



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 To 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Charity name: Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter (ECWNS)**

**Charity registration number: 1152768**

## **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>The relief of hardship and poverty, by facilitating churches and other Christian groups in the London Borough of Ealing to provide shelter and support for people who are homeless or at significant risk of homelessness.</b>
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	<b>Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter (ECWNS) coordinates a roving shelter between end November to end March, providing homeless adults in the London Borough of Ealing with shelter, food, companionship and one-to-one case support. Our shelters are provided by over 20 churches in the borough who transform their facilities into a warm and welcoming environment. The church-based shelters are supported by 200 volunteers from across the London Borough of Ealing.</b>  <b>Homeless guests are referred by local outreach agencies and we play a unique, and integral role as part of the borough's response to the critical level of homelessness.</b> <b>ECWNS seeks to support shelter guests into permanent and dignified accommodation and signposts towards essential medical, legal and other services.</b> <b>We provide the borough's only Christmas and New Year shelter.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</b>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Over 200 volunteers across the Borough of Ealing supported the shelter through setting up the shelter each night (preparing beds), cooking, washing up, offering companionship to shelter guests / playing games on the night, providing breakfast, driving bedding to the next venue and carrying out laundry duties.</b></li> <li>• <b>An additional team of 20 volunteers supported our Christmas and New Year Shelter which operated for 11 consecutive nights.</b></li> </ul>
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p><b>ECWNS has provided shelter for more than 14 previously homeless guests between the winter months of November &amp; March.</b></p> <p><b>Our intervention and support resulted in better physical health for our guests and strengthened wellbeing due to the opportunity to enjoy respite from the exhaustion and stress of homelessness.</b></p> <p><b>Due to the stability which the shelter provided, some guests found work &amp; permanent accommodation allowing them to regain independence and maintain their well-being without the risk of homelessness.</b></p> <p><b>Metrics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sourced permanent accommodation for 6 guests</li> <li>- Raised additional funding to enable a hotel stay of 6 weeks for a shelter guest who was</li> <li>attacked and hospitalised - Supported another guest, hospitalised due to health issue - Secured leave to stay for 2 guests, sourcing and paying for legal support - Registered 5 with a GP - Registered 1 with a dentist - Sourced Benefits for 2 - Paid for 1 guest to return to his family in his home country - Accompanied 1 guest to the Job Centre</li> <li>- Facilitated meetings and support for 2 guests struggling with needs around addiction and poor mental health</li> </ul> <p><b>In addition to the above, our part-time Shelter Worker has supported an additional 30-40 homeless people in Ealing through her day-to-day liaison with partner agencies.</b></p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p><b>Our objectives were met.</b></p> <p><b>Food, shelter, companionship and signposting were delivered for 5 of the coldest months of the year.</b></p> <p><b>We facilitated access for our shelter guests to vital medical, legal and other essential statutory services. We secured</b></p>
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		<b>permanent and dignified accommodation for some of our shelter guests.</b>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<b>We have exceeded our fundraising target, securing over 80% of income from new income streams. We carry out ongoing research towards our funding pipeline to secure sustainable income from a variety of income streams.</b>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		<b>We have developed a stronger relationship with one of our key referring partners, the London Borough of Ealing, who describe our service delivery as, “indispensable”.</b>

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>The charity has successfully executed its fundraising plan and restored its cash reserves.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>No explicit policy is included in the charity's constitution that requires this.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>12 months</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>No explicit policy is included in the charity's constitution that requires this.</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>None</b>

### 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	<b>Our principal source of funds comprises grants from Trusts and Foundations and other grant making bodies. The remainder consists of income from community fundraising efforts (eg Ealing Half Marathon, quizzes etc) and donations from churches.</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<p><b>The key risks in the project comprise:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Shelter Venue provision</b> Mitigation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) We regular seek and identify potential new venues to secure and ensure sufficient sustainable shelter provision</li> <li>b) We maintain a large group of volunteers who are able to deliver provision at venues outside of their usual venue, thus enabling the use of the required number of shelter venues.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Maintenance of finance to support our operational strategy</b> Mitigation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) One of our Trustees is a professional fundraiser who applies for funding</li> <li>(b) We are approaching funders to secure additional roles.</li> <li>(c) We are looking for volunteer resource in fundraising</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Retention of staff</b> We operate with a staff turnover of a two to three-year cycle, not least due to the part time nature and nature of yearly contracts attached to our roles. Mitigation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) We strive to deliver good staff management practice including monitoring of</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

