

# HOPE CHURCH BEDLINGTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1153786

## Details

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Other names	COUNTY CHURCH NORTHUMBERLAND, COUNTY CHURCH NORTHUMBERLAND CIO, COUNTY CHURCH; COUNTY CHURCH WANSBECK
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2013-09-12
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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Website	<a href="http://www.hopechurchbedlington.co.uk">www.hopechurchbedlington.co.uk</a>

## Activities

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**Objects:** (1)THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OVERSEAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH PRODUCED BY THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.(2)THE ADVANCEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF EDUCATION BOTH GENERAL AND VOCATIONAL FOR CHILDREN OR ADULTS BUT ALWAYS WITHIN THE PRINCIPALS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.(3)TO RELIEVE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN CHARITABLE NEED BECAUSE OF:(A)SICKNESS OR POOR HEALTH(B)AGE(C)FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR(D)SOME OTHER REASON BY ANY PROPER MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES THINK FIT AND INCLUDING (WHERE APPROPRIATE BUT NOT BY WAY OF LIMITATION)THE PROVISION OF ADVICE;THE PROMOTION OF GOOD PRACTICES TO COMBAT SUCH CONDITIONS AND THE PROVISION OF RESOURCES TO ALLEVIATE OR PREVENT NEED

**Activities:** The Church holds weekly services in Bedlington which are open to the public and profiled in our publicity material. The Church also runs youth programs. We run a Community Clothes Hub providing free school uniform and other children's clothing as well as offering a recycling platform. We run a community garden providing space for the local community and promoting wellbeing and biodiversity.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Northumberland

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£85,385	£84,485	-	-
2024-08-31	£91,028	£81,947	-	-
2023-08-31	£95,689	£80,431	-	-
2022-08-31	£110,269	£79,556	-	-
2021-08-31	£77,373	£61,993	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>SALLY ROSE-MARIE POXON</b>	Chair	2013-09-10
ADRIAN MILLS GIBBINS		2013-09-10
Oliver Nicholas Seymour		2024-01-21
Thomas Gallagher		2023-10-15

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# Accounts

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

**From 01/09/2024**

**To 31/08/2025**

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**Charity registration number: 1153786**

### **Objectives and Activities**

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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees are aware of guidance issued by the charity commission and have regard to this when making decisions.
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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>The main Sunday Meetings for Hope Church continue to attract new people to the Church.</p> <p>Mid-week groups for church members or those interested in joining The Church are on-going. The regular groups and services promote spiritual and social wellbeing.</p> <p>Over the year The Church had 1 Sunday where it served a local need, rather than holding a typical worship service. These include things like litter picking an area, improving it for the community.</p> <p>The CIO continued to employ a full-time leader as well as a part-time community clothes hub manager.</p> <p>The Church financially supports, and its members practically support, the charity 'R21' which works</p>

		<p>with families who have suffered from domestic abuse.</p> <p>A team of Church members have volunteered to clear the land and continue to establish a community garden. The aim of the garden is to serve to local community and particularly the estate in which it is situated, giving a space for activities that help foster relationships that care and support the community as well as a space for the community to gather and experience nature, growth and creativity.</p> <p>A team of volunteers, led by a clothes hub manager, sort donated clothing to provide free school uniform to anyone in need of it as well as other children's clothing. This meets the financial hardship needs of people using the bank, as well as providing a space to socialise and find support. The clothes hub also provides a service for reducing the volume of clothes going to landfill, enabling re-use of items.</p> <p>The Church facilitated Churches Together In Bedlingtonshire, which promoted connection between churches in the area.</p>
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Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

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Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1153786

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**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	Sally Rose-Marie Poxon	Chairperson		
2	Dennis Beverley Clive Fancett	Secretary	1st September 2024 - 14th October 2024	
3	Adrian Mills Gibbins			
4	Thomas Gallagher			
5	Oliver Seymour			

**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		
N/A		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	David Fielding	DCM Business Services, 19 Station Street, Bedlington Station, Northumberland, NE22 7JN

