

Faith in Schools

England & Wales · Charity number 1147664

Details

Other names	FAITH IN SCHOOLS NEWHAM, FIS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	2012-06-12
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AMONGST CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR SCHOOLS AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CHURCH IN AREAS OF SOCIAL DISADVANTAGE.

Activities: Our aim is for every child and young person in schools to have the opportunity to meet, in their RE lessons, local Christians and discover what it means to be a Christian in the 21st century.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Throughout London

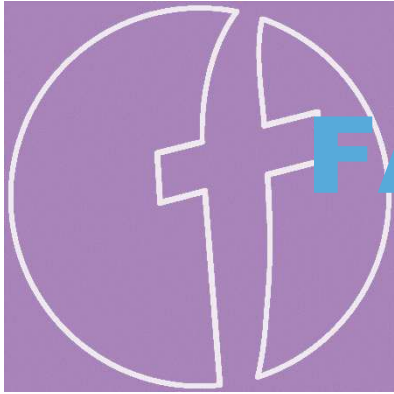
Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£75,490	£103,971	-	-
2024-07-31	£93,975	£108,493	-	-
2023-07-31	£120,495	£121,975	-	-
2022-07-31	£152,786	£145,776	-	-
2021-07-31	£177,621	£169,153	-	-
2020-03-31	£155,847	£146,753	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MARK THOMAS WATERFIELD BA, PGCE	Chair	2012-04-22
JILL MCWILLIAM		2014-01-31
Natasha Seebaluck		2025-09-30
Susanne Daswani		2022-01-26

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Trustee Report 2024-2025

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Legal framework Trust Deed

Chair of Trustees Mark Waterfield

Trustees Mark Waterfield
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Natasha Seebaluck - appointed 30th September 2025

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We also continued with our long-term plans for sustainability by recruiting churches to be trained, mentored and then to take on our RE lessons for themselves and regularly visit their local schools.

Year ended 31st July 2025

Our school team staffing hours remained the same as last year due to the core team remaining the same, but we still have continued to experience a demand for our services which outstrips our capacity to fulfil. We have also seen an increase of new volunteers coming through. The team again continued with their fundraising with various community events and engagement with our supporters. We did say goodbye to our manager Rich at Christmas as well as to our school worker Yvonne in the summer who both felt called to do other work after being with the charity for 5 years.



*Saying goodbye to Yvonne
(July 2025)*

We taught **832 lessons** in **62 different schools in Newham** teaching **24,960 pupils** as well as seeing **1400 pupils** in Calm Club. A total of **26,360 pupils** have been reached which is an increase of **12%** on the previous year. We saw **2752 pupils** for our Christmas Journey and **2640 pupils** for our Easter Experience as well as **378 pupils** at Life Expo. **243 volunteers** from local churches have given over **3292 hours** of their time supporting what we do in schools. Our average lesson score was **5.6** out of a potential score of 6 from lesson evaluations by teachers. This demonstrates a sustained high-quality provision consistent with the last ten years.

Christmas Journey, Easter Experience and Life Expo

Our **Christmas Journey** saw an amazing **3003 Year 1 pupils** (5- and 6-year-olds) plus parents and schools staff attend from **42 different schools**. The event was held at **7 host churches** over 8 days and involved **123 volunteers** from **31 different churches** who gave a total of **1102 volunteering hours**. These figures show an increase of **9%** in pupils seen and **51%** for volunteers and hours given from Christmas Journey 2023.



*Sharing lunch between sessions
(CJ Forest Gate 2024)*



*Shepherd keeping warm
(CJ Manor Park 2024)*



*Mary telling her story while making bread
(CJ Canning Town 2024)*

Easter Experience saw **2360 Year 4 pupils** (8- and 9-year-olds) with parents and school staff from **34 different schools** going to **7 different host churches** over 8 days. This number is slightly down on last year due to Ramadan where several schools informed us that they were not allowed on school trips, however we did attend some of those schools to do Easter lessons in class. We also had 3 new schools attending, including 1 school who has never had any sessions from us before. Overall, **129 volunteers** from **31 active churches** gave a total of **1274 volunteering hours** supporting this work by sharing how they celebrate Easter with Newham children.

Year ended 31st July 2025



Creating Joy through writing
(Calligraphy 2025)



Showing Jesus's love on the cross
(Banners, 2024)



Sowing the seeds! Prep for gardens
(Volunteers prep, 2024)

Life Expo was held at one location and reached **450 Year 6 pupils** (10- & 11-year-olds) from **6 different schools**. This year the host church coordinated the volunteers while Faith in Schools coordinated the schools.



Life Expo Team at Manor Park Christian Centre

Calm Club

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End of term treat!

Year ended 31st July 2025

Church Partnership

The number of associate church workers who lead visits in at least 1 school has now increased to **14** independently which is up on 9 from last year. They have led **128 lessons** at **12 different schools**.

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Our finances and figures

Our finances for this period go from August 2024 to July 2025. In this time our income was £75,490 (2024: £93,975) and our expenditure was £103,971 (2024: 108,493). The charity has worked hard to remain sustainable by again looking at staffing and capacity while raising monies through local fundraisers, support from local givers. We still continue to face significant challenges to funding faith-based work due to the cost-of-living priorities. With our built-up reserves, we continue to be in a financial responsible position.

Of the £43,384 balance left in our account, £5,506 is in restricted funds and £15,000 is designated to cover staff redundancies if required in the future totalling £20,506 with the remaining £22,878 in the unrestricted General funds being allocated towards wages from September 2025. We aim to retain reserves to allow us to meet our obligations for the following three months.

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to highlight and lessen these risks. Policies are being prepared and updated to mitigate risk such as safeguarding, child protection, photography and filming, disciplinary. Grievance and equality.

Year ended 31st July 2025

Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the [Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been agreed by the Trustees of Faith in Schools.

Approved by the Trustees on 12/05/26 2026

and signed on their behalf by:



Mark Waterfield (May 12, 2026 10:19:32 GMT+1)

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Mark Waterfield
Trustee and chairman

Year ended 31st July 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Faith in School Newham

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2025 which are set out on pages 9 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

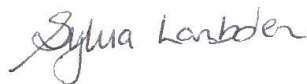
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;
or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

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



Sylvia Lambden FCCA

Calculus Accountants and Tax Advisers Limited
Accountants
5 Priory Road
Loughton
Essex IG10 1AF

Date: May 2026 12/05/26

Year ended 31st July 2025**Receipts and Payments Account**

		Restricted Funds	General Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Receipts	Notes	£	£	£	£
Donations and gift aid receipts	2	60	31,794	31,854	50,223
Grants	3	33,500	-	33,500	42,444
Sundry income	4	-	9,162	9,162	235
Investment income		289	685	974	1,073
Total receipts (excluding assets receipts)		33,849	41,641	75,490	93,975
Total incoming resources		33,849	41,641	75,490	93,975
Payments					
Charitable Activities	5	44,878	53,551	98,429	102,615
Administrative Expenses	6	-	5,542	5,542	5,866
Total Payments (excluding assets receipts)		44,878	59,093	103,971	108,493
Total Payments		44,878	59,093	103,971	108,493
Net resources expended		(11,029)	(17,452)	(28,481)	(14,518)
Net movement in funds					
Cash Fund balances brought forward at 1st August 2024		16,535	55,330	71,865	86,383
		-	-	-	-
Cash Fund balances carried forward at 31st July 2025	9	£5,506	37,878	£43,384	£71,865

The notes on page 11 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

Year ended 31st July 2025**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

		Restricted £	Unrestricted	2025 £	2024
Cooperative Bank Current Account		4,804	5,462	10,266	15,599
Cooperative Bank Current (WTP)		702	-	702	10,587
Cooperative Bank Deposit Account		-	32,416	32,416	45,659
Paypal Account		-	-	-	20
Total cash funds		£5,506	37,878	£43,384	£71,865
Fixtures and fittings at insurance value			-	£3,600	£3,600
Liabilities					
Grant overpaid				1,188	1,188
Accruals				890	£890
Funds					
Unrestricted					
General funds		-	37,878	37,878	55,330
Restricted					
Restricted	8	5,506	-	5,506	51,535
Total funds		£5,506	£37,878	£43,384	£71,865

The financial statements on pages 9 to 13 were approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:



Mark Waterfield (May 12, 2026 10:19:32 GMT+1)

Mark Waterfield
Chairman and Trustee

12/05/26

May 2026

Year ended 31st July 2025**Notes to the accounts****1. Accounting policies****1.1 Basis of preparation of the accounts**

The accounts are prepared on a 'Receipts & Payments' basis under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011, the statement of assets and liabilities included assets listed at insured values. The results of the Charity operations are described in the Trustees' Report and are continuing. The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the [Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed.

