



# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

HOPE CHURCH CREWE

On accounts for the year  
ended

5th APRIL 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1145555

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2022.

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:

*[Signature]*

Date:

8/8/2022

Name:

SARAH REDMOND

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

FELLOW MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED  
CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS (FCCA)

Address:

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CREWE, CHESHIRE  
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**Section B****Disclosure**

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

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Hope Church Crewe

Reg No. 1145555

## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

06/04/2021

To

05/04/2022

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Gift aid receipts	14,574	-	-	14,574	19,840
General donations and gifts under gift aid	79,806	705	-	80,511	86,579
Interest	-	2	-	2	15
HCC Hire	940	-	-	940	80
Love Crewe	-	-	-	-	2,164
Special Projects/Grants	-	7,820	-	7,820	-
Fine	9,862	-	-	9,862	9,862
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>105,172</b>	<b>8,527</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>113,699</b>	<b>94,330</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>105,172</b>	<b>8,527</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>113,699</b>	<b>94,330</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Gifts for ministry and support	14,312	-	-	14,312	12,686
Ministers' remuneration	48,288	-	-	48,288	46,160
Training	527	-	-	527	865
Kids church	2,454	-	-	2,454	878
Outreach	385	-	-	385	26
Church events	11,802	-	-	11,802	1,194
Mission activities/Love Crewe	1,431	-	-	1,431	4,063
Rent	4,320	-	-	4,320	-
Telephony/postage	1,750	-	-	1,750	1,173
Equipment/hire costs	4,404	-	-	4,404	2,266
Special Projects/Grants	-	6,517	-	6,517	850
	-	-	-	-	-
Net ins	361	-	-	361	328
Misc.	1,429	-	-	1,429	766
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-
HCC	4,162	-	-	4,162	430
Utilities	2,794	-	-	2,794	2,588
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>98,809</b>	<b>6,517</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,326</b>	<b>74,254</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>98,809</b>	<b>6,517</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>105,326</b>	<b>74,254</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>6,362</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,373</b>	<b>20,076</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
	-	-	0	0	0
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>32,286</b>	<b>19,096</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>51,322</b>	<b>31,246</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>38,649</b>	<b>21,047</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>59,696</b>	<b>51,322</b>

# 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	Current account	38,649	1,303	-
	Deposit account	0	19,743	-
	Petty cash	0	0	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>38,649</b>	<b>21,047</b>	<b>0</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			


	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Building/Welsh Chapel	Restricted	\$0,000	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	E. HOWELL	11/8/22



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day6	Month4	Year21		Day5	Month4	Year22

### Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

#### 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	Emma Howell	Chair of Trustees Church Leader		
2	Joseph Laycock			
3	Janice Smith	Trustee		
4	Philip Howell	Trustee Church Leader		
5	Jayne Harris	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
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How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
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Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Spiritual Leadership
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Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

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

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## Section C Objectives and activities

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

To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statements of belief in Crewe, the UK or the world.

To relieve sickness and financial hardship by the provision of goods, funds or services, including support in Crewe, the UK or the world.

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

When considering our activities for the year, the Trustees and Spiritual Leadership of Hope church have taken the Commission's guidance on public benefit into account and in particular the guidance on the advancement of religion. All weekly activities in Hope church seek to enable people to live out their Christian faith in the community, and to reach out to the local area with the Christian faith. This is done in the following ways.

There are weekly Sunday meetings, which are open to all. Hope kids takes place during this meeting for 4-11 year olds and a creche for pre-school children. Young people also have a fortnightly meeting during the sermon. There are special services for Christmas, Easter and Harvest. On some Sundays a bring and share lunch is held, to which all are invited. There are also baptismal services for new believers and dedication services for parents who wish to bring their baby up in the church. Prayer meetings support the life of the church with meetings once a week and fortnightly on a Wednesday evening. Home groups meet fortnightly, which provide the opportunity for people to meet in small groups and discuss a variety of topics.

The Youth group meets weekly for 11-18 year olds.

On a Wednesday morning we run an asylum seeker cafe, where we provide English conversation, distribute food donations, clothes and household items such as bedding. We also provide

bikes as we are able. Table football is on offer and help with form filling, phone calls and personal support.