#### 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

	<b>Signature(s)</b>		
	<b>Full name(s)</b>	Sally Poxon	Thomas Gallagher
	<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Trustee
	<b>Date</b>	20th March 2026	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Hope Church Bedlington	No (if any) 1153786
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1/9/2024	To	Period end date 31/8/2025
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### 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 from members	57,359		-	57,359	66,884
Donations from special gift days	-		-	-	3,591
Gift Aid Tax refund	11,660		-	11,660	15,922
Funding received			-	-	-
Bank interest	1,965	9,397	-	11,362	3,060
Other income	5,005		-	5,005	1,571
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>75,988</b>	<b>9,397</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85,385</b>	<b>91,028</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>75,988</b>	<b>9,397</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85,385</b>	<b>91,028</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Staff remuneration	43,271	-	-	43,271	42,378
Evangelism & Alpha	978	-	-	978	1,215
Overseas Ministry & Support		-	-	-	-
Conferences, training & travel	169	-	-	169	1,012
Childrens' & Young People work exps	121	-	-	121	393
Venue hire	15,893	-	-	15,893	14,052
Rent, utilities & maintenance	2,933	-	-	2,933	2,459
Community Projects	2,591	-	-	2,591	1,273
Housing Project/Debt Advice	9,600	-	-	9,600	7,700
Gifts & donations	5,048	-	-	5,048	6,174
Church weekend/Catalyst Festival exps	2,157	-	-	2,157	2,745
Professional services	1,382	-	-	1,382	1,468
Admin & support expenses	343	-	-	343	1,078
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>84,485</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84,485</b>	<b>81,947</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>84,485</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84,485</b>	<b>81,947</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>8,497</b>	<b>9,397</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>9,081</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>81,288</b>	<b>191,077</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>272,365</b>	<b>263,284</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>72,791</b>	<b>200,474</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>273,265</b>	<b>272,365</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>				
	Barclays Current Account	14,430		
	Co-operative Bank Account	4,611		
	Virgin Money Deposit Account	-		
	Cambridge & Counties 95-Day Notice Savings Account	-	84,022	

*[Signature]*  
31/8/2024

Hampshire Trust 120-Day Notice Savings Account	-		
Flagstone/CAF	53,750	116,452	
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>72,791</b>	<b>200,474</b>	<b>-</b>

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

OK	OK	OK
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>
<b>to nearest £</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>

**B2 Other monetary assets**

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

**B3 Investment assets**

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



**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

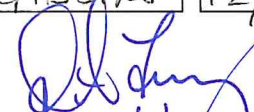
Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

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
	SALLY POXON	12/1/26
	ADRIAN GIBBINS	12/1/26

  
5/1/2026



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name HOPE CHURCH BEDLINGTON

On accounts for the year ended

31st August 2025 Charity no (if any) 1153786

Set out on pages

1 + 2 (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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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:

[Signature]

Date:

03/01/2026

Name:

DAVID ACAD. FIELDING

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

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(if any):

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Address:

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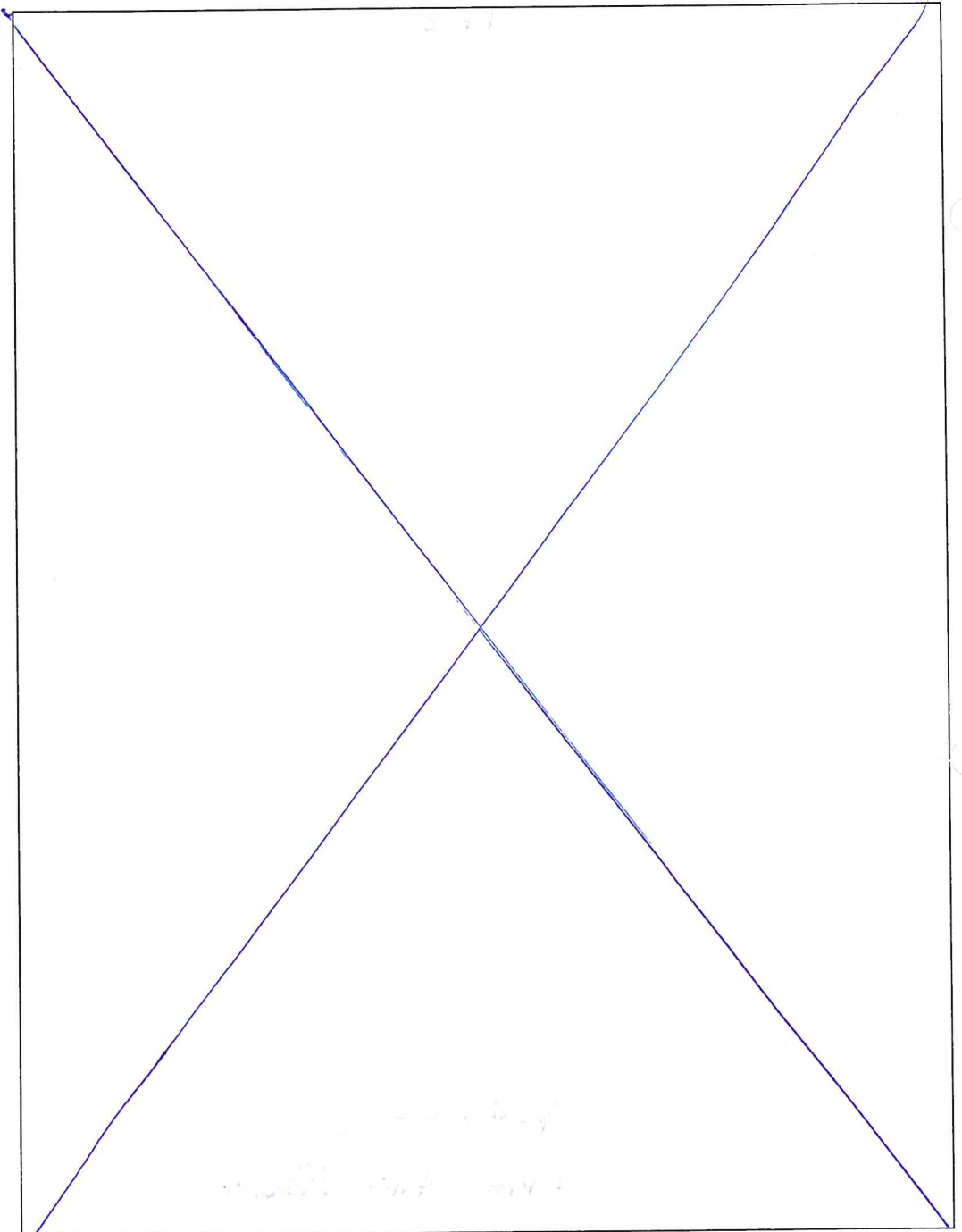
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**Section B**