1.2 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 which were raised for particular purposes and can only be used for those particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

Incoming resources

Donations and general gifts are recognised as incoming resources on receipt.

Gift aid income received are tax reclaims on the donations of tax paying members of the Church and are included in donations on receipt.

Investment and sundry income is recognised when received.

1.3 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the statement of financial activities on a receipts and payments basis. Certain costs have been apportioned between direct charitable expenditure, management and administration on a basis consistent with the use of those resources.

2. Donations and general gifts

	Restricted £	General £	Total £ 2025	Total £ 2024
Donations	60	25,873	25,933	45,302
Gifts	-	2,880	2,880	1,3700
Gift Aid Reclaimed	-	3,041	3,041	3,551
Total	£60	£31,794	£31,854	£50,223

Year ended 31st July 2025**Notes to the accounts****3. Grants**

	Restricted £	General £	Total £ 2025	Total £ 2024
London Borough of Newham	20,000	-	20,000	12,029
Benefact Trust	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Mr Williats	3,500	-	3,500	3,500
Aston Mansfield	-	-	-	2,000
London over the Border	-	-	-	7,414
Good news evangelical mission	-	-	-	5,000
Tate and Lyle	-	-	-	2,500
Total	£33,500		£33,500	£42,444

4. Sundry income

	Restricted £	General £	Total £ 2025	Total £ 2024
Events	-	8,778	8,778	-
Miscellaneous	-	384	384	235
Total	-	£9,162	£9,162	£235

5. Analysis of Expenditure

	Restricted £	General £	2025 £	2024 £
Charitable activities				
Salaries and pension	33,147	51,632	84,779	84,362
Conference	-	140	140	90
Travel	49	408	457	260
Resources	199	7	206	990
Computer costs	76	78	154	173
Website	-	457	457	296
Christmas journey	444	-	444	1,183
Easter experience	734	-	734	13,828
WTP expenses	10,146	-	10,146	-
Clubs and events	-	386	386	629
Sundry items	68	365	433	276
Paypal fees	-	78	78	60
Printing, post and stationery	15	-	15	468
	£44,878	£53,551	£98,429	£102,615

Year ended 31st July 2025**Notes to the accounts**

			2025 £	2024 £
5. Administrative costs				
Finance fees	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	888	888	921
Rent	-	3,345	3,293	3,345
Telephone and broadband	-	486	486	212
Safeguarding	-	-	-	38
Donation	-	600		600
Governance:				
Independent examination	-	875	875	750
Total		£-	£5,542	£5,542
				£5,866

6. Employment costs

The charity had 6 employees during the year. The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme.

7. Trustee and related parties

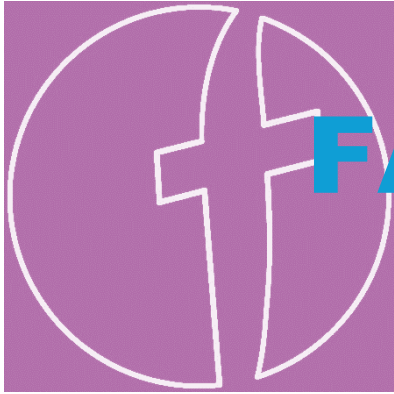
Amounts paid by Trustees on behalf of the charity are reimbursed if required but no other expenses are claimed or paid. No related party items have been identified.

8. Reserves

	At 1 st Aug 24 £	Receipts £	Expenses £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2025 £
General Funds	<u>55,330</u>	<u>41,641</u>	<u>59,093</u>	-	<u>37,878</u>
Restricted Funds					
All Churches Trust	2,012	60	470	-	1,602
Seedfield Trust (Easter Experience) Synergy	1,159	-	734	-	425
The Willats Trust	1,588	-	-	-	1,588
	-	3,500	3,500	-	-
Lon Boro Newham mental Health	1,189	-	-	-	1,189
Benefact Trust	-	10,000	10,000	-	-
Whats the point project	<u>10,587</u>	<u>20,289</u>	<u>30,174</u>	-	<u>702</u>
Total restricted	<u>£16,535</u>	<u>£33,560</u>	<u>£46,177</u>		<u>£5,506</u>
	£71,865	£75,490	£103,971	-	£43,384

- £15,000 of general funds have been designated to cover charity wind up costs if required.

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This year we carried on with our Knife Crime project 'What's the Point' to primary and secondary schools in Newham. We also continued with our long-term plans for sustainability by recruiting churches to be trained, mentored and then to take on our RE lessons for themselves and regularly visit their local schools.

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We again reduced our staffing hours due to the retirement of a member of the team this year, but still have continued to experience a demand for our services which outstrips our capacity to fulfil. We have also seen an increase of new volunteers coming through. The team again continued with their fundraising with various community events and engagement with our supporters.



Local supporters enjoying our Old Skool Disco to raise funds (October 2023)

We taught **756 lessons** in **57 different schools** teaching **23,360 pupils**. We saw **2752 pupils** for our Christmas Journey and **2640 pupils** for our Easter Experience as well as **378 pupils** at Life Expo. **243 volunteers** from local churches have given over **3292 hours** of their time supporting what we do in schools. Our average lesson score was **5.6** out of a potential score of 6 from lesson evaluations by teachers. This demonstrates a sustained high-quality provision consistent with the last ten years.

What's The Point? – Schools Knife Crime Project

We have continued in successfully delivering the primary and secondary knife crime projects with being in partnership with Newham Youth for Christ, local youth worker Nigel Weekes, Rev Dave Chesney, Pastor Isaac, Goons for God and the Met Police.

We were again successful in bidding for funding from Newham council and an external grant provider to continue the project in the Stratford, Canning Town and Custom House areas as well as into the Forest Gate and Manor Park areas. The project has been delivered in **8 schools** across 5 wards in the borough with **1000+** children and young people.

Christmas Journey, Easter Experience and Life Expo

Our **Christmas Journey** saw an amazing **2752 Year 1 pupils** (5- and 6-year-olds) plus parents and schools staff attend from **40 different schools**. The event was held at **7 host churches** over 8 days and involved **52 volunteers** from **28 different churches** who gave a total of **728 volunteering hours**.



Year 1 pupils are surprised by an Angel (CJ East Ham 2023)



Counting sheep to help the shepherds (CJ Forest Gate 2023)



Star Watchers' succeed thanks to Plaistow schools (CJ Plaistow 2023)

Easter Experience saw an increase in numbers of pupils and volunteers attending with **2640 Year 4 pupils** (8- and 9-year-olds) with parents and school staff from **35 different schools**

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going to **7 different host churches** over 8 days. One of the host churches being a new partnership. Overall, **122 volunteers** from **36 active churches** gave a total of **1592 volunteering hours** supporting this work by sharing how they celebrate Easter with Newham children.

One new church provided 14 new volunteers to support the event and many of these have carried on supporting us by becoming volunteers who come into school lessons with us.



Adding a symbol of new life
(Easter Gardens 2024)



Stained glass window workshop
(EE Stratford, 2024)



Resourcing Easter Experience isn't 'cheep'
(Volunteers prep, 2024)

Life Expo was held at one location and reached **378 Year 6 pupils** (10- & 11-year-olds) from **6 different schools**. Unfortunately, pupil numbers were down on the number we expected to attend due to the general election, and schools that should have been attending were closed as they were being used as voting stations. However, on that day we opened the Expo up to the general public with the volunteers still being present and acting as guides and answering questions.

We had over **30 volunteers** from **15 different churches** who donated **360 hours** of their time.