We only held one Community Sale this year, where we sell second hand items at low prices to the local area, all profits are given away to charities. We also hold coffee mornings on these occasions.

A weekly lunch club is held in a local high school, where young people can explore faith. A Christian Union is run at the local college and is open to all.

The Alpha Course, which is an introduction to Christianity, is run three times a year, with other churches in Crewe and is open to anyone. This has taken place online.

Hope church's website provides information of how to become a Christian, and includes information about the church. It is updated regularly.

Hope church is also a contributor to the local food bank.

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

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

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



## Section D Achievements and performance

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

We have continued live-streamed Church service alongside meeting in person. We moved back to The Oaks as soon as was possible and have removed restrictions on social distancing as permitted nationally.

Our average attendance on a Sunday is now around 140, with over 200 people who consider Hope Church their home. We have had people moving into the area who found the Church and many new Iranian and Eritrean asylum seekers who worship with us, plus a growing number of Ukrainians who have moved to the local area.

We had a number of baptismal services this year, and 1 baby dedication service, which were well attended by regulars and visitors.

We had a number of 'special' services, such as the International Sunday, where we celebrated the 15 or so nationalities worshipping with us. There was also a harvest service followed by a soup lunch and the money was given to Tear Fund. The Carol service was well attended and many friends and family joined us for that.

We decided to run Home groups on themes from September 2021, which brought many new people into regular small groups. Each group has also had a co-leader or 2, which will enable us to expand the number of groups as needed. Prayer meetings have also grown over the year with a clear development of intercession among us.

The Farsi Bible study now includes believers from Eritrea also and has been significant in the spiritual lives of all who attend, this is usually between 15-20.

Hope Cafe, the asylum seeker ministry, has increased to around 70 attendees weekly. We are giving out ever-increasing amounts of clothes and bikes and food. There is also an asylum seeker hotel in the town, which has doubled the number of those seeking asylum, which is approximately 200. There is great cooperation between the drop in and many council agencies who come along to help, such as Healthwatch, The Sexual Health team, Unaccompanied minors, and the local Health partnership.

Love Crewe has continued to meet for prayer bimonthly, with a very successful Carol Service in the Lyceum theatre, at which Gavin Calver from the Evangelical Alliance spoke. There has been a monthly leaders lunch from September, which has connected many Churches.

Youth work has continued over the year with a consistent and growing group of young people. There has been a new team member in Hope Kids in Church and the children enjoy meeting together.

The Ministry Group has been formed this year, of the leaders of various ministry areas in Church. This gives opportunity to hear how each area is going and to discuss how future needs will be met. It has brought new people into leadership and gives great support to the overview of the Church's work.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

We had a great weekend away at Cloverley Hall in February with Debbie Laycock as the speaker. It was attended by around 100, which is less than in previous years, but it was a encouragement and blessing to all.

Hope Church Central is used by a number of community groups during the week. Emerging Futures use it for cooking sessions, plus drop ins for various groups. The Greek Church also uses the Church on a Sunday morning and a Slovakian Church on one Saturday per month.

Street Pastors has restarted and a number of new people from the fellowship have joined the team..

The church attends 'Revive' annually, which is a Christian conference held in Ashburnham. It is a blessing to us in many ways, as individuals learn more about God, all ages enjoy their meetings and people have opportunity to grow in their faith. Our church group enjoys camping together and it was a joy to be able to attend Revive in 2021.

We are very grateful to Marks and Spencer, who have given us a charity food donation 3 or 4 times a week, to be distributed to the community. Aldi also gives us donations once a week for Hope Cafe. This has been a blessing to those who are in debt, asylum seekers, families, older people, and friends of church members, plus those who have lost jobs.

The Church is involved with Christians Against Poverty. We also help to support the town food bank.

## Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees have agreed to keep a reserve of £3000 in the church account.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

Hope Church receives finances from its members and operates according to a strict financial policy. Paid workers salaries are determined by a finance committee and are reviewed annually. The sum on the receipts and payments accounts, for minister's remuneration includes the money given to all paid workers and ministers.

## Section F Other optional information

### Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

*E Howell*

Full name(s)

EMMA HOWELL

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

CHAIR

Date

11/8/22