**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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	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sally Rose-Marie Poxon	Chairperson		
2	Dennis Beverley Clive Fancett	Secretary	1st September 2023 - 14th October 2024	
3	Adrian Mills Gibbins			
4	Thomas Gallagher		15th October 2023 - present	
5	Oliver Seymour		21st January 2024 - present	
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		
N/A		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		


## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	David Fielding	DCM Business Services, 19 Station Street, Bedlington Station, Northumberland, NE22 7JN

#### 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

## Other optional information

## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

*Sally Poxon*

Full name(s)

Sally Poxon

Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Hope Church Bedlington	No (if any) 1153786
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1/9/2023	To	Period end date 31/8/2024
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### 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 from members	66,884		-	66,884	70,686
Donations from special gift days	3,591		-	3,591	2,479
Gift Aid Tax refund	15,922		-	15,922	17,653
Funding received			-	-	-
Bank interest	705	2,355	-	3,060	3,075
Other income	1,571		-	1,571	1,796
<b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>88,673</b>	<b>2,355</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>91,028</b>	<b>95,689</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>88,673</b>	<b>2,355</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>91,028</b>	<b>95,689</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Staff remuneration	42,378	-	-	42,378	37,720
Evangelism & Alpha	1,215	-	-	1,215	1,521
Overseas Ministry & Support	-	-	-	-	3,000
Conferences, training & travel	1,012	-	-	1,012	623
Childrens' & Young People work exps	393	-	-	393	818
Venue hire	14,052	-	-	14,052	6,256
Rent, utilities & maintenance	2,459	-	-	2,459	10,649
Community Projects	1,273	-	-	1,273	3,569
Housing Project/Debt Advice	7,700	-	-	7,700	6,600
Gifts & donations	6,174	-	-	6,174	3,463
Church weekend/Catalyst Festival exps	2,745	-	-	2,745	4,113
Professional services	1,468	-	-	1,468	1,756
Admin & support expenses	1,078	-	-	1,078	343
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>81,947</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>81,947</b>	<b>80,431</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>81,947</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>81,947</b>	<b>80,431</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>6,726</b>	<b>2,355</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,081</b>	<b>15,258</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	74,562	188,722	-	263,284	248,025
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>81,288</b>	<b>191,077</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>272,365</b>	<b>263,283</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>				
	Barclays Current Account	66,192	32,631	
	Co-operative Bank Account	15,096		
	Virgin Money Deposit Account	-		
	Cambridge & Counties 95-Day Notice Savings Account		78,447	

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.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: HOPE CHURCH, BEDLINGTON

On accounts for the year ended

31st August 2024 Charity no (if any) 1153786

Set out on pages

1, 2 (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 31/08/2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

19/02/2025

Name:

DAVID ALAN FIELDING

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

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Address:

19 STATION STREET
BEDLINGTON
NORTHBERLAND NE22 7JN

Hampshire Trust 120-Day Notice Savings Account		80,000	
Reliance Bank Account		-	
<b>Total cash funds</b>	81,288	191,077	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

**B2 Other monetary assets**

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

**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)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

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 confirm that I have reviewed the records of Hope Church, Bedlington and that they are in agreement with this Receipt and Payment Account.

