Trustee and Manager of the LifeHouse. We invited Helen Robinson to join us on the board of trustees, as we lost the services of Rosie Godfrey and Clive Oliver.

The LifeHouse saw a steady increase in demand after the Covid Pandemic with up to 100 meals usually served on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We continued our food parcel and hot meal delivery service to those whom have been unwell physically and/or mentally, or incapacitated or under curfew, on a somewhat scaled down basis as the need to help people during isolation subsided. Our team has increased its supermarket "end of the day" collections to up to 25 times a week to meet growing demand. We have some corporate sponsors and the public have continued to be generous in their donations and support for our charitable work.

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Approved by the Board of Trustees for Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch on its behalf by:

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Date: 16/07/23

Mr. Michael Morell, Trustee and Treasurer

Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch
Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch

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Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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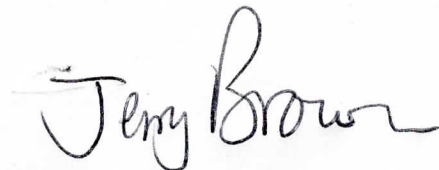
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Jeremy Brown

Independent Examiner

Date:


26 July 2023

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**Annual Report for
the Year Ended
31 October 2021**

Reg. Co. 7826095

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Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch
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for the Year Ended 31 October 2021

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Net Income		£5,064	-£2,462	£2,603	-£2,214
Reconciliation of funds					
Total Funds brought forward		£7,950	£13,447	£21,397	
Total Funds carried forward		£13,014	£10,985	£24,000	£21,397

**Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch (Registration number: 7826095)
Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2021**

	Notes	2021	2020
Current Assets		£	£
Debtors and Prepayments	8	£3,821	£2,528
Cash at bank and in hand		£20,179	£18,869
		<u>£24,000</u>	<u>£21,397</u>
Net Assets		<u>£24,000</u>	<u>£21,397</u>
The funds of the charity	9		
Restricted Funds		£10,985	£13,447
Unrestricted Funds		£13,014	£7,950
Total Charity Funds		<u>£24,000</u>	<u>£21,397</u>

These accounts have been approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Michael Morell
Trustee

Date: 22/07/22

The notes on pages 1 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2021
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2 Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2021	Total Funds Y/End 31st Oct 2020
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
Appeals and Donations	£11,733	£39,217	£50,950	£47,912
Covid Grants	£10,241		£10,241	
Interest	£163	£337	£501	
Gift Aid Tax reclaim	£1,337	£1,073	£2,410	£3,565
	£23,474	£40,627	£64,102	£51,477

3 Total Resources Expended

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2021	Total Funds Year End 31st Oct 2020
Charitable Activities					
Activities Undertaken Directly	4	£15,083	£40,408	£55,491	£47,989
Grant Funding of Activities	5	£552	£26	£578	£702
Support Costs	6	£2,775	£2,655	£5,430	£5,000
		£18,410	£43,089	£61,499	£53,691

4 Activities Undertaken Directly

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2021	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2020
Salaries & Wages		£8,342	£8,342	£9,817
Rent and Venue Hire	£10,261	£10,261	£20,522	£20,718
Worship & Music Costs			£0	£273
Ministry Gifts & Donations	£3,041	£1,500	£4,541	£5,358
Hospitality	£977		£977	£296
Light & Heat		£2,215	£2,215	£1,811
LifeHouse Food		£4,660	£4,660	£3,853
Maintenance		£9,159	£9,159	£792
Other LifeHouse Costs		£4,271	£4,271	£2,920
Equipment	£624		£624	£317
Conference & Training	£180		£180	£1,834
	£15,083	£40,408	£55,491	£47,989

5 Grants Payable

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2021	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2020
Vineyard UK	£552		£552	£552
Street Pastors		£26	£26	
Portsmouth Foodbank			£0	£150
	£552	£26	£558	£702

6 Support Costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2021	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2020
Insurance	£267	£268	£535	£577
Travel & Subsistence	£17		£17	£108
General Expenses	£39	£40	£79	£364
Office Cost, Stationery, postage	£773	£774	£1,547	£1,934
Software & Accessories				£62
Repairs & renewal	£247	£247	£494	£300
Bank Charges	£90	£270	£360	£360
Books & Subscriptions	£486		£486	£131
Auditing & Accountancy Fees	£352	£1,056	£1,408	£564
Legal Costs	£504		£504	£600
	£2,775	£2,655	£5,430	£5,000

7 Employees' remuneration

The average number of persons employed by the charity (including trustees) during the year was ONE.

