



Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy

Reports & Accounts
Financial Year Ending 31/12/2024

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Legal & Administrative Details

Charity Name: Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy

Charity Number: 1147949

Charity Address: c/o Holy Trinity Parish Office
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Trustees: Andrew Henderson

David Finn

Denise Mander (Resigned 12/01/2024)

Fr Doug Zimmerman

Independent
Examiner: Marks Accountancy Services
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Trustees Report

Objects of the charity

Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy was formed as a charitable trust in 2011, governed by a trust deed (dated 15/09/2011) and registered with the Charity Commission in July 2012. Its main objects are: a/ to bring the Christian ministry to people living, visiting and/or working in the centre of Aylesbury in the county of Buckinghamshire, by the provision of pastoral care, including, but not limited by, the formation of a chaplaincy service. b/ the relief of the need and provision of good health in Aylesbury by the provision of advice and support.

Our Vision: We love our town and, by coming alongside those who work, shop, socialise and live here, we wish to demonstrate God's unconditional love. We aim to provide comfort, support and encouragement (practical, emotional and spiritual) to all, through our regular, visible and caring presence. We aim to work in co-operation with like-minded partners for the wellbeing of all in our community. We are members of the ROC Angels Network.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

Chairman's Report Once again may I pay tribute to the hardworking volunteers - our Chaplains, Street Angels and Healing on the Streets (HOTS) teams, many of whom have been serving for a good number of years, especially after some very cold and dreary winter days and nights. During the past 12 months we've also been delighted to welcome some new folk in all three areas, maintaining the Chaplaincy's aim to represent churches across our town. As I said last year, this expression of ATC being a collective effort, remains very important to us and we work hard to encourage it. It also gives volunteers a chance to get to know those from other parts of God's church in Aylesbury and to hear what He is doing. God loves unity and the Chaplaincy gives us one way to show our common purpose, to share the good news about Jesus through serving others. In 2024 many shops and businesses have faced considerable economic pressures but of course their owners and staff encounter the everyday challenges of life too. Then there are those who are students, people at the Crown Court, the Women's Refuge and others. Our Chaplains have had the privilege of getting to know these folk, talking with them, listening and often praying with them. The town centre authorities and police have been extremely supportive of our work, for which we are very grateful. Thank you also to our new MP, Laura Kyrke-Smith who has been very encouraging, including donning a jacket and joining our Street Angels one night. Our finances have held up quite well although securing various grants has been essential to this, alongside regular giving from our member churches. We're grateful to all those who value our work and support us this way. Our Operations Manager (Ellie) and Lead Chaplain (Mark) have been so conscientious and diligent, keeping things working well, with the backing of our three trustees. It's heartening to know Spring is on the way now. Each year new needs and opportunities arise and we're looking forward to meeting these. So welcome to our newer volunteers and I hope others will join us in 2025. One significant way this has happened has been following talks given to a range of organisations and groups, where people have been inspired to become involved themselves. We are very grateful to be invited to share what we are about. Over the 13 years that we have been operating we have been able to build up quite a wide awareness of our work in the community and we look forward to this continuing to spread. In 2024 we arranged a number of opportunities for volunteers to meet and pray together. I'm sure God has blessed us through this. Prayer is vital, bringing protection, provision and guidance for what we do. Thank you for your prayer support too, as churches and individuals. We look forward to what the year brings!

Partnerships & Communication We send out regular newsletters to our volunteers (monthly), our Friends (quarterly), church groups and other partner organisations (monthly). In addition, we share fortnightly updates with prayer supporters. All these are sent on Mailchimp which enables us to keep track of which emails are opened. Our speaking engagements this year included The Exchange Church, Wendover Free Church, Church of The Holy Spirit & Granville St. Mark gave ATC updates at the Church in the Park & the joint Pentecost service. Mark also prayed at the TVP Remembrance service and attended the Road Death Memorial service in Thame. He was able to hold several conversations with families affected by road traffic accidents in Aylesbury Vale. Mark has attended the IAG meetings, as well as attending Pubwatch, the ACN and TVP Chaplaincy meetings. He also volunteered on the Welfare van at the police station and attended team meetings in his capacity as Police Chaplain. We were delighted to welcome Aylesbury's new MP, Laura Kyrke-Smith to see our work first hand when she shadowed one of our Street Angel shifts. She expressed very positive views about the work we do. Ellie & Mark attended the Mayor's Carol service at St Mary's. All of these ongoing partnerships and supporters are so appreciated by all of us at the Chaplaincy.

Chaplains. In the town centre, Melissa & Jean encouraged and supported shoppers and shopworkers in Friars' Square, Ken covered the Kingsbury & Market Square areas, and Mark visited the town centre weekly. We were delighted to welcome Coralie & Mike to work alongside their spouses and help keep them in line! David and Pete continued to support people in Vale Park, along the canal/canal basin area and The Exchange part of the town centre. David also continued his work with the British Legion and Royal Naval Association. Melody continued with building relationships and supporting those at Aylesbury Crown Court and Women's Aid before taking some time off to support family members. Melissa continued to support those in Morrisons supermarket, along with Mike. Kane continued to support the staff and students at the College and Mark and Kane manned a stall at the Freshers Fair offering encouragement and listening to the student's hopes and dreams. Mark continued supporting Thames Valley officers and staff at the Police Station, plus attending when the Welfare van visited the Station. He also was able to continue networking with the wider Police Chaplaincy and attended training with them. In total the Chaplains were out on over 240 occasions - 430+ volunteer hours. This is an increase of 40 occasions since 2023.