*D. A. Sealding*  
 19 Station Street,  
 Bedlington  
 NE22 7JN  
 (01670) 228034

**HOPE CHURCH BEDLINGTON**

England & Wales - Charity number 1153786

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/09/2022

To 31/08/2023

Charity name: Hope Church Bedlington

Charity registration number: 1153786

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) To advance Christianity in Northumberland and elsewhere, by any means or medium that is or may become available, in accordance with the Statement of Doctrine set out in the Schedule</li><li>2) To relieve poverty and/or provide care for those who are in need because of sickness, age, distress or some other reason.</li><li>3) To advance education both general and vocational for children or adults but always within the principles of the Christian faith</li></ol>
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) The Church holds Sunday services which are open to members of the public and profiled in our publicity material. Three different "Kids Church" groups are also held during the Sunday services, offering games and Christian teaching to children aged 1 to 18 years old.</li><li>2) The Church continues to run weekly small group meetings which offer those attending the opportunity for support, furthering their faith and prayer.</li><li>3) The Church began to establish a community garden which will provide a space for the local community</li><li>4) The Church opened a community clothes hub to provide free school uniform and other children's clothing.</li></ol>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees are aware of guidance issued by the charity commission and have regard to this when making decisions.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The primary objective of the CIO is not specifically grant-making and no specific policy exists. Individual requests are considered by the Church leaders based on their merit and their fit with the Church values as set out in the Schedule to the Trust Deed.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Social investment is not undertaken by the CIO
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The CIO recognises the significant contribution made by volunteers in pursuing its objectives.
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>The main Sunday Meetings for Hope Church continue to attract new people to the Church.</p> <p>Mid-week groups for church members or those interested in joining The Church are on-going.</p> <p>In the Christmas period the Church Members carried out "acts of kindness" during which many activities were carried out to contribute to the local and global community (e.g. litter picking, donating to local food bank).</p> <p>The CIO continued to employ a full-time leader as well as taking on a part-time community clothes hub manager in April 2023.</p> <p>The Church financially supports, and its members practically support, the charity 'R21' which works with families who have suffered from domestic abuse.</p> <p>A community garden was established, taking over a piece of derelict land in Bedlington Station. A team of Church members have volunteered to clear the land and begin to</p>

		<p>establish a community garden. The aim of the garden is to serve to local community and particularly the estate in which it is situated, giving a space for activities that help foster relationships that care and support the community as well as a space for the community to gather and experience nature, growth and creativity.</p> <p>A clothes bank has been setup by Hope Church. A team of volunteers, led by a clothes hub manager sort donated clothing to provide free school uniform to anyone in need of it as well as other children's clothing.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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	At the end of the financial year the CIO had an excess of income over expenditure of £15,258 and a total expenditure of £80,431. During the year 3 months operating expenses were continually held as reserves. The Church continues to receive regular donations from its members.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The CIO aims to hold on reserve sufficient funds to meet anticipated expenditure over the following 3-month period. At this stage in the CIO's development, to do anything more than this is unrealistic, though the Trustees are aware the CIO has a 3-month term commitment on the lease of the Community Help Hub premises.  A building fund exists, and the associated funds are reserved for the purpose of establishing premises.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£74,562
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### 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	The majority of the church income comes from donations from individuals who support the objectives of the CIO.
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	The major risk is that an unexpected fall in monthly donations to the Church leaves it unable to meet its outgoings. As the CIO does not at this time own assets, most of its outgoings can be reduced quickly. The exceptions are the employment of a church leader and rental and utility bills for the Community Help Hub premises (although the CIO has negotiated a 3-month notice period on

		the premises to mitigate the latter risk). These are the potential vulnerable areas for the CIO.
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO Constitution dated 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2014
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	Additional trustees may be appointed for a term of up to 5 years by resolution of the existing trustees, subject to the nominated trustee signing a declaration of willingness to act as a Trustee and a statement agreeing to uphold the doctrines set out in the Basis of Faith produced by The Evangelical Alliance.

### 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	The CIO has in place a written procedure for the appointment of new Trustees
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Hope Church is part of the Catalyst Network family of churches. It is also a member of the Evangelical Alliances and the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service (Thirtyone:eight).
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Hope Church enjoys a strong relationship with The Catalyst Network of Churches, particularly Mosaic Church Leeds, which leads our local partnership.
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Hope Church Bedlington
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1153786

Charity's principal address	Community Help Hub 30 Front Street West Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5UB



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

### Additional information (optional)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	David Fielding	DCM Business Services, 19 Station Street, Bedlington Station, Northumberland, NE22 7JN

### 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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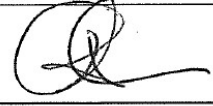
## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Sally Poxon	Adrian Gibbins
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Trustee
<b>Date</b>	15/2/24	10/3/24