Life Expo Team at All Saints West Ham Church, July 2024

Calm Club

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Will Matt remain Uno champion?
(Associate church worker from
Highway Vineyard co-leads this weekly)



Pupils learned to crochet thanks to
Faith in Schools volunteer named
Comfort.



Bible verse colouring-in
now laminated as a
classroom decoration.

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Our finances and figures

Our finances for this period go from August 2023 to July 2024. In this time our income was **£93,975** (2023: £120,495 - 25% reduction) and our expenditure was **£108,429** (2023: 121,975 - 12% less than last year). The charity has worked hard to remain sustainable by again looking at staffing and capacity while raising monies through local fundraisers, support from local givers and the knife crime project. The decrease in income was again due to the loss of grant providers who have moved more to practical based grants such as food banks. We still continue to face significant challenges to funding faith-based work due to the cost-of-living priorities.

With our built-up reserves, we continue to be in a financial responsible position.

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The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the [Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been agreed by the Trustees of Faith in Schools.

Approved by the Trustees on 23/05/25 2025

and signed on their behalf by:



Mark Waterfield (May 23, 2025 22:46 GMT+1)

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Mark Waterfield
Trustee and chairman

Year ended 31st July 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Faith in School Newham

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2024 which are set out on pages 9 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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



Sylvia Lambden FCCA

Calculus Accountants and Tax Advisers Limited
Accountants
5 Priory Road
Loughton
Essex IG10 1AF

Date: 2025

23/05/25

Year ended 31st July 2024**Receipts and Payments Account**

		Restricted Funds	General Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Receipts	Notes	£	£	£	£
Donations and gift aid receipts	2	-	50,223	50,223	27,358
Grants		42,444	-	42,444	92,096
Sundry income		-	235	235	837
Investment income		-	1,073	1,073	204
Total receipts (excluding assets receipts)		42,444	51,531	93,975	120,495
Total incoming resources		42,444	51,531	93,975	120,495
Payments					
Charitable Activities	3	77,173	25,442	102,615	117,364
Administrative Expenses	4	38	5,840	5,878	4,611
Total Payments (excluding assets receipts)		77,211	31,282	108,493	121,975
Total Payments		77,211	31,282	108,493	83,543
Net resources expended		(34,767)	20,249	(14,518)	(1,480)
Net movement in funds					
Cash Fund balances brought forward at 1st August 2023		51,302	35,081	86,383	87,863
		-	-	-	
Cash Fund balances carried forward at 31st July 2024	7	£16,535	55,330	£71,865	£86,383

The notes on page 11 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

Year ended 31st July 2024**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

	Restricted £	Unrestrict £		2024 £	2023 £
Cooperative Bank Current Account	5,948	9,651	-	15,599	14,409
Cooperative Bank Current (WTP)	10,587	-	-	10,587	35,459
Cooperative Bank Deposit Account	-	45,659		45,659	36,175
Paypal Account	-	20		20	340
Total cash funds	£16,535	£55,330	-	£71,865	£86,383
Fixtures and fittings at insurance value		-	-	£3,600	£3,600
Liabilities					
Grant overpaid				£1,188	-
Accruals				£890	£900
Funds					
<i>Unrestricted</i>					
General funds	-	£55,330	-	£55,330	£35,081
<i>Restricted</i>					
Restricted	7	£16,535	-	-	£51,302
Total funds	£16,535	£55,330	-	£71,865	£86,383

The financial statements on pages 11 to 13 were approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:



[Mark Waterfield \(May 23, 2025 22:46 GMT+1\)](#)

23/05/25

Mark Waterfield
Chairman and Trustee

2025

Year ended 31st July 2024

Notes to the accounts

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of the accounts

The accounts are prepared on a 'Receipts & Payments' basis under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011, the statement of assets and liabilities included assets listed at insured values. The results of the Charity operations are described in the Trustees' Report and are continuing. The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the [Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed.

1.2 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 which were raised for particular purposes and can only be used for those particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

1.3 Incoming resources

Donations and general gifts are recognised as incoming resources on receipt.

Gift aid income received are tax reclaims on the donations of tax paying donors and are included in donations on receipt.

Investment and sundry income is recognised when received.

1.4 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the statement of financial activities on a receipts and payments basis. Certain costs have been apportioned between direct charitable expenditure, management and administration on a basis consistent with the use of those resources.

Year ended 31st July 2024**Notes to the accounts****2. Donations and general gifts**

	Restricted £	General £	Total £ 2024	Total £ 2023
Donations	-	45,302	45,302	24,307
Gifts	-	1,370	1,370	1,730
Gift aid tax reclaimed	-	3,551	3,551	1,314
Total	£-	£50,223	£50,223	£27,358

3. Analysis of Expenditure

	Restricted £	General £	2024 £	2023 £
Charitable activities				
Salaries and pension	60,083	24,279	84,362	99,062
Travel	90	-	90	117
Resources	260	-	260	464
Computer costs	-	990	990	578
Website	-	173	173	94
Christmas journey	296	-	296	332
Easter experience	1,183	-	1,183	615
Life Expro	216	-	216	-
Calm Club	413	-	413	-
WTP expenses	13,828	-	13,828	14,635
Sundry items	276	-	276	563
Printing, post and stationery	468	-	468	187
Paypal spending	60	-	60	717

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			2024 £	2023 £
4. Administrative costs				
Finance fees	-	224	224	28
Insurance	-	921	921	918
Rent	-	3,345	3,345	2,768
Safeguarding	38	-	38	147
Donation – Scripture Union	-	600	600	-
Governance:				-
Independent examination	-	750	750	750
Total	£38	£5,840	£5,878	£4,611

Year ended 31st July 2024**Notes to the accounts****5. Employment costs**

The charity had 6 employees during the year. The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme.

6. Trustee and related parties

Amounts paid by Trustees on behalf of the charity are reimbursed if required but no other expenses are claimed or paid.

7. Reserves

	At 1 st Aug 23	Receipts	Expenses	Transfers	At 31 July 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	<u>35,081</u>	<u>51,531</u>	<u>31,282</u>	(15,000)	<u>40,330</u>
Designed Fund	-	-	-	15,000	<u>15,000</u>
Restricted Funds	2,308	-	295	-	
All Churches Trust	2,342	-	1,183	-	2,012
Seedfield Trust (Easter	1,588	-	-	-	1,159
Experience) Synergy	-	3,500	3,500	-	1,588
The Willats Trust	-	7,134	5,945	-	
London Brough of Newham -mental					1,189
health	-	5,000	5,000	-	
Good News Evangelical	-	10,000	10,000		-
Mission	-	7,414	7,414		-
Benefact Trust					-
Diocese of Chelmsford – over the	-	2,000	2,000		-
border					
Aston Mansfield Grant	9,604	-	9,604		-
Bill Hill Charitable Trust	<u>35,459</u>	<u>*7,396</u>	<u>32,268</u>		-
Whats the point project					<u>10,587</u>
	<u>£51,302</u>	<u>£42,444</u>	<u>£77,211</u>		<u>£16,535</u>
Total restricted					
	<u>£86,383</u>	<u>£93,975</u>	<u>£108,493</u>	-	<u>£71,865</u>

- £4,896 received from the London Borough of Newham and £2,500 from Tate & Lyle.

TAR Accounts 23-24 final

Final Audit Report

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Accounts

Faith in Schools Newham

**Statement of financial activities
For the year ending 31st July 2023**

**The Wakeling Partnership
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FAITH IN SCHOOLS

Trustee Report 2022-2023

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The following statistics and activities report on the impact of our work for the duration of the academic year from Sept 22 – July 23.

Achievements and Activities

This report tells of our work in schools and with churches in Newham. Our aim is to advance the Christian faith amongst children and young people in their schools, in partnership with their local churches.

Our vision is for every child and young person in schools to have the opportunity to meet, in their RE lessons, local Christians and discover what it means to be a Christian in the 21st century.

This year we expanded our Knife Crime project 'What's The Point' to primary and secondary schools in Newham into 4 wards of the borough. We also moved forward with our longer term plans for sustainability by recruiting churches to be trained, mentored and released to take on our RE lessons themselves and regularly visit their local schools.

