



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 Sept. 2022 **Period start date**

To 31 Aug. 2023 **Period end date**

Charity name: The Greek Orthodox Community of St Barbara the Great Martyr

Charity registration number: 1144751

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote the Orthodox Christian faith, to advance public education and to relieve poverty, sickness and distress and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the county of Cheshire and its environs.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>In terms of public education, our Parish offers Sunday school for children of various ages and holds Catechism classes every Wednesday evening, open to all. Additionally, Fr. John Petkov, our priest-in-charge, actively visits local schools to promote awareness of the Christian values from the Orthodox perspective. Heritage Days are particularly successful, attracting many non-Orthodox people eager to learn about Orthodoxy.</p> <p>To combat poverty, sickness, and distress, our Parish supports the local West Cheshire Food Bank and participates in a mission to aid children living in zinc houses in Sierra Leone, initiated by Alexios Gennaris, with the blessing of Archbishop Nikitas of Thyateira and Great Britain. Supporting local families and parishioners in distress is a priority and we have extended our assistance to Ukrainian families fleeing the war in Ukraine.</p> <p>Our Parish fosters social welfare and fellowship by offering coffee and cookies after our Sunday Liturgy as well as organising social gatherings at other suitable venues. We also arrange pilgrimages to Holywell and St. Plegmund's Well, providing further opportunities to worship and bring our community together</p>

		in the spirit of brotherhood and love in Christ.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance as outlined in the "Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" document and have had regard to it in their administration of the charity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>This section highlights our Parish's ongoing commitment to spiritual growth in Christ our Lord, as well as education, charity, and community engagement. We look forward to continuing these efforts in the coming year.</p> <p>In January 2023, Father Pancratios Sanders retired and now serves as priest emeritus, available for occasional services and confessions. Fr Pancratios and presbyter Anna's service to the Parish has been invaluable for its growth in the past 25 years. Their contribution in every aspect of Parish life and constant support has been tremendous and greatly appreciated. Fr John Petkov has taken over as priest-in-charge. His enthusiastic leadership has been attracting more people to the Parish, who were baptised, and now attending the</p>

		<p>Divine Liturgy on a regular basis. His work on catechesis has been fostering a deeper understanding of God and the Orthodox faith, vital for the spiritual health of the Parish.</p> <p>We have now expanded our liturgical schedule to include more morning and evening services, promoting further spiritual growth as our parishioners meet and worship together more frequently.</p> <p>We have updated our safeguarding policy to align with the latest Archdiocesan guidelines, ensuring the safety and well-being of our community members. In addition, we are in the process of updating our Sunday school curriculum to better serve our young parishioners.</p> <p>Our website has been revamped providing an enhanced online presence. It features the history of our Parish, information on services offered, news, catechism, contact details, and more: https://www.stbarbara.org.uk</p> <p>Our annual pilgrimage to Holywell has been a great success, drawing Orthodox pilgrims from Cheshire, Wales, and beyond. In addition to our regular Food Bank donations, our parishioners made a significant contribution of £1,200 to aid the victims of the February 6th, earthquake in Syria and Turkey. The Parish also offers a bursary for parishioners to attend the Trisagion choir training school, helping them to improve their singing skills and enhance our liturgical music.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Overall, initiating the use of SumUp card payments has improved cashflow. Claiming the gift aid refund for several years has made a significant difference in turnover this year, resulting in a surplus of £7,784.30 compared to only £1,081 in the previous year. However, no further additions have been made to our NSI savings account, so the Church's financial position broadly remains the same as last year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	According to our Constitution, Article 5vi, any capital of the current administration is to be placed in the bank in the name of the Community, and is to be withdrawn to cover the financial requirements of the Community.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	NSI deposit account as of 31 st August 2023: £37,540
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We plan to appeal to our parishioners to consider making monthly contributions via standing order to help stabilise our income and reduce fluctuations.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
	Para 1.46	

A description of the principal risks facing the charity		
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Deed of Trust and Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Our Constitution has been adopted and voted at the First Clergy-Laity Conference of the Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain, held in London, October 22nd - 24th 1964. It was amended at the Second Clergy-Laity Conference of the Archdiocese held in Glasgow, October 14th, 1966, and by the Third Clergy-Laity Conference held in Birmingham, October 20th, 1968 and the Fourth Clergy-Laity Conference held in Manchester, November 10th 1970.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	According to our Constitution, Article 5ii, Trustees are elected by the Community Board after consultation with the Archdiocese, and their appointment is confirmed by the General Assembly of the Community members.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Greek Orthodox Community of Saint Barbara the Great Martyr
Other name the charity uses	The Orthodox Christian Parish of St Barbara
Registered charity number	1144751
Charity's principal address	Overleigh Cemetery Overleigh Road Chester CH4 7HW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Archbishop Nikitas Lioulis			
2	Theodoros Papadopoulos	Chairman		
3	Eirini Rakitzi	Secretary		
4	Lidia Critchley	Treasurer		
5	Adelina Traista			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>T Papadopoulos</i>	
Full name(s)	Theodoros Papadopoulos	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date	16 th June 2024	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/09/2022

To

31/08/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations, legacies and grants	-	-	-	-	-
Collections and donations	17,354	-	-	17,354	-
Regular Donations & Members' subscriptions	2,870	-	-	2,870	-
Hire of church	270	-	-	270	-
Fundraising events - Earthquake appeal	953	-	-	953	-
Book stall	153	-	-	153	-
Certificates	360	-	-	360	-
Gift Aid Reclaimed	6,069	-	-	6,069	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	28,029	-	-	28,029	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
NSI Interest	35	-	-	35	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	35	-	-	35	-
Total receipts	28,064	-	-	28,064	-
A3 Payments					
Church activities	-	-	-	-	-
Clergy Pension Fund	200	-	-	200	-
Clergy Conference	50	-	-	50	-
Candles and Books	738	-	-	738	-
Certificates Book	840	-	-	840	-
Donations	1,520	-	-	1,520	-
Fr Pancratios's Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
House Rent	6,160	-	-	6,160	-
Telephone and postage	271	-	-	271	-
Car Expenses	523	-	-	523	-
Fr John's Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Monthly Expenses	2,200	-	-	2,200	-
Invoices	1,068	-	-	1,068	-
Electricity	3,000	-	-	3,000	-
Building Fire Security	112	-	-	112	-
Smart Water Technology	90	-	-	90	-
Buiding Insurance	1,047	-	-	1,047	-
Thirtyoneeight Subscription	269	-	-	269	-
Zoom subscription	144	-	-	144	-
Miscellaneous Items	1,387	-	-	1,387	-
Sundries	661	-	-	661	-
Sub total	20,280	-	-	20,280	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	20,280	-	-	20,280	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,784	-	-	7,784	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	7,784	-	-	7,784	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	N/A	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	N/A	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	N/A		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	N/A		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	N/A		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		<i>Theodoros Papadopoulos</i>	Theodoros Papadopoulos	16th June 2024



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

THE GREAT HARTYR

THE GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF ST. BARBARA

On accounts for the year
ended

31.08.2024

Charity no
(if any)

1144751

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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

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

I have no concerns and 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.

Signed:

L. Scur.

Date:

15.06.24

Name:

LILIA SECRIER

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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