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Hope Church Bedlington	No (if any) 1153786
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2022	To	Period end date 31/08/2023
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### 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 from members	70,686	-	-	70,686	66,021
Donations from special gift days	2,429	50	-	2,479	22,724
Gift Aid Tax refund	17,641	12	-	17,653	20,234
Funding received	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	194	2,881	-	3,075	1,163
Other income	1,796	-	-	1,796	127
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>92,746</b>	<b>2,943</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,689</b>	<b>110,269</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>92,746</b>	<b>2,943</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,689</b>	<b>110,269</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Staff remuneration	37,720	-	-	37,720	33,915
Evangelism & Alpha	1,521	-	-	1,521	2,425
Overseas Ministry & Support	3,000	-	-	3,000	1,000
Conferences, training & travel	623	-	-	623	756
Childrens' & Young People work exps	818	-	-	818	542
Venue hire	6,256	-	-	6,256	7,213
Rent, utilities & maintenance	10,649	-	-	10,649	8,785
Community Projects	3,569	-	-	3,569	-
Housing Project/Debt Advice	6,600	-	-	6,600	9,683
Gifts & donations	3,463	-	-	3,463	4,464
Church weekend/Catalyst Festival exps	4,113	-	-	4,113	150
Professional services	1,756	-	-	1,756	10,216
Admin & support expenses	343	-	-	343	407
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>80,431</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,431</b>	<b>79,556</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>80,431</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,431</b>	<b>79,556</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>12,315</b>	<b>2,943</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,258</b>	<b>30,713</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>62,247</b>	<b>185,779</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>248,026</b>	<b>217,312</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>74,562</b>	<b>188,722</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>263,284</b>	<b>248,025</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>	Barclays Current Account	15,362	-	-
	Co-operative Bank Account	8,043	-	-
	Virgin Money Deposit Account	51,157	-	-
	Cambridge & Counties 95-Day Notice Savings Account	-	81,933	-
	Hampshire Trust 120-Day Notice Savings Account	-	79,800	-
	Reliance Bank Account	-	26,989	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>74,562</b>	<b>188,722</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>				
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of  
approval



Sally Poxon

22/03/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: HOPE CHURCH - BEDLINGTON

On accounts for the year ended

31st August 2023 Charity no (if any): 1153726

Set out on pages

1-2 (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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

17/11/2023

Name:

DAVID ARN FIELDING

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

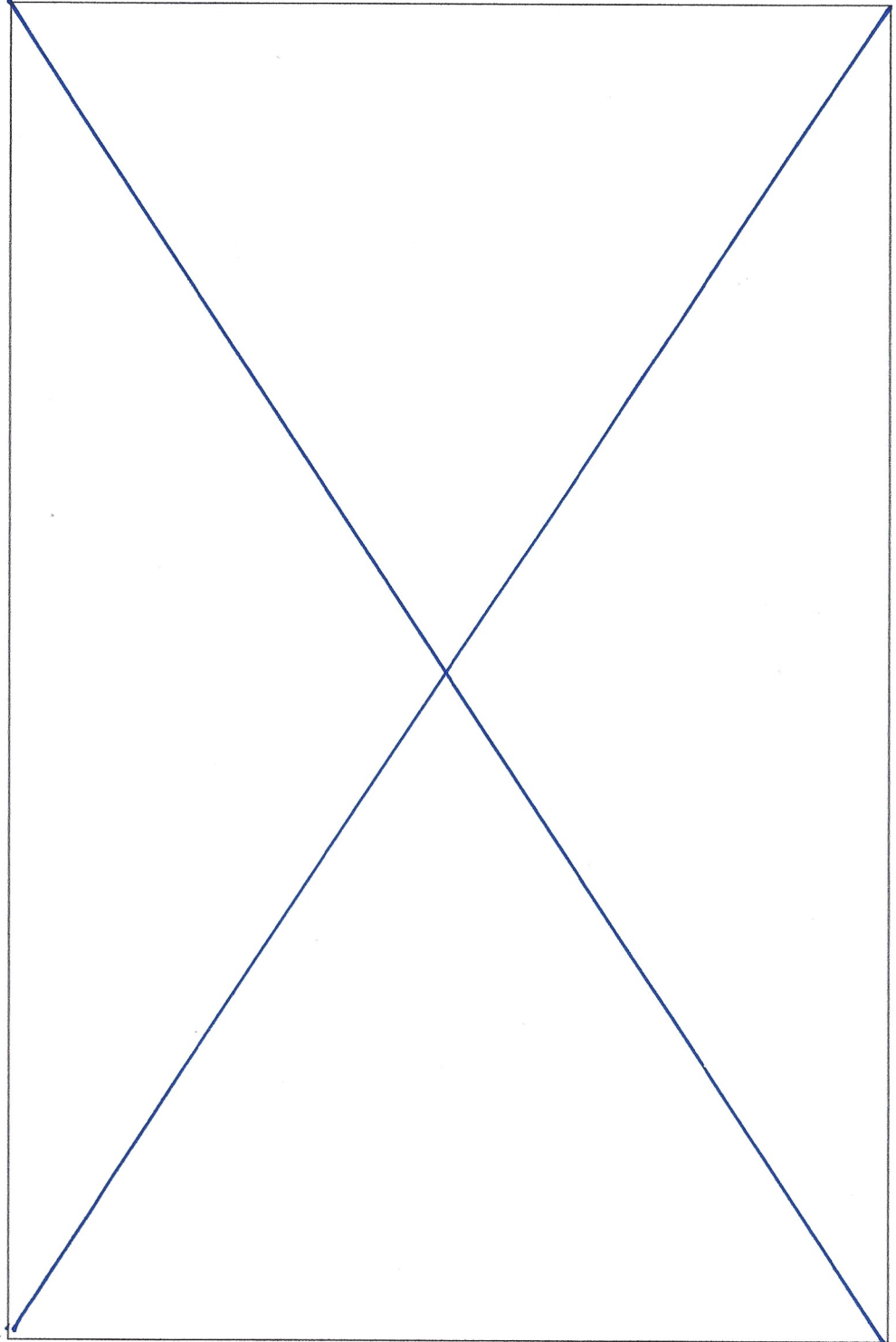
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Address:

19 STATION STREET
BEDLINGTON
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE NN22 7JN

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.