Despite cutting our staffing hours down further this year, we have continued to experience a growth in overall demand for our services which outstrips our capacity to fulfil. We have also seen new volunteers coming through. In the summer term, we focused on raising our local fundraising with various community events and engagement with our supporters.

We taught **843 lessons** in **48 different schools** teaching **26,210 pupils**. We saw **over 5000** pupils at the Easter Experience and the Christmas Journey. **184 volunteers** from local churches have given over **2,455 hours** of their time supporting what we do in schools. Our average lesson score was **5.5** out of a potential score of 6 from lesson evaluations by teachers. This demonstrates sustained high-quality provision consistent with the last nine years.



What's The Point? - Schools Knife Crime Project Expansion

This year, FIS continued to successfully deliver the primary and secondary knife crime projects on a larger scale partnering with Newham Youth For Christ, local youth worker Nigel Weekes, Rev Dave Chesney, Pastor Isaac, Goons for God, Street Doctors, and the Met Police.



We were successful in bidding for funding from both Newham borough (once again) where local residents in Stratford and West Ham voted for the project, and from an external grant provider which resourced us to continue our existing projects in Canning Town and Custom House. Delivered in **11 schools** across **4 wards** of the borough, the project worked with **1000+** children and young people and received praise from school leaders many of whom have signed on again for next year, funding permitting.



Whats The Point aims to support young people to change the culture around youth violence. Our offer to schools is highly relevant to the experience of their learners and take a multi-agency approach to educating pupils about the risks and the consequences of carrying a knife. WTP is an opportunity to work intensively with key influencers in Yr6 who are transitioning to secondary as well as Yr10s, to take

them on a learning journey, and give them a platform, skills and the confidence to present what they think to their peers using their own voice.

“Knife crime affects all ages, cultures and backgrounds. It is essential that we educate young people about the risks, help them to understand the consequences and equip them with tools to avoid situations. The WTP project does all of these things. Through carefully curated sessions with visitors (including Christian victims/relatives and ex-offenders), the reality of the impact of knife crime is really brought to life. Children are taught how to safeguard themselves and others, crucially learning how what might seem like a small, insignificant decision can change a life or lives forever.” Teacher in Canning Town, Newham

We are excited to be able to continue delivering this project with volunteers from the local community who have direct experience of being involved in a culture of youth violence and knife crime.

“Before I didn't think there was a way to prevent knife crime, but now I know how to protect myself from knife crime and to prevent it happening in the first place” Stratford Pupil Yr6

Our programme continued to include visitors from 'Street Doctors' who send medical students to come and demonstrate emergency first aid to treat a stab wound. An essential life skill for the participants – the WTP project has already saved 1 young person's life who learned what to do to keep themselves alive following a knife attack.

“WTP is a haven and a sanctuary for positive change and inspiration. They are able you teach you and give you advice; they let you know how to prevent crimes and be the next generation of change. I highly recommend WTP for other schools.” Stratford & West Ham Headteacher

Easter Experience & Christmas Journey – keeps growing!

Despite the heavy snow, our Christmas and Easter events continue to grow in popularity and break our records for attendance (despite a reduced Schools Work team).

A year on from the disruption and social distancing of the pandemic, our 'Christmas Journey' December 2022 saw us 65% of the Year 1 pupils in the borough – that's **2,810 five and six-year-olds!** Over 11 days we hosted 39 schools, with 104 volunteers from 40 churches.



All the children were fully enthused and engaged and liked coming together to meet baby Jesus"

"The Christmas Journey was amazing this year, the best so far!"

Plaistow Teachers

Beckton schools able to book for the first time, so now schools from every part of Newham can come along.

Our church partners have grown from just 12 in 2021 to 40 different churches directly involved, and with volunteers now gifting a massive 737 hours of time

This proves that FiS is great value for money with a budget of 7 pence per pupil, Christmas Journey shows effective cooperative schools' mission



In March, 40 churches hosted 29 local primary schools for the Easter Experience across 6 areas of the borough. These visits are free, fun, and full of hope.

2,310 pupils aged 8-9, along with their teachers and parent helpers, took part in 6 creative workshops which explore the story of Jesus' death and resurrection through performing and expressive arts. We recruited and trained **83** volunteers who gave **742** hours to share why they celebrate Easter with Newham children.



"It's a great privilege to share our faith with those wonderful young minds and a real pleasure to be doing this together with the amazing team of Christians of all backgrounds and traditions."

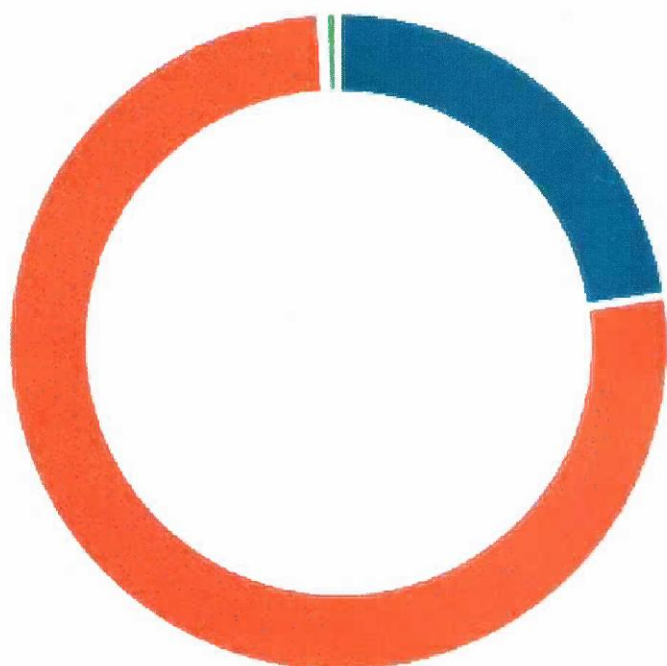
Church leader, Newham

Safeguarding

The trustees have reviewed the charities practices and procedures around safeguarding of children who we come into contact with in schools. They have agreed that our practices are fit for purpose and are happy for the charity to continue to work under the safeguarding policies of the schools we work with. All volunteers have gone through our safeguarding training. There have been no instances of concern and no complaints received about the charities practices and procedures. All volunteers who work with us are DBS'ed through Scripture Union.

Our finances and figures

Our finances for this period go from April 2022 to July 2023. In this time our **income** was **£120,495** (21% less than last year) our **expenditure** was **£121,975** (16% reduction from last year). With the closure of a key grant supporter, the Bill Hill Charitable Trust, our charity has had to work hard to remain sustainable. This includes diversifying our income by looking at local fundraising and growing support from local givers, growing our knife crime project, and making further decisions around reductions in staffing and capacity. (We have reduced our staffing by the equivalent of 1.3 FT Schools Workers plus reduced our management costs by 50% since 2020). With sufficient reserves, we continue to be in a responsible financial position. We continue to face significant challenges to funding faith-based work with cost-of-living priorities. Of the **£86,383** balance left in our account, **£51,302** is in restricted funds. The remaining **£30,081** in unrestricted funds is allocated towards wages from September 2023.