8 Debtors and Prepayments

	31st Oct 2021	31st Oct 2020
Gift Aid	£3,821	£2,528

9 Analysis of Funds

	2020	Income	Resources expended	As At Oct 31st 2020
General Funds				
Unrestricted Income	£7,950	£23,474	£18,410	£13,014
Restricted Funds	£13,447	£40,627	£43,089	£10,985
	£21,397	£64,102	£61,499	£24,000

Restricted funds have been given for use in the refurbishment and running of the LifeHouse homeless drop-in and soup kitchen to connect with people from across Portsmouth who find themselves in homelessness or addiction and in need of hot meals and food parcels. The LifeHouse also signposts users to other support services across the city.

10	Net Assets by fund					
		Unrestrict	Restricted	Total Funds		Total Funds
		Funds	Funds	31st October		31st October
				2021		2020
		£	£	£		£
	Current Account 1	£1,573		£1,573		£884
	Current Account 2		£4,106	£4,106		£985
	Savings Account 1	£2,163		£2,163		£17,000
	Savings Account 2		£4,163	£4,163		
	Savings - Aldermore		£8,174	£8,174		
	Gift Aid Due	£3,821		£3,821		£2,528
		£7,557	£16,443	£24,000		£21,397

11. Taxation

Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from taxation.

Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch
Charity registration number	1144669
Company registration number	7826095
Principal Office	153 Albert Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, PO4 0JW
Registered Office	153 Albert Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, PO4 0JW
Trustees	Mr Peter John Robinson, (Appointed 13 November 2016 – Chair of Trustees) Mr Clive Oliver, (Appointed 29 May 2016) Mr Michael Morell, (Appointed 6 September 2016) Mrs Paula Bettina Jolly (Appointed 1 September 2018) Ms Rosina Susan Godfrey (Appointed 27 March 2020)
Bankers	CAF BANK 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ
Independent Examiner	Paul Flavell 19 Southwood Avenue Southbourne+ Bournemouth Hampshire BH6 3QB

Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch

Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the period ended 31 October 2021.

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Structure, governance and management

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The liability of the members is limited by their guarantee. In the event of the company being wound up during the period of their membership (or within a year following), members undertake to contribute such amounts as may be required, up to a maximum of £1.

Objectives and activities

The company's charitable objects are:

- a) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling, training in life skills and support in such parts of Portsmouth, the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit;
- b) to provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.
- c) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs including but not by way of limitation through the planting of other Vineyard Churches in such ways and in such parts of Portsmouth, the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit;
- d) to further Christian education in such parts of Portsmouth, the United Kingdom and the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit;

Strategies

At the beginning of this accounting period we had a period of steady numerical and financial growth in all our activities and all our aims were being largely or partially met. We have been so pleased to see our different benevolent (including the LifeHouse), spiritual and pastoral (through the Vineyard) activities and events harmonising and working together even more to serve the community here in Portsmouth.

However the Covid-19 pandemic struck and we had to adapt very quickly in the face of a largely, at first, unknown threat. At least a month before first lockdown we had installed hand-cleansing dispensers on each door and we were insisting on every visitor, member and guest using these as they entered the premises. We quickly switched to on-line services, home groups and times of prayer (Hosted by the Portsmouth House of Prayer) and learnt to do film and broadcast meetings well on line; this took some doing and much had to be learnt! For LifeHouse we went over to all takeaway meals and food parcels prepared and distributed by separate shifts of six volunteers in each of four different "water-tight" teams. We then organised up to five different delivery runs for food for those unwell, vulnerable and isolating. Risk assessments, policies and training notes were all prepared and issued to volunteers and put on display.

Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch Trustees' Report Continued....