**HOPE CHURCH BEDLINGTON**

England & Wales - Charity number 1153786

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 09	Year 2021		Day 31	Month 08	Year 2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Hope Church Bedlington
Other names charity is known by	Formerly: County Church Northumberland, County Church Wansbeck
Registered charity number (if any)	1153786
Charity's principal address	Community Help Hub
	30 Front Street West
	Bedlington, Northumberland
	Postcode NE22 5UB

### 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	Sally Rose-Marie Poxon	Chairperson		
2	Dennis Beverley Clive Fancett	Secretary		
3	Gordon Frederick Brown	Treasurer	Resigned as Trustee on 31/8/22, continues as Treasurer	
4	Adrian Mills Gibbins			

### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Legal	Roger Snowdon	MacLachlan Solicitors, Blackmore Vale House Newbury, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4QJ
Independent Examiner	David Fielding	DCM Business Services, 19 Station Street, Bedlington Station, Northumberland, NE22 7JN
Legal	Richard Walker	Haighs Solicitors inc Stanley Hays, 124 Huddersfield Road, Mirfield, WF14 8AB

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

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO Constitution dated 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2014
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Additional trustees may be appointed for a term of up to 5 years by resolution of the existing trustees, subject to the nominated trustee signing a declaration of willingness to act as a Trustee and a statement agreeing to uphold the doctrines set out in the Basis of Faith produced by The Evangelical Alliance.

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

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

The CIO has in place a written procedure for the appointment of new Trustees

Hope Church is part of the Catalyst Network family of churches. It is also a member of the Evangelical Alliances and the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service (Thirtyone:eight)

Hope Church enjoys a strong relationship with The Catalyst Network of Churches, particularly Mosaic Church Leeds, which leads our local partnership.

The major risk is that an unexpected fall in monthly donations to the Church leaves it unable to meet its outgoings. As the CIO does not at this time own assets, most of its outgoings can be reduced quickly. The exceptions are the employment of a church leader and rental and utility bills for the Community Help Hub premises (although the CIO has negotiated a 3-month notice period on the premises to mitigate the latter risk). These are the potential vulnerable areas for the CIO.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

- 1) To advance Christianity in Northumberland and elsewhere, by any means or medium that is or may become available, in accordance with the Statement of Doctrine set out in the Schedule
- 2) To relieve poverty and/or provide care for those who are in need because of sickness, age, distress or some other reason.
- 3) To advance education both general and vocational for children or adults but always within the principles of the Christian faith

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

- 1) The Church holds Sunday services which are open to members of the public and profiled in our publicity material. Three different "Kids Church" groups are also held during the Sunday services, offering games and Christian teaching to children aged 1 to 18 years old.
- 2) The Church continues to run weekly small group meetings which offer those attending the opportunity for support, furthering their faith and prayer.
- 3) The Church worked with local school Bedlington Academy to provide some of their Christian curriculum.

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

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

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

The primary objective of the CIO is not specifically grant-making and no specific policy exists. Individual requests are considered by the Church leaders based on their merit and their fit with the Church values as set out in the Schedule to the Trust Deed

The CIO recognises the significant contribution made by volunteers in pursuing its objectives.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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

The Church had been meeting online during the Covid pandemic but returned to physical Sunday meetings from 5th September 2021, initially with hybrid physical and on-line meetings. Sunday meetings continue to attract new people to the Church

Mid-week groups for church members or those interested in joining The Church are on-going.

In the Christmas period the Church Members carried out "acts of kindness" during which many activities were carried out to contribute to the local and global community (e.g. litter picking, donating to local food bank).

The CIO continued to employ a full-time leader.

The Church supports a local children's football club by running a tuck shop during the training.

The Church financially supports and its members practically support the charity 'R21' which works with families who have suffered from domestic abuse.

The Church provided a prayer space as a place for people to pray and mediate.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The CIO aims to hold on reserve sufficient funds to meet anticipated expenditure over the following 3-month period. At this stage in the CIO's development, to do anything more than this is unrealistic, though the Trustees are aware the CIO has a 3-month term commitment on the lease of the Community Help Hub premises.

A building fund exists, and the associated funds are reserved for the purpose of establishing premises.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/a

## Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

The majority of the church income comes from donations from individuals who support the objectives of the CIO.