FiS Income 2022 – 2023

Receipts

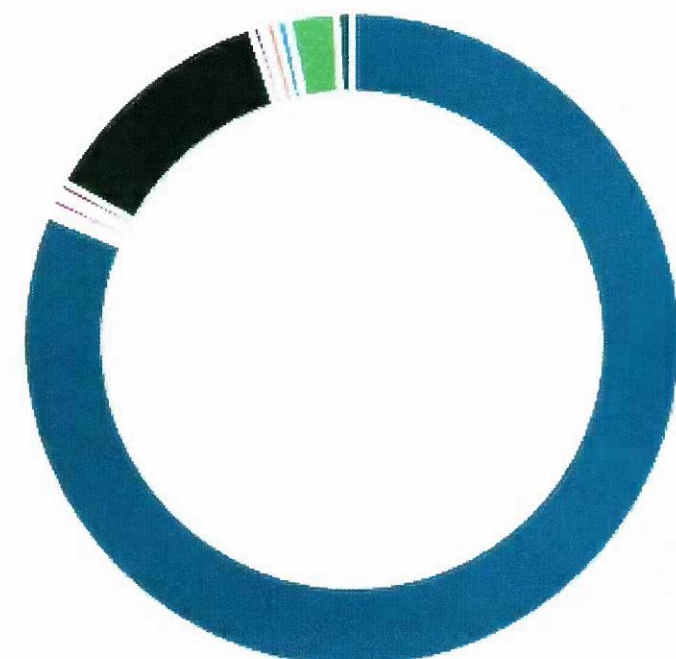
Donations and other similar receipts

Donations and tax reclaimed	27,358
Grants	92,096

Other Income

Sale of resources	20
Investment Income	204
Other Income	817

Total 120,495



FiS Expenditure 2022 – 2023

Charitable Payments & Activities

Salaries and Pension	99,062
Travel	117
Resources	464
Training	0
IT & Equipment	578
Website	94
Christmas Journey	332
Easter Experience	615
WTP Expenses	14,635
Synergy	0
Sundries	563
Paypal Spending	187
Repayment	0
Printing, Stamps & Stationery	717

Management and Administration costs

Accounts	750
Finance Fees	28
Admin & Fees	2,915
Insurance	918

Total 121,975

Faith in Schools

Receipts and payments account for the year to 31st July 2023

	1st August 2022 to 31st July 2023			2022
	Restricted Funds £	General Fund £	Total £	Total £
Receipts				
Donations and other similar receipts				
Donations and tax reclaimed		27,358	27,358	43,840
Grants	92,096		92,096	108,633
Other Income				
Sale of resources		20	20	
Investment Income		204	204	12
Other Income	413	404	817	301
	<u>92,509</u>	<u>27,986</u>	<u>120,495</u>	<u>152,786</u>
Charitable Payments & Activities				
Salaries and Pension	53,957	45,105	99,062	122,336
Travel	117		117	55
Resources	464		464	322
Training				80
IT & Equipment	576	2	578	996
Website	94		94	108
Christmas Journey	332		332	274
Easter Experience	615		615	490
WTP Expenses	14,375	260	14,635	11,008
Synergy				2,305
Sundries	425	138	563	620
Paypal Spending	37	150	187	
Repayment				2,666
Printing, Stamps & Stationery	717		717	458
Management and Administration costs				
Accounts		750	750	630
Finance Fees		28	28	16
Admin & Fees	1,147	1,768	2,915	2,513
Insurance	918		918	899
	<u>73,774</u>	<u>48,201</u>	<u>121,975</u>	<u>145,776</u>
Net receipts/Payments	18,735	(20,215)	(1,480)	7,010
Transfer between funds				
Balance Brought forward from previous year	32,567	55,296	87,863	80,853
Balance carried forward at end of period	<u>51,302</u>	<u>35,081</u>	<u>86,383</u>	<u>87,863</u>

Faith in Schools

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st July 2023

Assets	2023 £	2022 £
Cooperative Bank Current Account	14,409	32,014
Cooperative Bank Current Account (WTP)	35,459	19,733
Cooperative Bank Deposit Account	36,175	35,971
Paypal Account	340	145
	<u>86,383</u>	<u>87,863</u>
Accumulated Funds		
General Fund	35,081	55,296
Restricted Funds	<u>51,302</u>	<u>32,567</u>
	<u>86,383</u>	<u>87,863</u>

Non Monetary Assets

Non monetary assets

Furniture and fittings at insurance value	<u>£3,600</u>
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Liabilities

There were no outstanding liabilities at the year end.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on:

Signed on their behalf by:

Position:


Chair of Trustees

Date:

16/5/2024

Faith in Schools

Notes to accounts for year ended 31st July 2023

1) Accounting period

These accounts have been prepared on a 12 month basis to 31st July 2023.

2) Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis

3) Restricted funds

The restricted fund have been applied solely for the purposes given and any shortfall is met out of general funds.

The balances on restricted funds consisted of the following funds:

	Opening balance	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfer between funds	From General Fund	Closing balance
Salary and Staff Grants	3,784	15,000	19,654	3,177		2,307
Laing Grant	203		203			-
Synergy	1,588					1,588
Mr Willats Trust - Salary		2,917	2,917			-
Slavanka Grant - Salary	-	5,000	1,823	3,177		-
Bill Hill Grant - Salaries	-	36,491	17,722	18,769		-
Easter Experience	-	3,000	658			2,342
Office Grant	1,000		1,000			-
Hockerill	-					-
WTP Grants	25,992	30,101	29,798	18,769		45,064
	<u>£32,567</u>	<u>£92,509</u>	<u>£73,775</u>			<u>£51,301</u>

Salary and Staff Grants include:

Allchurches Trust	2,678
St Christopher's Educational Trust	1,106
	<u>£ 3,784</u>

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees of Faith in Schools

Registered charity number 1147664

On accounts for the year ended 31st July 2023

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's 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.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to 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 Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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.

Signed



Date 20/5/24

Name

Mark Wakeling

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Accounts

Faith in Schools Newham

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FAITH IN SCHOOLS

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Greenleas Primary @greenleasps · Mar 30, 2022

Year 3/4 have enjoyed their RE workshop, lots of drama and thinking about the Easter story. What a great morning! #faithinschools #Easterstory



This year we attempted to expand our session beyond Newham supporting schools in the North West in Merseyside. We also completed our first year of delivering a Knife Crime project 'What's The Point' to primary and secondary schools in Newham.

As we return to our regular expected service figures since the Covid pandemic, we have continued to experience a growth in overall demand for our services which outstrips our staffing capacity to fulfil. We have also seen new volunteers coming through.

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What's The Point? - Schools Knife Crime Prevention

This year, FiS and Newham Youth For Christ were successful in bidding for funding to run a Knife Crime project in 6 schools in Canning Town and Custom House. Local residents voted for the project, which aims to support young people to change the culture around youth violence.



Following the recent stabbing of Junior Jah last year, what we offer schools is relevant to the experience of their learners and take a multi-agency approach to educating pupils about the risks and the consequences of carrying a knife. WTP is an opportunity to work intensively with key influencers in Yr10, to take them on a learning journey, and give them a platform, skills and the confidence to present what they think to their peers using their own voice.



"Pupils gained awareness of knife crime; developing an urgency to help prevent others getting hurt; and are eager to work together and share their ideas" Mr Cox, Eastlea School

We are excited to be delivering this project with volunteers from the local community who have direct experience of being involved in a culture of youth violence and knife crime. 'What's The Point' has saved 1 young person's life who learned what to do to keep themselves alive following a knife attack.

"This really impacted me - I get what it felt like for a parent to lose someone, and what it's like being in a prison cell." Royal Docks Pupil Yr10

In addition to the 3 secondary schools, we also ran the pilot project in 3 primary schools working with Yr6. These children are well aware of youth violence, gang activity and knife crime in their area. Overall, we worked with 120 children and young people who in turn reached further 500 students. Several church leaders (Isaac, Kamal and Dave) came to share their story of loss of a loved one to Knife Crime, and about forgiveness or non-retaliation to prevent knife crime from escalating.

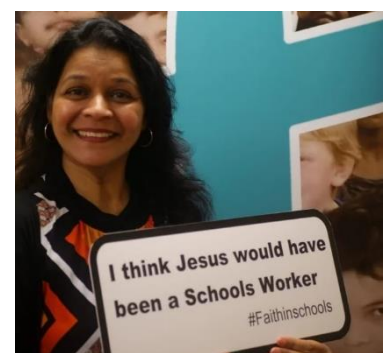


"(WTP) will change your view of carrying knives. If we spread the information to others it can really make a difference in the community and reduce Knife Crime." Yr10 Pupil Royal Docks

A Belated Commissioning

On 16th November, Faith in Schools' supporters, church leaders and volunteers joined our Schools Workers to pray together for the first time since lockdown to commission our team, the RE:Discovery resources, and 'What's the Point?'

It was a blessing for people to connect or reconnect face to face, something everyone seems to appreciate more in 2021. We were joined by the Bishop Peter of Barking and Myles MacBean National Director of Scripture Union who shared their views on why Christian Schools Work is so vital. We learned about the inspiration behind these mission initiatives and that after Covid, donuts are apparently not as popular as you might think.



