



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 06.04.2024 Period start date to 05.04.2025 Period end date

Charity name: WEST DERBY NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH

Charity registration number: 1151940

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objectives of the trust for the public benefit are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs contained within the trust document and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable. In order to fulfil its charitable obligations its purposes include the advancement of religion, relief of poverty, social cohesion, the advancement of education and the advancement of environmental protection and improvement.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Advancement of Religion West Derby Neighbourhood Church is committed to advancing the Christian faith by enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our church community as well as loving and caring for each other as Jesus in the neighbourhood. This mission is based on John 1:14, 'The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighbourhood' so we are able to reach into and beyond our local community. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Services and prayer meetings held each week• Children and Youth work• Mission work and overseas support is facilitated by financial support through ASIALink and missionary work through the Bulgarian Church• Bible-based courses• Links are maintained with local churches through membership of Churches Together

		<p>Relief of poverty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Helping Hands Fund gives grants of money through the year to support poor and needy families. • The Helping Hands Fund Christmas Hampers Project distributes food hampers, children's presents and gifts of money towards energy costs each year. • Financial support for students beginning Higher Education (text books, software, etc.) • Signposting and enabling money management and debt counselling advice • Food and clothing collection for the homeless <p>Social Cohesion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly community coffee morning • Churches Together promotes outdoor services at Christmas and Easter for community participation. These services are attended by upwards of 400 people. • Weekly hub meeting for adults with special needs (True Colours) and playgroup provision for mums and tots (Pebbles) • Food Bank collection • Good relations are maintained with a local pub, where a monthly lunch club is held. There are also occasional performances in the pub such as carol singing at Christmas. • Teenage after school drop in. Space for them to find friends and find a place to develop socially. <p>The Advancement of Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly hub meetings for adults with special needs (True Colours) and playgroup provision for mums and tots (Pebbles) <p>The Advancement of Environmental Protection and Improvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A wildflower garden is maintained at the front of church to encourage biodiversity. • A vegetable garden is maintained by church members and the 'crops' distributed to the church fellowship
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly zero food waste collection is collected and distributed through the church Recycling is actively promoted, alongside eco-friendly initiatives such as the compost bin and reducing energy use through cladding and the purchase of a combi-boiler so water is not heated unnecessarily.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on Public Benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our local, national and international community through worship, , discipleship, pastoral care, prayer, mission and outreach work.</p> <p>All the activities of church are open to members of the public and none is exclusively for church members.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<p>Grant making in the form of gifts for charities, needy individuals and families constitutes a material part of our charitable activities.</p> <p>The choice of charitable organisations is based on recommendations by church members. A work party identifying a range of organisations to whom we will gift is currently compiling a list to encompass local, national and international charities.</p> <p>Gifts for recipients through the Helping Hands Fund are based on recommendations received from members of the church. The Christmas Hamper Project receives recommendations from Liverpool Social Services through their Family Support Workers. Two local schools also nominate needy families.</p> <p>This policy has enabled us to achieve our aims of being 'Jesus in the neighbourhood' through supporting local, national and international organisations.</p>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
		The contribution made by volunteers

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>towards the success of the various church activities described above is significant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee Morning – 12 volunteers (30 hours pw) • True Colours – 10 volunteers (40 hours pw) • Pebbles – 8 volunteers (24 hours pw) • Children's activities and Youth work – 20 volunteers (200 hours annually) • Helping Hands activities including the Christmas Hamper Project – 45 volunteers (30 hours annually plus 140 hours during the pre-Christmas prep and delivery window) • Zero Waste Food Collection/Food Bank involvement – 4 volunteers (100 hours annually) • Homeless support – 4 volunteers (48 hours annually) • Food Bank collection – 1 volunteer (52 hours annually) • Lunch club at pub – 3 volunteers (6 hours pw) • Teenage after school drop-in activities: 8 volunteers. 20 hours pw.
Other		Most church members work as unpaid volunteers in the various church activities and ministries to help further the charity's objectives.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Para 1.20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly church services for the local and extended community create a socially cohesive network within the church that extends into the local community • Weekly children's activities promote religious learning and practice • Weekly youth group plus special events such as annual attendance at Merseyside Christian Youth Camps enable young people to explore what the Christian religion is all about and creates social links across churches and communities across Merseyside. • The teenage after-school club gives expanding opportunities for local school children to be in a safe space where they can enjoy games activities or just chill out with a coffee. • Weekly coffee morning for the