Official LifeHouse Re-Opening Sept 2021

We are delighted to have opened our new dining room which is approximately three times the space of our old one. Special thanks to PMC Construction for taking some time out of their busy schedules to do the building work along with their contractors at no cost to this Charity. This major work, of connecting and refurbishing the ground floors of our two adjoining buildings was efficiently done at a time when we couldn't actually use it! We thank Stephen Morgan MP who came and "cut the ribbon", celebrities, sponsors, Councillors, our Founders, LifeHouse Team Members, LifeHouse Guests and the Portsmouth News along with many more for joining us to celebrate "The Grand Opening" of our new dining area and remodelled ground floor.

This facility most fortunately became available at a time when we needed to distance during the end of the Covid Crisis. We met a phenomenal rise in local needs and demand on every one of our services. We now have no idea at all how we managed to work and run LifeHouse in the small space that we used to have; we sat a maximum of 22 people, in close quarters, at one time (now we can sit up to 50 when it's safe to do so).

During July 2021 we opened again for Sunday services, extra Vineyard and LifeHouse meals and socials while Covid abated for a period.

Change in Personnel

Portsmouth Vineyard saw a lot of changes towards the end of this year. Peter and Helen Robinson took over as Leaders of the Charity and Church when June and Mike Morell stepped down from their Vineyard leadership roles for personal reasons; Mike remains a trustee and manager of the LifeHouse. This year saw a number of changes with people coming to the Vineyard Church and those in the roles of leaders and of trustees. The Vineyard looks to rebuild after the years of the Covid pandemic its core team and activities to give a stronger base for the future. It is encouraging how many members of the public visit our meetings as they see us in progress in our improved premises on Albert Road and see our material online.

The LifeHouse saw a massive increase in demand during and after the pandemic with as many as 130 meals served in one morning. We started our food parcel and hot meal delivery service and over 50 people in community have been served at different times when they have been unwell, isolating, incapacitated or under curfew. Our team have increased their supermarket "end of the day" collections to up to 20 times a week to meet this demand and corporate sponsors and the public have been extremely generous in their donations and support for this work.

Later in this financial year the Leader of the Council announced that LifeHouse Volunteers and all other food kitchen workers were to receive the Freedom of the City of Portsmouth for their selfless and valiant work during these difficult years.

Other Achievements

Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch has continued to provide financial support to Compassion International (child schooling sponsorship in Cambodia) and two overseas missionaries involved in compassionate and people-centred outreaches in Cambodia and other parts of the world.

Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch
Trustees' Report Continued.....

We continue to give regular donations to Vineyard Churches UK to help finance training, church planting and oversight of the network of churches to which we are associated. The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity and company should undertake.

Financial review

Financially the charity is secure. The unrestricted fund balance of £13,014 along with £17,000 of our short and long-term saving in the Hampshire Trust Bank and Aldermore Business Savings exceed the reserves policy of three months' expenditure as agreed by the Trustees, and reflects both stability in the church finances and vigilance by the Trustees.

The Trustees continue to review the major risks to which the company is exposed in order to establish systems to manage those risks.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small company regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Trustees for Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch on its behalf by:

Mr. Michael Morell

Date: 22/07/22

Trustee

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Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch
Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The Trustees (who are also Directors of Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 October 2021, which are set out on the preceding pages.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees (who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- i. examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- ii. follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- iii. state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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 you as 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:

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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.

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Paul Flavell
Independent Examiner



Date: 31/7/22

THE LIFEHOUSE

England & Wales - Charity number 1144669

Accounts

Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 October 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds year ended 31st October 2020 £	Total Funds year ended 31st October 2019 £
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary Income	2	£19,330	£32,147	£51,477	
Total incoming resources		£19,330	£32,147	£51,477	£36,612
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Resources expended	3	£20,177	£33,514	£53,691	
Total resources expended		£20,177	£33,514	£53,691	£56,332
Net Income		-£847	-£1,367	-£2,214	-£19,720
Reconciliation of funds					
Total Funds brought forward		£8,797	£14,814	£23,611	
Total Funds carried forward		£7,950	£13,447	£21,397	£23,611

**Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch (Registration number: 7826095)
Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2020**

	Notes	2020	2019
Current Assets		£	£
Debtors and Prepayments	8	£2,528	£2,752
Cash at bank and in hand		£18,869	£20,859
		<u>£21,397</u>	<u>£23,611</u>
Net Assets		<u>£21,397</u>	<u>£23,611</u>
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Restricted Funds		£13,447	£14,814
Unrestricted Funds		£7,950	£8,797
Total Charity Funds		<u>£21,397</u>	<u>£23,611</u>

These accounts have been approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Michael Morell
Trustee

Date: 17/07/21

The notes on pages 1 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2020
1. Accounting policies**

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005)', issued in March 2005, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and the Companies Act 2006.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Incoming resources

Donations are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the statement of financial activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

2 Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2020	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2019
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
Appeals and Donations	£17,297	£30,615	£47,912	£32,498
Gift Aid Tax reclaim	£2,033	£1,532	£3,565	£4,114
	£19,330	£32,147	£51,477	£36,612

3 Total Resources Expended

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2020	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2019
Charitable Activities					
Activities Undertaken					
Directly	4	£16,937	£31,052	£47,989	£49,663
Grant Funding of Activities	5	£552	£150	£702	£932
Support Costs	6	£2,688	£2,312	£5,000	£5,736
		£20,177	£33,514	£53,691	£56,331

4 Activities Undertaken Directly

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2020	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2019
Salaries & Wages		£9,817	£9,817	£5,565
Rent and Venue Hire	£10,359	£10,359	£20,718	£18,901
Worship & Music Costs	£273		£273	£255
Ministry Gifts & Donations	£3,858	£1,500	£5,358	£3,993
Hospitality	£296		£296	£1,594
Light & Heat		£1,811	£1,811	£2,965
LifeHouse Food		£3,853	£3,853	£3,250
Maintenance		£792	£792	£7,577
Other LifeHouse Costs		£2,920	£2,920	£2,921
Equipment	£317		£317	£1,174
Conference & Training	£1,834		£1,834	£1,468
	£16,937	£31,052	£47,989	£49,663

5 Grants Payable

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2020	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2019
Vineyard UK	£552		£552	£552
Street Pastors				£50
Portsmouth Foodbank		£150	£150	£330
	£552	£150	£702	£932

6 Support Costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2019	Total Funds Year Ended 31st Oct 2018
Insurance	£288	£289	£577	£513
Travel & Subsistence	£108		£108	£290
General Expenses	£182	£182	£364	£232
Office Cost, Stationery, postage	£967	£967	£1,934	£1,855
Software & Accessories	£31	£31	£62	£294
Repairs & renewal	£150	£150	£300	£149
Bank Charges	£90	£270	£360	£593
Books & Subscriptions	£131		£131	£354
Auditing & Accountancy Fees	£141	£423	£564	£1,336
Legal Costs	£600		£600	£120
	£2,688	£2,312	£5,000	£5,736

7 Employees' remuneration

The average number of persons employed by the charity (including trustees) during the year was ONE.

8 Debtors and Prepayments

	31st Oct 2020			31st Oct 2019
Gift Aid	£2,034	£494	£2,528	£2,752

9 Analysis of Funds

	2019	Income	Resources expended	As At Oct 31st 2020
General Funds				
Unrestricted Income	£10,371	£19,330	£20,177	£9,524
Restricted Funds	£28,219	£32,147	£33,514	£26,852
	£38,590	£51,477	£53,691	£36,376

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10 Net Assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 31st October 2020	Total Funds 31st October 2019
	£	£	£	£
Current Account 1	£884		£884	£1,786
Current Account 2	£985		£985	£1,073
Savings Account	£4,047	£12,953	£17,000	£18,000
Gift Aid Due	£2,034	£494	£2,528	£2,752
	<u>£7,950</u>	<u>£13,447</u>	<u>£21,397</u>	<u>£23,611</u>

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**Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch
Reference and Administrative Details**

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Charity registration number 1144669
Company registration number 7826095
Principal Office 57, Merthyr Avenue, Portsmouth, PO6 2AR
Registered Office 57, Merthyr Avenue, Portsmouth, PO6 2AR