Easter Experience & Christmas Journey – live and in person!

As we recovered from the disruption and social distancing of the pandemic, our 'Christmas Journey' December 2021 saw us host **2,525 pupils**, deliver 84 sessions, to 29 schools, with 67 volunteers from 36 churches, over 10 days, including 1 baby!

Sharing their faith with pupils from across the borough, our annual 'Nativity with a difference' saw 44% more children and 3 times more churches than last year.

Church and school communities were able to share love, (not viruses) thanks to loads of sanitiser as well as careful planning of Faith in Schools staff, teachers and churches.

"Fabulous and engaging. The children really enjoyed it. Very informative and consolidated their learning from school." Plaistow teachers.

Due to the Omicron wave, about a third of schools joined on Zoom but still had a wonderful time:



"It was really engaging and children thoroughly enjoyed watching and remained engaged at all times through the singing and acting! Well done to all involved - we hope to see you in person next year!" (Odessa RE Lead)

A special mention to the Forest Gate churches: Emmanuel, St Marks, St Saviour, Ridley, Woodgrange Baptist and All Saints who thankfully kept calm and carried on hosting without Alice who was self-isolating due to Covid.

In the New Year, Faith in Schools supported Newham churches to deliver the biggest Easter Experience since the pandemic. Volunteers from 35 churches gave 747 unforgettable hours to local children aged 8-9 so they could explore the impact of Jesus' Resurrection first-hand in their lives today. Working together, they encouraged **2,190 pupils** from 32 schools to paint, sing, act, craft, move and garden their way through Holy Week. The school staff, parents and children are from all faiths and none, so **for many it was their first time in a church and to meet a Christian.**

It was so so good. I really enjoyed the workshop I was in. I can't believe you guys are all volunteers. It's really good what you've done for these kids. Ever so grateful that my children are learning through such dedicated and inspiring people. Keep it up guys. Here's to many more workshops like these. Hugs. Xx



"Thank you and well done for an excellent day last week, our children really enjoyed it. A great mix of activities and it engaged all our children. Please pass on our appreciation to all your volunteers. We look forward to working with you in future."

Safeguarding

The trustees have reviewed the charities practices and procedures around safeguarding of children who we come into contact with in schools. They have agreed that our practices are fit for purpose and are happy for the charity to continue to work under the safeguarding policies of the schools we work with. All volunteers have gone through our safeguarding training. There have been no instances of concern and no complaints received about the charities practices and procedures. All volunteers who work with us are DBS'ed through Scripture Union.

Our finances and figures

Our finances for this period go from April 2021 to July 2022. In this time our **income** was **£152,786** our **expenditure** was **£145,776**. Our charity continues to be in a positive financial position which required trustees and charity management to make some difficult decisions around staffing and capacity. Since Covid a number of grants that were open to funding our work have changed their priorities (towards for example food banks), along with some of our existing funders finding it difficult to give what they used to. We have also seen our local giving diminish somewhat as the cost-of-living rises, Of the **£87,863** balance left in our account, **£32,567** is in restricted funds. The remaining **£55,296** in unrestricted funds is allocated towards wages from September 2022.

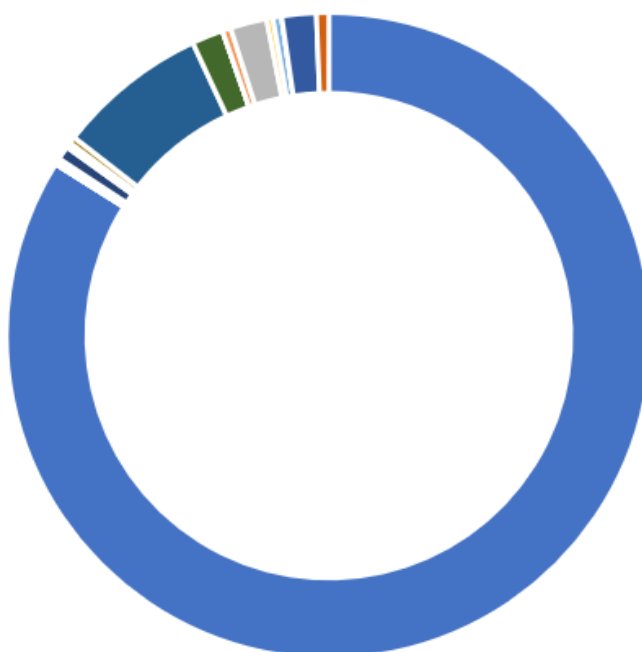


FiS Income 2021 – 2022

Receipts

Donations and other similar receipts

Donations and tax reclaimed	43,840
Grants	108,633
HMRC Covid Support	0
Sale of resources	0
Investment Income	12
Other Income	301
Total	152,786



FiS Expenditure 2021 – 2022

Expenditure

Charitable Payments and Expenditure

Salaries and Pension	122,336
Donations	0
Travel	55
Resources	322
Conferences	0
Training	80
IT & Equipment	996
Website	108
Christmas Journey	274
Easter Experience	490
WTP Expenses	11008
Synergy	2305
Sharing Faith in Schools	0
Sundries	620
Repayment	2666
Printing, Stamps & Stationery	458
Accounts	630
Finance Fees	16
Admin & Fees	2513
Insurance	899
Total	145,776

Faith in Schools

Receipts and payments account for the period to 31st July 2022

	1st August 2021 to 31st July 2022			2021 (1)
	Restricted Funds	General Fund	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations and other similar receipts				
Donations and tax reclaimed		43,840	43,840	23,390
Grants	99,028	9,605	108,633	97,182
HMRC Covid Support				56,060
Other Income				
Sale of resources				300
Investment Income		12	12	68
Other Income		301	301	621
	<u>99,028</u>	<u>53,758</u>	<u>152,786</u>	<u>177,621</u>
 Charitable Payments & Activities				
Salaries and Pension	77,575	44,761	122,336	159,146
Donations				600
Travel	55		55	
Resources	322		322	198
Conferences				115
Training	80		80	248
IT & Equipment	497	499	996	1,688
Website	108		108	132
Christmas Journey	274		274	
Easter Experience	490		490	
WTP Expenses	11,008		11,008	
Synergy	2,305		2,305	1,394
Sharing Faith in Schools				200
Sundries	620		620	862
Repayment	2,666		2,666	833
Printing, Stamps & Stationery	458		458	455
Management and Administration costs				
Accounts	630		630	650
Finance Fees		16	16	46
Admin & Fees	1,313	1,200	2,513	1,705
Insurance	899		899	881
	<u>99,300</u>	<u>46,476</u>	<u>145,776</u>	<u>169,153</u>
 Net receipts/Payments	(272)	7,282	7,010	8,468
Transfer between funds	20,167	(20,167)		
Balance Brought forward from previous year	12,672	68,181	80,853	72,385
Balance carried forward at end of period	<u>32,567</u>	<u>55,296</u>	<u>87,863</u>	<u>80,853</u>

(1) Accounting date changed. Previous year is for 16 months to July 21 whilst current figures are for 12 months to end July 22.

Faith in Schools

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st July 2022

Assets	2022 £	2021 (1) £
Cooperative Bank Current Account	32,014	51,108
Cooperative Bank Current Account (WTP)	19,733	
Cooperative Bank Deposit Account	35,971	29,745
Paypal Account	145	
	<u>87,863</u>	<u>80,853</u>
Accumulated Funds		
General Fund	55,296	68,181
Restricted Funds	32,567	12,672
	<u>87,863</u>	<u>80,853</u>

Non Monetary Assets

Non monetary assets

Furniture and fittings at insurance value	<u>£3,600</u>
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Liabilities

There were no outstanding liabilities at the year end.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on:

Signed on their behalf by:

Position:

Date:


Chair of Trustees

24/05/2023

Notes to accounts for year ended 31st July 2022

1) Accounting period

The accounting date changed during the previous year to enable reporting of activities against the academic year. The new year end is now 31st July which means the previous year in these accounts is for 16 months whilst the current figures are for a 12 month period.

2) Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis

3) Restricted funds

The restricted fund have been applied solely for the purposes given and any shortfall is met out of general funds.