		<p>elderly and alone in the community which provides friendship and support and promotes social cohesion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Helping Hands Fund provides financial gifts, support and signposting for needy families and individuals helping them cope with their financial predicaments. • The annual Helping Hands Christmas Hamper Project provides food, presents and financial gifts for needy families. The church works alongside Liverpool Social Services' Family Support Workers in providing this facility thus creating a powerful network of provision which connects local government provision and church cohesion • The church is a drop off point for North Liverpool Food Bank as well as providing food, clothes and support for the homeless. • These latter initiatives enable people and families in need to receive financial, physical, emotional and spiritual help. • The 'True Colours' adult special needs hub gives weekly support to adults with additional needs through craft, cooking, games and other activities developing much needed social skills • The mums and tots group, Pebbles, provides an essential meeting place for families in the community, developing networks and links for those who attend.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>In terms of reviewing our achievement against the principle objectives outlined above we can see the following successful patterns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers of attendees for the weekly Coffee Morning, Pebbles and True Colours continue to remain high and their success is seen in the atmosphere and achievements of those who continue to attend. • Helping Hands continues to successfully assist the needy during the year, an achievement which the Christmas Hamper Project builds
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		<p>upon. This can be seen in the number of families we helped (22 families) and the number of children who were given gifts (41 children). The network of support and provision included Family Support Workers, Teachers and Church members. 30 members of church volunteered to assist with buying goods, presents and making up the hampers, as well as delivering them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives from ASIALink and the Bulgarian Church have presented overviews demonstrating how successful their missionary work has been in both Asia and Bulgaria. • The church's role within the activities of West Derby's Churches Together which include open air services at Easter and Christmas demonstrates its effectiveness in bringing the community of West Derby together in praise, worship and fellowship. Upwards of 400 attend each of the open air services. • Reduced energy bills illustrate the effectiveness of the eco policies promoted in the church, along with the distribution of the vegetable crops from the vegetable garden. • Attendance at Space, the after-school club held at church, fluctuates between 12 -25 depending on events. As a result of coming to this some young people have now accessed other church based youth activities . <p>We would summarise the impact of the positive and long term achievements as being extremely beneficial on both an individual and societal level.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income of £52,236 with an expenditure of £108,054 plus cash funds at last year end of £95,185 gives a reserve balance of £39,367.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The salary of the recently employed part-time Youth Worker will be met through the expenditure of the reserves over the next few years.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£39,367
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Income comes principally from regular giving, one off gifts from church members, associated gift aid tax refunds and grants from the local authority. These resources support the key objectives of the charity through the generosity of the church members.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	The trust is a registered charity, number 1151940. The type of governing document is a trust deed.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	The trust is constituted under a trust deed dated 15 th March 2013 as amended on 6 th November 2022

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees with no time limit on their service. Trustee selection is based on the recognition and identification of an individual's spiritual gifts, practical talents and how they would be used within the structure of the trust itself.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Induction of new trainees takes the form of in house training using documentation from the Charity Commission.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The trustees are responsible for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritual oversight and religious practice in accordance with the provisions of the trust deed • Health and Safety • Buildings management • Safeguarding • Church management and administration including policies
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<p>West Derby Neighbourhood Church became part of a local church network with Frontline Trust with whom a service agreement and contract was drawn up between Frontline Trust and the trustees of WDNC.</p> <p>Services provided include the employment, line management and mentoring of our Pastor through their HR Department. Frontline invoice us for his wages each month and provides mentoring and training facilities for both him and the church leadership. Frontline also support our children's work through preparation of Sunday School materials and provide policy preparation and support.</p>
Other		FRONTLINE TRUST is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales with the registered company number 05442834 and registered charity number 1109814

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	West Derby Neighbourhood Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1151940
Charity's principal address	25 St James Close West Derby LIVERPOOL L12 7JU

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	Frank Driessen	Chair		
2	Judith Daley	Secretary		
3	Brian Briggs	Trustee		
4	Robert John Jones	Trustee		
5	Colin John Gregg	Trustee		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Frank Driessen

Full name(s)

Frank Driessen

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

5th February 2026



CHARITY COMMISSION
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West Derby Neighbourhood Church

1151940

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

06/04/2024

To

05/04/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Family Church Offerings	9,380	-	-	9,380	8,309
Gift Aided Income	33,094	-	-	33,094	25,438
Special Projects Collections	1,533	-	-	1,533	185
Gifts Received	2,635	-	-	2,635	16,226
Electronic Card Offerings/Other	2,468	-	-	2,468	647
Interest	125	-	-	125	98
Helping Hands	3,001	-	-	3,001	-
HMRC Refund	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	52,236	-	-	52,236	50,903
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	52,236	-	-	52,236	50,903
A3 Payments					
Elder/Church Outreach Services	33,400	-	-	33,400	17,406
Youth Work	866	-	-	866	994
Outside Gifts	3,901	-	-	3,901	4,491
Speaker Expenses	-	-	-	-	120
Heat Light and Water	3,387	-	-	3,387	2,078
Sundries, Gifts and Flowers	564	-	-	564	167
Cleaning	3,235	-	-	3,235	2,128
Other Church Activities	2,739	-	-	2,739	728
Administration	5,290	-	-	5,290	4,700
Special Projects	-	-	-	-	2,000
Pastoral Care	2,899	-	-	2,899	1,850
Building Refurbishment/Repairs	46,865	-	-	46,865	4,631
Equipment	-	-	-	-	618
Helping Hands Gifts	4,908	-	-	4,908	-
Sub total	108,054	-	-	108,054	41,911
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	108,054	-	-	108,054	41,911
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 55,818	-	-	- 55,818	8,992
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	95,185	-	-	95,185	86,193
Cash funds this year end	39,367	-	-	39,367	95,185

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	Unity Trust Bank	31,728	-	-
CCXX R1 accounts (SS)	1			05/02/2026

Unity Trust Deposit Account	5,298	-	-
Helping Hands Bank Account	2,341	-	-
Total cash funds	39,367	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Unrestricted
funds
to nearest £

OK

Restricted funds
to nearest £

OK

Endowment
funds
to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details

Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details

Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
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B5 Liabilities

Details

Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	-	
	-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Frank Driessen

FRANK DRIESSEN

05/02/26



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

WEST DERBY NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

5th APRIL 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1151940

Set out on pages

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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

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

PA Baker

Date:

4/2/2026

Name:

PAUL ANDREW BAKER.

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

FCA

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

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