The CIO does not currently have surplus funds to invest on a very long-term basis and requires access to its money. The Trustees have therefore determined that any surplus funds should not be invested but placed in an immediate or short-term notice deposit account.

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

*Sally Rose-Marie Poxon*

*Dennis Fancett*

Full name(s)

Sally Rose-Marie Poxon

Dennis Fancett

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairperson

Secretary

Date

*7<sup>th</sup> October 2022*

*7<sup>th</sup> October 2022*



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Hope Church Bedlington		No (if any) 1153786		<b>CC16a</b>
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>				
For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2021	To	Period end date 31/08/2022	

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations from members	43,427	22,594	-	66,021	61,636
Donations from special gift days	17,609	5,115	-	22,724	10
Gift Aid Tax refund	20,234	-	-	20,234	13,832
Funding received	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	36	1,127	-	1,163	1,343
Other income	127	-	-	127	552
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>81,433</b>	<b>28,836</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>110,269</b>	<b>77,373</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>81,433</b>	<b>28,836</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>110,269</b>	<b>77,373</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Staff remuneration	33,915	-	-	33,915	33,496
Evangelism & Alpha	2,425	-	-	2,425	1,974
Overseas Ministry & Support	1,000	-	-	1,000	3,500
Travel & subsistence	319	-	-	319	117
Childrens' & Young People work exps	542	-	-	542	169
Conferences & training	437	-	-	437	580
Venue hire	7,213	-	-	7,213	963
Community Hep Hub	8,785	-	-	8,785	8,438
Housing Project/Debt Advice	4,500	5,183	-	9,683	817
Gifts & donations	4,464	-	-	4,464	8,616
Church weekend/Catalyst Festival exps	150	-	-	150	154
Professional services	10,216	-	-	10,216	1,924
Admin & support expenses	407	-	-	407	1,553
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>74,373</b>	<b>5,183</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,556</b>	<b>61,993</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>74,373</b>	<b>5,183</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,556</b>	<b>61,993</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>7,060</b>	<b>23,653</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,713</b>	<b>15,380</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>55,186</b>	<b>162,126</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>217,312</b>	<b>201,932</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>62,246</b>	<b>185,779</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>248,025</b>	<b>217,312</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>	Barclays Current Account	11,284	26,709	-
	Virgin Money Deposit Account	50,962	-	-
	Cambridge & Counties 95-Day Notice Savings Account	-	79,469	-
	Hampshire Trust 120-Day Notice Savings Account	-	79,601	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>62,246</b>	<b>185,779</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

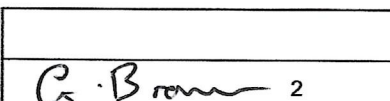
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	GORDON BROWN	03/11/2022



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
**HOPE CHURCH - BEDLINGTON**

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

**31st August 2022**

**Charity no  
(if any)**

**1153786**

**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

**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:** 

**Date:** **2/11/2022**

**Name:** **JASON ANDREW FIELDING**

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

**MAAT 10310691**

**Address:**

**19 STATION STREET,  
BEDLINGTON, NORTHYBERLAND  
NE22 7SN**

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.**

**HOPE CHURCH BEDLINGTON**

England & Wales - Charity number 1153786

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 09	Year 2020		Day 31	Month 08	Year 2021

**Charity name**

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

**Charity's principal address**

Community Help Hub	
30 Front Street West	
Bedlington, Northumberland	
<b>Postcode</b>	NE22 5UB

**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	Sally Rose-Marie Poxon	Chairperson		
2	Dennis Beverley Clive Fancett	Secretary		
3	Gordon Frederick Brown	Treasurer		
4	Adrian Mills Gibbins			

**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Legal	Roger Snowdon	MacLachlan Solicitors, Blackmore Vale House Newbury, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4QJ
Independent Examiner	David Fielding	DCM Business Services, 19 Station Street, Bedlington Station, Northumberland, NE22 7JN

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

## Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO Constitution dated 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2014
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Additional trustees may be appointed for a term of up to 5 years by resolution of the existing trustees, subject to the nominated trustee signing a declaration of willingness to act as a Trustee and a statement agreeing to uphold the doctrines set out in the Basis of Faith produced by The Evangelical Alliance.

## Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

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

The CIO has in place a written procedure for the appointment of new Trustees

Hope Church is part of the Catalyst Network family of churches. It is also a member of the Evangelical Alliances and the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service (Thirtyone:eight)

Hope Church enjoys a strong relationship with The Catalyst Network of Churches, particularly Mosaic Church Leeds, which leads our local partnership.

The major risk is that an unexpected fall in monthly donations to the Church leaves it unable to meet its outgoings. As the CIO does not at this time own assets, most of its outgoings can be reduced quickly. The exceptions are the employment of a church leader and rental and utility bills for the Community Help Hub premises (although the CIO has negotiated a 3-month notice period on the premises to mitigate the latter risk). These are the potential vulnerable areas for the CIO.

