

BARNET CHURCHES ACTION

England & Wales · Charity number 1154935

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [08625115](#)

Registered 2013-12-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN CHIPPING BARNET THROUGH PROMOTING PASTORAL WORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AND TO ENLIGHTEN OTHERS ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION.

Activities: To advance the Christian religion primarily but not exclusively in Chipping Barnet through promoting pastoral work for the benefit of the public and to enlighten others about the Christian religion.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Barnet

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£145,219	£156,069	-	-
2024-03-31	£114,619	£134,202	-	-
2023-03-31	£88,308	£130,669	-	-
2022-03-31	£163,294	£109,702	-	-
2021-03-31	£126,618	£97,197	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JULIAN MARK ROBERT DESBOROUGH		2013-11-11
Jacomino Stephen		2025-03-03
MARY JOSEPHINE BOLAND		2015-10-16
ROGER JOHN SEATON		2013-11-11
Rev Raymond Thomas		2023-03-01
Simon Nigel Shoreman		2020-07-31

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Trustees	Mr Julian Desborough Mr Roger Seaton Mrs Mary Boland Mr Simon Shoreman Rev Ray Thomas Mr Jacomino Stephen (appointed 3 March 2025)
Patron	Mr Martin Russell - Deputy Lieutenant of the Borough of Barnet
Company registration number	8625115
Charity registration number	1154935
Registered Office	117 Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet, Herts EN5 2HR
Community Centre address	Hope Corner Community Centre, 185 Mays Lane Barnet, Herts EN5 2DY
Community Centre manager	Mrs. Janet Nestor
Independent examiners	Griffin Stone Moscrop & Co, Chartered Accountants 21-27 Lamb's Conduit Street, London WC1N 3GS
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

BARNET CHURCHES ACTION
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report together with the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and activities

The main object of the charity was: 'To advance the Christian religion primarily but not exclusively in Chipping Barnet through promoting pastoral work for the benefit of the public and to enlighten others about the Christian religion'.

More than ever, we give God the glory for all that has been achieved this past year at Hope Corner Community Centre, amidst challenging times for all. We thank Him for His guidance, support and protection throughout this time, which has seen the charity get stronger and reach more people than ever before.

In producing their assessment of the benefit to the public provided by the charity the trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

Achievements and performance

Hope Corner Community Centre is well established as the community hub in Underhill Ward and has excellent connections with local authority contractors and voluntary organisations. We work with a variety of partners, some of whom operate out of Hope Corner, including Age UK, Barnet Carers, La Leche League, Underhill Children's Centre, Fixation Academy of Performing Arts, Longrove Surgery (in the community) and a local Pilates specialist. The prayer group continues to meet to pray for our and the residents' spiritual wellbeing.

As a community hub, our manager handles hiring and general enquiries about activities at the centre. We also provide information and link up with local partners externally from the centre, either by referring residents to their services or by advertising their events. We continue to adopt the policy of making lets affordable for the voluntary organisations who use the premises. Hope Corner is often visited by ward councillors, who are on hand to discuss local issues with residents and the centre is used as a polling station for local, London and national elections.

Staffing and volunteering have continued to be blessed, firstly by the addition of a Seniors Outreach Worker (through funding secured for 3 year – see seniors' section), who joined the centre manager as a second full-time employee. One member of our part-time café staff moved on and was replaced by a local university student on gap year, which worked well. The staff team now has two full-time employees and four part-timers (kitchen, café & cleaner). Elsewhere, there were new volunteers, boosting the existing teams for Seniors Lunch Club, Lunch Delivery and Art Club, plus providing staff holiday cover. BCA also appointed Jacomino Stephen to the board of directors.

Community Support Project

Our primary support service operated a drop-in Monday to Friday (9.30am to 2.00pm) throughout the fiscal period, with a one-week break for refurbishment work at the centre at the end of August 2024 and another between Christmas and New Year.

It was another year of unprecedented numbers of residents making use of this service. More than 1,500 enquiries were made to the Community Support Project, with 1,230 people referred to internal solutions and services and 533 to external providers. Top enquiries were Food Bank & Crisis Food (a record 132 food bank vouchers being given out), 175 enquiries for educational and children's activities (referred mainly to the free Maths tuition groups, Art Club and partners Fixation), more than 200 enquiries for seniors' activities and 175 contacts from other external organisations and partners which, for many of them, resulted in our centre publicising the events and services they offered.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The manager assisted more than 200 clients with more complex issues such as applying for PIP, housing and regeneration queries, employment & training, winter heating allowance, blue disabled badges, arranging travel to hospital and doctors' appointments, benefits applications, council tax, etc. There were 117 1-to-1 appointments / meetings and a further 95 meetings on behalf of the charity, regeneration stakeholders and visitors to Hope Corner.

Seniors' work

The seniors' work at Hope Corner was given a significant boost in July 2024 when Clare Frenchum joined full-time as Seniors Outreach Worker (funded for three years by City Bridge Trust). She took over all seniors' activities, including the weekly Lunch Club (Tuesdays) for 25-35 people, and the twice-weekly Lunch Delivery service to 11-17 people who are immobile, housebound or too vulnerable to regularly go out.