Street Angels: Our Street Angels have continued to be able to help people, providing first aid, water, flips flops and lollies to revellers and hot meals and drinks, warm clothing and sleeping bags to the rough sleepers. They also provided encouragement to doorstaff and others working in the night-time economy. We continue to carry a Critical Bleed Kit and Emergency Homeless Packs to support our work. We have an arrangement with a local food van and have vouchers to give away hot food and a drink to the rough sleepers. We welcomed 5 new Street Angel volunteers to the team during the year. In 2024 the Street Angels were out on 52 occasions - a total of 624 volunteer hours. An increase of 9 shifts since 2023.

In planning the activities, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial Review

Finances & Other Support A huge thank you to all our funders during the year: 14 church groups, 20 Friends who give regularly & grant funders (Thames Valley Police Office of Police & Crime Commissioner Proceeds of Crime Act Fund, Putnam House Charity, Aylesbury Town Council and the National Lottery Community fund). We also received a few ad hoc donations for which we are very grateful and were the recipients of the collection taken at the Church in the Park service. Two churches (Holy Trinity and Aylesbury Vineyard) have kindly allowed us to use space for our office, meetings and HOTS team. Thank you to all our supporters.

Our finances have held up quite well although securing various grants has been essential to this, alongside regular giving from our member churches. We're grateful to all those who value our work and support us this way. Our Operations Manager (Ellie) and Lead Chaplain (Mark) have been so conscientious and diligent, keeping things working well, with the backing of our three trustees.

During 2024 there were 4 trustee meetings. Trustees, as at 31st December 2024: Andrew Henderson (Chair), David Finn, Fr Doug Zimmerman.

Reserves Policy

The charity aims to hold a minimum of £9000 (which is approximately [3] months of expenditure) as unrestricted cash, so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of [£25526].

Signature

This report was approved by the trustees, and is signed on their behalf by:

Name ANDREW HENDERSON

Signature 

Date 24 March, 2025

Independent Examiners Report

TO THE TRUSTEES OF AYLESBURY TOWN CHAPLAINCY.

I report on the accounts for year ended 31st December 2024 which are attached to this Report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner.

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an Audit is not required for this year, but consider that an Independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

Examine the accounts in accordance with Charities Act and comply with their procedures.

Report any particular matters which have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examination.

My examination was carried out in accordance with directions issued by the Charity Commission and includes a review of the accounting records. This procedure does not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently no opinion is given regarding a true and fair view

Examiner's Statement.

In connection with my examination, there are no major matters which need to be reported upon, however following on from last years report, I am concerned that despite efforts made by the Chaplaincy it continues to operate at a loss(£1k), although this year is a considerable improvement on the previous year. I would therefore recommend continued efforts to bring this financial situation into a surplus for this current year.

I would like to thank the Operations Manager for her help and co-operation with this Examination.



Mr S Marks FMAAT.

Dated 20th March 2025.

10 Chesterfield Close,

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Aylesbury,

Bucks.

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Receipts & Payments Statement

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Receipts				
Donations & Legacies				
Donations	16,657	0	16,657	18,775
Gift Aid	901	0	901	956
Grants	5,500	10,000	15,500	16,000
Charitable Activities				
Event Income	0	0	0	0
Investments				
Bank Interest	465	0	465	303
Trading Activities				
Rental Income	0	0	0	0
Sales	0	0	0	0
Other				
Loans Received	0	0	0	0
Other Income	0	0	0	0
Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Sale of Investments	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	21,523	10,000	31,523	26,034
Payments				
Charitable Activities				
Activities	0	234	234	647
Admin	197	0	197	0
Advertising	0	0	0	593
Bank Charges	184	0	184	181
Event Costs	200	0	200	255
Gifts Given	0	0	0	50
Other Expenditure	229	340	568	470
Premises	192	0	192	191
Staff Costs	23,775	8,000	31,775	31,535
Governance Costs				
Governance Costs	725	543	1,268	2,938
Other				
Fixed Asset Purchases				
Loans Repaid	6	0	6	0
Money Invested	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
Total payments	25,526	8,884	34,410	36,861
Net Receipts / Payments (before transfers)	-1,984	884	-1,100	-826
Fund Transfers In	0	0	0	0
Fund Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Net Movement of Cash Funds	-1,984	884	-1,100	-826
Total Cash Funds Brought Forward	27,509	313	27,823	28,649
Total Cash Funds Carried Forward	25,526	1,197	26,723	27,823
Represented By				
General (Unrestricted)	25,526	0	25,526	27,509
Restricted Funds (Restricted)	0	1,197	1,197	313

Asset & Liability Statement

Cash Assets

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
General (Unrestricted)	25,526	0	25,526	27,509
Restricted Funds (Restricted)	0	1,197	1,197	313
Cash Assets Total	25,526	1,197	26,723	27,823

Other Monetary Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Gift Aid		0	0	0	0
Stock		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

Investment Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Property		0	0	0	0
Investment Accounts		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

Fixed Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Land & Buildings		0	0	0	0
Music & PA Equipment		0	0	0	0
Computers & IT		0	0	0	0
Furniture		0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicles		0	0	0	0

Liabilities

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Loans Outstanding		0	0	0	0
Pension Payment Owed		0	0	0	0
HMRC Payments Owed		0	0	0	0
Independent Examination Fee Due		300	0	300	0
Other		0	0	0	0

Signature

These accounts have been approved by the trustees, and are signed on their behalf by:

Name **ANDREW HENDERSON**

Signature **Andrew Henderson**

Date **25 March, 2025**

Notes to the Accounts

Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

Transactions to Related Parties

There were no transactions related parties during the accounting period.

Movement of Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
General (Unrestricted)	27,509	23,523	25,506	0	25,526
Restricted Funds (Restricted)	313	10,000	9,116	0	1,197
TOTAL	27,823	33,523	34,623	0	26,723