Trustees

Mr Clive Oliver, Trustee (Appointed 29 May 2016)
Mrs June Lorraine Morell, Trustee (Appointed 6 September 2016)
Mr Michael Morell, Trustee (Appointed 6 September 2016)
Mr Peter John Robinson, Trustee (Appointed 13 November 2016)
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Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch

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Strategies

At the beginning of this accounting period we had recently acquired the new meeting room in the shop premises on the corner of Albert and Harold Roads next to the original LifeHouse. Our main objective for 2019-20 was to build on this most providential accomplishment by (a) harmonising our different benevolent (through the LifeHouse) and spiritual and pastoral (through the Vineyard) activities and events and (b) expanding into new areas and types of communal service.

We very quickly appreciated that operating the two premises divided from each other was of limited use and we were united in agreement to explore a development project for the site which would include re-joining the two parts of the building but also maximising the useful potential of the spaces available. We thereby embarked on the venue project that is just being completed now in July/August 2021. In this period we opened for Sunday services, extra Vineyard and LifeHouse meals and socials, several training course series, The Alpha Course, Portsmouth House of Prayer monthly celebrations, meetings for prayer regularly, Coop Team Meetings, Foodbank Committee Meetings chaired by council staff, music lessons and even an infant dedication service.

Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch Trustees' Report

Continued

Achievements and performance

We were again able to facilitate the growth of the church and the charitable work of the LifeHouse Food Kitchen which saw a steady increase in use by the public as our provision of food parcels (this was before the current health crisis) and quality of meals and associated services was improved.

To accomplish our objectives Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch continue to hold weekly gatherings continuing to communicate our vision and values and welcome new people at all times. We advertised on our website and social media regularly.

We again took a very active part in the annual winter Open Churches Project, accommodating up to 15 rough sleepers in seven different church centres over the seven days of the week for the coldest, winter weeks. A number of us were very active in the Street Pastors and the Healing of the Streets prayer outreach. We have continued to build up the church by dedicating pastoral time to individuals in need and those needing encouragement to get into roles of responsibility and service.

Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch has continued to provide financial support to Compassion International (child schooling sponsorship in Cambodia), Portsmouth Food Bank and two overseas missionaries involved in compassionate and people-centred outreaches in Cambodia and other parts of the world. We continue to give regular donations to Vineyard Churches UK to help finance training, church planting and oversight of the network of churches to which we are associated.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity and company should undertake.

The work of the LifeHouse homeless drop-in and food kitchen for those people who find themselves caught in homelessness and/or addiction continues to flourish and expand. From the LifeHouse we served up to 175 free meals per week including food in food parcels. Many guests of the food kitchen consider the LifeHouse to be their church and massively benefit from meeting others, in similar situations to their own, in a social atmosphere of comparative normality and acceptance. Volunteers at the LifeHouse includes people of faith from a number of different churches working alongside people professing no particular faith but care deeply for individuals in need in our community. The LifeHouse continues to attract media attention and it very well known and thought of in the City. We continue to attract financial support from a number of different individuals, charitable and commercial organisations. We also to receive grants and gifts of all sizes and these help cover the part time wages for the Manager, rent, sundries, some food when not donated free and electricity bills.

Financial review

Financially the charity is secure. The unrestricted fund balance of £7,950 along with £17,000 of our short and long-term saving in the Hampshire Trust Bank and Aldermore Business Savings exceed the reserves policy of three months' expenditure as agreed by the Trustees, and reflects both stability in the church finances and vigilance by the Trustees.

**Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch
Trustees' Report**

Continued

The Trustees continue to review the major risks to which the company is exposed in order to establish systems to manage those risks.

Small company provisions

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Approved by the Board of Trustees for Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch on its behalf by:

Date: 17/07/21

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Mr. Michael Morell
Trustee

Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch
Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

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Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Portsmouth Vineyard LifeChurch**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 October 2020, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees (who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- i. examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- ii. follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- iii. state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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 you as 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:

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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.

Paul Flavell
Independent Examiner

Date: 30/8/21

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