		<p><b>wellbeing, development opportunities and appropriate financial remuneration.</b></p> <p><b>We review risks quarterly unless issues arise. We recognise we need to improve risk management training for Trustees.</b></p>
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	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>CIO</b>
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	<b>Trustees are appointed through nomination by existing trustees. Nominations are assessed based upon the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.</b>

### 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	<b>Trustees are onboarded over a period of 3-6 months. We are reviewing our procedures around the training of trustees and looking to strengthen this.</b>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<b>Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter is governed by a Chair and team of voluntary Trustees.</b>  <b>During this financial year. staff comprised a part-time Shelter Worker and a part-time Administrator.</b>  <b>ECWNS is affiliated with Housing Justice, the national network comprising over 170-night shelters across England.</b>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<b>During the financial year Ms Gillian Coombe, a serving trustee resigned from the CIO and entered into a contract with the CIO for the supply of services that was permitted by its constitution and in accordance and subject to the conditions in sections 185 to 188 of the Charities Act 2011. Payment of £2,000 was made for services rendered &amp; the contract expired. Ms Gillian Coombe re-joined the CIO as a trustee following the completed contract.</b>
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter
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Other name the charity uses	ECWNS
Registered charity number	1152768
Charity's principal address	Haven Green Baptist Church Castlebar Road London W5 2UP

**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	Nilesh Patel			
2	Gillian Coombe		1st May 2024 – 4 <sup>th</sup> August & 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2024 – 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	
3	Rev Michael Barter			
4	Chantala Wilson			
5	James Gillespie			
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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)	<i>James Gillespie</i>	
Full name(s)	James Gillespie	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	23 / 02 / 2026	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
EALING CHURCHES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

On accounts for the year  
ended

30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1152768

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30/04/2025**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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

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

Independent  
examiner's statement

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

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

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

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

Signed: Hannah Consterdine-Moore

Date: 24 / 02 / 2026

Name: Hannah Consterdine-Moore

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

ACA

Address: 53 Addison Gardens, W14 0DP

Section B

Disclosure

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

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



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Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/05/2024

To

Period end date  
30/04/2025

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations Legacies and Grants	30,060	51,813	-	81,873	36,690
Fundraising Events	36,502	-	-	36,502	711
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>66,562</b>	<b>51,813</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>118,375</b>	<b>37,401</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>66,562</b>	<b>51,813</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>118,375</b>	<b>37,401</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Wages/Salaries National Insurance & Pension Costs	5,364	27,557	-	32,920	34,089
Guest Hotel, Food, Telephone & Transport Costs	8,158	4,640	-	12,798	13,916
Administrative Costs	5,366	555	-	5,921	1,881
Telephone, internet and postage	911	-	-	911	494
Subscriptions	411	-	-	411	611
Insurance	603	-	-	603	576
Laundry & Guest Consumables	876	-	-	876	364
Rent Support	-	-	-	-	4,888
Donations and giving	-	-	-	-	250
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>21,688</b>	<b>32,752</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,439.94</b>	<b>57,070</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Purchase of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>21,688</b>	<b>32,752</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,440</b>	<b>57,070</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>44,873</b>	<b>19,061</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,935</b>	<b>- 19,668</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>23,737</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,737</b>	<b>43,405</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>68,610</b>	<b>19,061</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>87,671</b>	<b>23,737</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Account	68,610	19,061	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>68,610</b>	<b>19,061</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	<i>James Gillespie</i>	James Gillespie	23 / 02 / 2026	

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