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

- 1) To advance Christianity in Northumberland and elsewhere, by any means or medium that is or may become available, in accordance with the Statement of Doctrine set out in the Schedule
- 2) To relieve poverty and/or provide care for those who are in need because of sickness, age, distress or some other reason.
- 3) To advance education both general and vocational for children or adults but always within the principles of the Christian faith

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

- 1) The Church holds Sunday services which are open to members of the public and profiled in our publicity material. These have continued online during the Covid-19 pandemic when it has not been advisable to meet in person and in doing so have attracted people from outside the local area.
- 2) The Church continues to also offer Alpha Courses (online or in-person as per lockdown rules at the time).

3) The Church continues to run weekly small group meetings which offer those attending the opportunity for support, furthering their faith and prayer. During the Covid-19 pandemic these moved to an online format.

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

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

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

The primary objective of the CIO is not specifically grant-making and no specific policy exists. Individual requests are considered by the Church leaders based on their merit and their fit with the Church values as set out in the Schedule to the Trust Deed

The CIO recognises the significant contribution made by volunteers in pursuing its objectives.



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

The main Sunday Meetings for Hope Church moved to a live, online platform due to Covid-19, they continue to attract new people to the Church.

Mid-week groups for church members or those interested in joining The Church are on-going. They moved to an online format due to the pandemic.

In the Christmas period the Church Members carried out "acts of kindness" during which many activities were carried out to contribute to the local community (e.g. litter picking, donating to local food bank).

The CIO continued to employ a full-time leader.



**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The CIO aims to hold on reserve sufficient funds to meet anticipated expenditure over the following 3-month period. At this stage in the CIO's development, to do anything more than this is unrealistic, though the Trustees are aware the CIO has a 3-month term commitment on the lease of the Community Help Hub premises.

A building fund exists, and the associated funds are reserved for the purpose of establishing premises.

The effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on the CIO have, so far, been minimal.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

N/a

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

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

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

The majority of the church income comes from donations from individuals who support the objectives of the CIO.

The CIO does not currently have surplus funds to invest on a very long-term basis and requires access to its money. The Trustees have therefore determined that any surplus funds should not be invested but placed in an immediate or short-term notice deposit account.

**Section F Other optional information**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Sally Rose-Marie Poxon	Gordon Frederick Brown
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairperson	Treasurer
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Date

19/10/2021	20/10/2021
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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**Hope Church Bedlington**

No (if any)  
1153786

CC16a

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
0	01/09/2020		31/08/2021

### 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 from members	47,294	14,342	-	61,636	58,720
Donations from special gift days	10	-	-	10	4,425
Gift Aid Tax refund	13,832	-	-	13,832	13,416
Funding received	-	-	-	-	10,000
Bank interest	40	1,303	-	1,343	2,214
Other income	552	-	-	552	480
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>61,728</b>	<b>15,645</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77,373</b>	<b>89,255</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>61,728</b>	<b>15,645</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77,373</b>	<b>89,255</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Staff remuneration	33,496	-	-	33,496	32,860
Evangelism & Alpha	1,974	-	-	1,974	176
Overseas Ministry & Support	1,500	2,000	-	3,500	-
Travel & subsistence	117	-	-	117	263
Childrens' & Young People work exps	169	-	-	169	401
Conferences & training	580	-	-	580	883
Venue hire	963	-	-	963	3,840
Community Help Hub	8,438	-	-	8,438	9,064
Housing Project/Debt Advice	-	817	-	817	500
Gifts & donations	5,631	2,985	-	8,616	7,547
Church weekend/Catalyst Festival exps	154	-	-	154	701
Professional services	1,924	-	-	1,924	1,890
Admin & support expenses	1,202	351	-	1,553	1,200
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>55,840</b>	<b>6,153</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,993</b>	<b>59,325</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>55,840</b>	<b>6,153</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,993</b>	<b>59,325</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>5,888</b>	<b>9,492</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,380</b>	<b>29,930</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>49,298</b>	<b>152,634</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>201,932</b>	<b>172,002</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>55,186</b>	<b>162,126</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>217,312</b>	<b>201,932</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>	Barclays Current Account	34,260	5,183	-
	Virgin Money Deposit Account	20,926	-	
	Cambridge & Counties 95-Day Notice Savings Account	-	77,539	-
	Hampshire Trust 120-Day Notice Savings Account	-	79,404	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>55,186</b>	<b>162,126</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

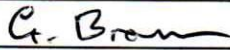
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	GORDON BROWN	13/10/21



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

HOPE CHURCH - BEDINGTON

On accounts for the year  
ended

31st AUGUST 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1153786

Set out on pages

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:

J. Fielding

Date:

12/10/2021

Name:

JASON ANDREW FIELDING

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

G.A.A.T. 10310691

(if any):

Address:

**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.

IT IS NOTED THAT £6342 HELD AS PART OF THE UNRESTRICTED FUNDS, IS BEING KEPT FOR 2021/22 SOCIAL ACTION PROJECTS.