The balances on restricted funds consisted of the following funds:

	Opening balance	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfer between funds	From General Fund	Closing balance
Salary and Staff Grants	7,372		3,588			3,784
Laing Grant	234		31			203
Synergy	5,066		3,642		164	1,588
Slavanka Grant		2,500	14,635	1,393	10,742	-
Bill Hill Grant		28,268	18,114	- 10,155	1	-
CHFD/DAF Grant		25,060	23,667	- 1,393		-
Office Grant		1,200	200			1,000
Jerusalem Grant		5,000	24,415	10,155	9,260	-
WTF Grants		37000	11008			25,992
	<u>£12,672</u>	<u>£99,028</u>	<u>£99,300</u>		<u>£20,167</u>	<u>£32,567</u>

Salary and Staff Grants include:

Allchurches Trust	2,678
St Christopher's Educational Trust	1,106
	<u>£ 3,784</u>

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees of Faith in Schools

Registered charity number 1147664

On accounts for the year ended 31st July 2022

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's 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.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to 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 Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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.

Signed



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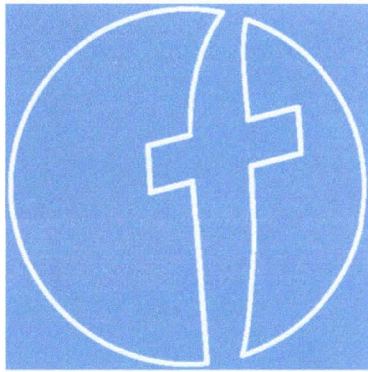
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Accounts

Faith in Schools Newham

**Statement of financial activities
For the period ending 31st July 2021**

**The Wakeling Partnership
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FAITH IN SCHOOLS

Trustee Report 2020-2021

Registered Address for the charity:

58 Reginald Road,
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*Faith in Schools is a registered charity No. 1147664
and a partner trust with Scripture Union*

Trustees

Mark Waterfield (Chair)
Rev Annie McTighe (Vice Chair)
Jill McWilliam (Safeguarding)
Brian Smith (National Project)

The trustees met three times during the year financial year. At these meetings they ensured the finances of the charity were in order, as well as made plans with the director to ensure the charities aims continue to be met. The trustees are in agreement that this is the case, and the accounts have been independently examined successfully.

The following statistics and activities report on the impact of our work for the duration of the academic year from Sept 20 – July 21.

Achievements and Activities

This report tells of our work in schools and with churches in Newham. Our aim is to advance the Christian faith amongst children and young people in their schools, in partnership with their local churches. Our vision is for every child and young person in Newham's schools to have the opportunity to meet, in their RE lessons, local Christians and discover what it means to be a Christian in the 21st century.

The disruption on our work from Covid-19, lockdown, the furlough of staff, and school closures has continued to impact on our service figures this academic year. The numbers do not accurately reflect the nominal demand for our services in a typical pre-pandemic year, however they do represent the opportunities that we have explored to take advantage of teaching online, connecting with churches virtually, and adaptation to our resources to meet the needs of our service users. As of the end of academic year 2020-2021, we have also experienced a growth in overall demand for our services in real terms of the number of schools that have booked us for lessons and events next term.

We taught **373 lessons** in **44 different schools** teaching **14,143 pupils**. We saw **3325** pupils at the Easter Experience and the Christmas Journey. **83 volunteers** from local churches have given over **401 hours** of their time supporting what we do in schools. Our average lesson score was **5.3** out of a potential score of 6 from lesson evaluations by teachers. This demonstrates sustained high-quality provision consistent with the last six years.

In addition to our volunteer training programme, we also coached **54** Christians online from different churches, across denominations and cultures to share their faith in response to our lesson questions on video. We continued to deliver our Christmas Journey and Easter Experience events live online which saw us work with **4,063 pupils** – back to our pre-lockdown numbers.

Faith in Schools - New Team for the New Normal

In January and March we appointed **Eguolo, Yvonne and Carol** as Schools Workers and looked forward to building our new team for 2020-2021. A rather unusual start however, as due to furlough and the subsequent lockdowns and school closures, they didn't actually get to meet any of the pupils in person in the classroom!

Despite this, the new team stepped up as Faith in Schools offered schools live RE online lessons over Zoom. Our new Schools Workers were able to find their feet by shadowing and delivering lessons, developing their teaching skills and experience by working with pupils virtually. They also build relationships with churches in their areas by interviewing local Christians for our 'Volunteers on Video' resources. They also invited churches to join us virtually in the classroom to share their faith from the comfort of their own homes! They have been a blessing, and we value their positivity, their perseverance and their pioneering spirit under unprecedented circumstances.



Eguolo Omonigho Schools Worker Stratford and Manor Park



Yvonne Tiley Schools Worker East Ham and Plaistow



Carol Baynes Schools Worker East Ham and Plaistow with Yvonne

#Despite A Pandemic - RE:Covery & RE:Discovery



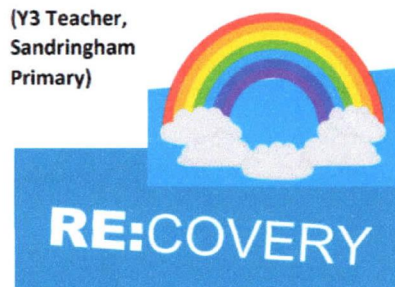
Lockdowns and school closures has been proven to have had a significant adverse impact on the mental health of children in Primary schools. In addressing this need, Faith in Schools developed a new curriculum to support **'the Recovery Curriculum'**.

Being authentic to our mission **'to advance the Christian faith'** in schools, we developed and delivered 12 new sessions based on a Bible story that provided an interactive 'mindfulness' or reflection activity. The sessions provide space and encourage children to experience their feelings and thoughts around living through the pandemic.

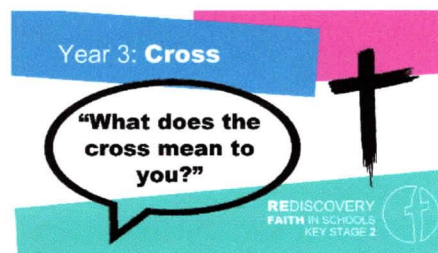
The sessions topics covered Loss, Bereavement and Hope, Justice (around Black Lives Matter), and Resilience with a different session for each topic for each Key Stage. We worked closely with several Primary Schools to trial the new resources.

"Just wanted to say thanks for today. The children loved it and learnt sooo much. We had our reflection at the end of the day - they loved the candle being lit!"

(Y3 Teacher, Sandringham Primary)



Covid restrictions required us to significantly adapt our RE sessions for live virtual delivery. In order to be fit for purpose and to apply best practice for teaching online, we incorporated interactive elements to all our sessions that would engage learners over the screen. This included sing-alongs and dance-alongs, craft & model building (with supplied resources), interactive storytelling and virtual tours and visits (including a 'can you spot the hidden artefacts' activity).



Having proven these sessions in the field, we began work packaging the resources in lessons kits and gave these resources the name '**RE:Discovery**'. We are working to officially publish these new resources, accompanied with our growing bank of 'Volunteers on Video' for churches and schools to deliver high quality Christian RE across England.



We knew it was important to capture Christian testimony and have a document of living through these unprecedented times. As Christians become more familiar with Zoom and Youtube doing church online we wanted to show that that **even when we are locked down in our homes – we can still share our faith!**

Easter Experience online!

Easter Experience 2021 saw us welcome **2040 pupils** via our first live virtual workshop tour to our brave and creative Newham host churches. Streaming into classrooms live from St Paul's (East Ham), St John's (Stratford), Woodgrange Baptist (Forest Gate), St Philips & St James (Plaistow), Canning Town Evangelical/ Cliff Walk Church (Canning Town) and St Mary the Virgin (Manor Park).



Pupils had an "access all areas" interactive tour around the building to search for evidence of the resurrection and Holy Week. Susanne, one of our new online volunteers said, "**I just wanted to express that it's such a privilege and great way to bless children!**" Each school had either a Body Moving, Whoosh Drama or Music Making workshop to learn and experience why and how Christians celebrate Easter.

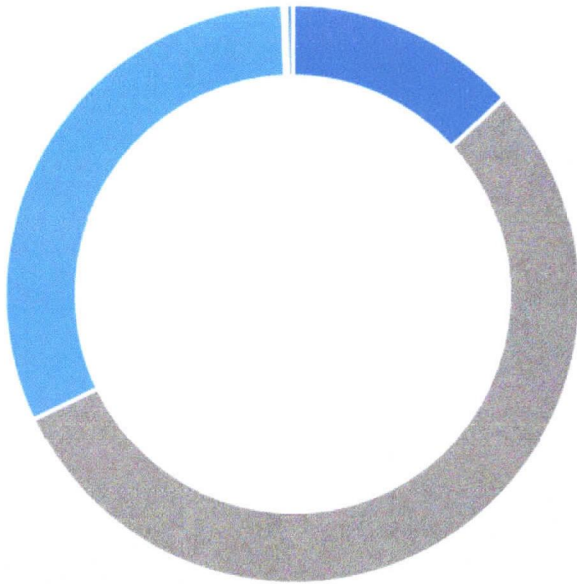
"The virtual trip was a great experience. The children really enjoyed it and were engaged. [They] enjoyed all aspects of the workshop and it was nice to see how the trip was adapted to be available on Zoom for the children to access." (Curwen Yr4 Teachers)

Safeguarding

The trustees have reviewed the charities practices and procedures around safeguarding of children who we come into contact with in schools. They have agreed that our practices are fit for purpose and are happy for the charity to continue to work under the safeguarding policies of the schools we work with. All volunteers have gone through our safeguarding training. There have been no instances of concern and no complaints received about the charities practices and procedures. All volunteers who work with us are DBS'ed through Scripture Union.

Our finances and figures

Our finances for this period go from April 2020 to July 2021. In this time our **income** was **£177,621** our **expenditure** was **£169,153**. Our charity continues to be in a positive financial position despite the impact of Covid on our work during this period. Whilst we have been in receipt of Covid furlough funding, we have also seen our local church giving continue to support us. Of the **£80,853** balance left in our account, **£12,672** is in restricted funds (including **£5,066** for our Synergy network of schools-work charities). The remaining **£68,181** in unrestricted funds is allocated towards wages from September 2021.

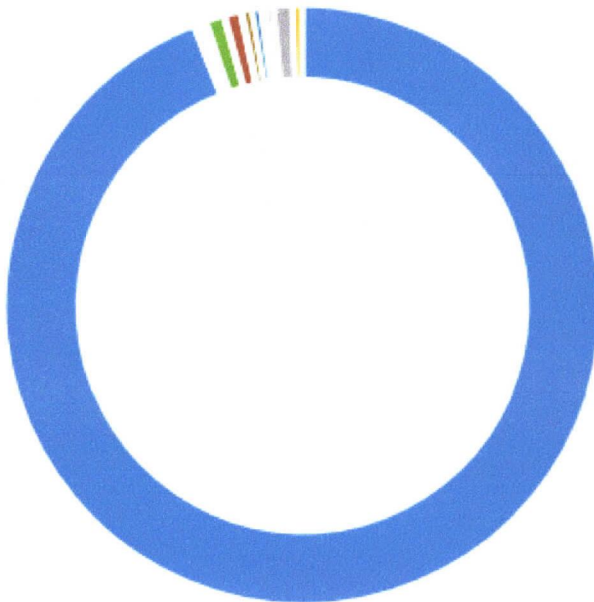


FiS Income 2020 – 2021

Income

Donations and other similar receipts

Donations and tax reclaimed	23,390
Grants	97,182
HMRC Covid Support	56,060
Sale of resources	300
Investment Income	68
Other Income	621
Total	177,621



FiS Expenditure 2020 – 2021

Expenditure

Charitable Payments & Activities

Salaries and Pension	159,146
Donations	600
Resources	198
Conferences	115
Training	248
IT & Equipment	1,688
Website	132
Synergy	1,394
Sharing Faith in Schools	200
Sundries	862
Repayment	833
Printing, Stamps & Stationery	455
Accounts	650
Finance Fees	46
Admin & Fees	1,705
Insurance	881
Total	169,153

Faith in Schools

Receipts and payments account for the period to 31st July 2021

	1st April 2020 to 31st July 2021			2020 (1)
	Restricted Funds £	General Fund £	Total £	Total £
Receipts				
Donations and other similar receipts				
Donations and tax reclaimed		23,390	23,390	53,484
Grants	97,182		97,182	98,725
HMRC Covid Support		56,060	56,060	
Other Income				
Sale of resources		300	300	1,550
Investment Income		68	68	
Other Income	150	471	621	2,088
	<u>97,332</u>	<u>80,289</u>	<u>177,621</u>	<u>155,847</u>
 Charitable Payments & Activities				
Salaries and Pension	88,244	70,902	159,146	133,107
Donations		600	600	
Travel				477
Resources	183	15	198	756
Conferences	115		115	175
Training	248		248	489
IT & Equipment	1,688		1,688	1,149
Website	132		132	125
Christmas Journey				339
Easter Experience				813
IYM Books				540
Synergy	1,394		1,394	3,678
Sharing Faith in Schools	100	100	200	73
Sundries	260	602	862	861
Repayment		833	833	
Printing, Stamps & Stationery	455		455	1,330
Management and Administration costs				
Accounts	650		650	595
Finance Fees		46	46	
Admin & Fees	655	1,050	1,705	1,378
Insurance	881		881	868
	<u>95,005</u>	<u>74,148</u>	<u>169,153</u>	<u>146,753</u>
 Net receipts/Payments	2,327	6,141	8,468	9,094
Transfer between funds				
Balance Brought forward from previous year	10,345	62,040	72,385	63,291
Balance carried forward at end of period	<u>12,672</u>	<u>68,181</u>	<u>80,853</u>	<u>72,385</u>

(1) Accounting date changed. Current year is for 16 months to July 21 whilst comparative figures for 12 months to March 20.

Faith in Schools

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st July 2021

Assets	2021 (1) £	2020 (1) £
Cooperative Bank Current Account	51,108	51,158
Cooperative Bank Deposit Account	29,745	21,050
Paypal Account		177
	<u>80,853</u>	<u>72,385</u>
Accumulated Funds		
General Fund	68,181	62,040
Restricted Funds	<u>12,672</u>	<u>10,345</u>
	<u>80,853</u>	<u>72,385</u>

(1) Accounting date changed. Current year is for 16 months to July 21 whilst comparative figures for 12 months to March 20.

Non Monetary Assets

Non monetary assets

Furniture and fittings at insurance value £3,600

Liabilities

There were no outstanding liabilities at the year end.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on:

Signed on their behalf by:


Chair of FIS trustees

Position:

Date:

11/05/22

Faith in Schools

Notes to accounts for period ended 31st July 2021

1) Accounting period

The accounting date changed during the year to enable reporting of activities against the academic year. The new year end is now 31st July which means the current year in these accounts is for 16 months whilst the comparative figures are for a 12 month period.

2) Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis

3) Restricted funds

The restricted fund have been applied solely for the purposes given and any shortfall is met out of general funds.

The balances on restricted funds consisted of the following funds:

	Opening balance	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfer to group funds	Closing balance
Salary and Staff Grants	2,666	97,182	92,476		7,372
Laing Grant	383		149		234
Synergy	7,296	150	2,380		5,066
	<u>10,345</u>	<u>97,332</u>	<u>95,005</u>		<u>12,672</u>

Salary and Staff Grants include:

Allchurches Trust	3,600
Bill Hill Charitable Trust	36,248
Methodist District Advance Fund	9,000
CHFD DBF Mission Opportunity Fund	10,000
St Christopher's Educational Trust	5,000
The Slavanka Trust	5,000
Jerusalem Trust	25,000
CHFB DBF London over the Borders Fund	3,334
	<u>£ 97,182</u>

4) Donations

A donation of £600 was made to Scripture Union

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees of Faith in Schools

Registered charity number 1147664

On accounts for the period ended 31st July 2021

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
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- to 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 Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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Signed

 Date 20th May 2022

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