Seniors needing crisis assistance, practical help and assistance with life challenges received direct support from the Seniors Outreach Worker, including applying for PIP, winter heating allowance, blue disabled badges and arranging travel to hospital appointments. She also consulted with partner organisations at the centre and externally, as part of the overall care and wellbeing we give to our senior residents.

In terms of numbers, Seniors Outreach Worker met 73 seniors and assisted 66 of them in her first nine months (between Q2 – Q4). She created 43 care case studies, organised 38 fire safety checks of their houses/accommodation with the local Fire Brigade, conducted 31 home visits, made 41 assessments (as well as 5 assessments for carers) and referred 7 people for further care to London Borough of Barnet (social services). She has also visited several seniors in Barnet General hospital.

The partnership with Age UK continued at Hope Corner – a Mobility & Movement class on Mondays and a Flower Arranging class on Tuesdays. Barnet Carers provided a fortnightly drop-in surgery for voluntary carers on alternate Thursdays. Our ward (Underhill) still has the most voluntary carers in the borough. We worked with Barnet Good Neighbourhood Scheme to identify other seniors in the area who needed assistance in one form or another.

The Seniors Outreach Worker also provided a programme of events to build up friendships and prevent social isolation:

- Visit by local Community Police Officers who gave advice on how to stay safe at home and how to be aware of scams at the door, online and in the post.
- A Trip Down Memory Lane talk with photos, led by one of our seniors.
- One-stop Tech Shop, giving assistance with laptops, tablets and mobile phones, provided by one of our volunteers.
- Theatre Trip to see PAN, a Christmas Pantomime by a local youth theatre group.
- Better Balance Healthwise, led by an organisation which gives exercise demonstrations and teaches seniors how to strengthen the muscles needed to prevent falls.
- Seniors Christmas Lunch for 56 people, the largest gathering of seniors at the centre.
- January to March 2025 – a 10-week Computer Basics course for seniors.
- 7 talent shows, performed by 9 seniors at the Lunch Club in 2025.

Regeneration

Hope Corner continues to provide support for residents who are affected by the regeneration of Dollis Valley, including those who live alongside the new development. Regular Partnership Board meetings take place at Hope Corner and there are surgeries with London & Quadrant representatives at the centre. We also collaborate with the other stakeholders: London Borough of Barnet, Countryside Properties (part of the Vistry Group) and Barnet Homes.

The impact of the regeneration and changes to the local area, including new parking restrictions, continue to affect many residents, not necessarily in a positive manner. The centre has lost parking spaces and still has no disabled bay. The phased development is approximately 3 years behind schedule will recommence at the end of 2025 – phases 4 & 5 – after planning was resubmitted. These delays and changes put pressure on individuals and households, which affect community cohesion and Hope Corner has identified this as a significant issue at this time.

Many residents make use of the Community Café, which sells light meals, snacks and beverages at affordable prices, which helps to alleviate some of this pressure. The catering & café team expanded the menu in summer months, which has proved popular. The centre is a registered Warm Space (in winter) and Cool Space (in summer), providing relief to those who find it difficult to cope with the different challenges, including isolation, poor heating in winter or poor ventilation in summer.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

BCA completed its administration of the Dollis Valley Flexible Fund, which spent all remaining funds on local projects. We were thankful for those who served on the steering committee made up of residents, stakeholders and partners. The final applications for funds for projects went to: Barnet Debt Centre (Christians Against Poverty), Mama Haven, Underhill Children's Centre (x2) and Hope Corner (Maths & Art Club).

For regeneration phases 4 & 5, BCA has been invited by London borough of Barnet to tender an application for introducing an employability project within the Section 106 funding stream. This will mean working with regeneration partners and employability organisations such as Boost and the Shaw Trust. The bid was successful and activities and funds will become available in 2025-6 fiscal.

Fundraising

BCA continues to be thankful for God's provision in the past financial year. Lettings have been consistent, with all lets committing to another year despite a small increase being made to rentals, due to rising energy costs. Café income has grown with more people finding the centre a comfortable and friendly place to visit. The manager made an inflationary rise in café prices towards the end of 2024. BCA still depends on most of its funding from grant-making trusts and donations for voluntary organisations.

A list of our funders for 2024-5 (includes funding carried over at start of year):

- Barnet Community Fund – Warm Hubs (community centre provision over winter months).
- National Digital Inclusion Network – Establishing digital inclusion services alongside existing provision.
- Eleanor Palmer Trust – Community Support Project.
- Garfield Weston Foundation – General/Core.
- Hadley Trust – Core, Community Support Project, Seniors.
- Laing Trusts – Community Support Project.
- Leathersellers Foundation – Seniors.
- Churches Together for Chipping Barnet – General.
- Valentine Poole Charity – Lunch Delivery Service.
- Dollis Valley Flexible Fund – Maths, Art Club.
- Dollis Valley Ground Rent – Fire equipment.
- City Bridge Trust – Seniors Outreach Worker.

At the start of 2025, trustees worked on a bid to run employability services with local partners, which would be funded by the Section 106 Regeneration. This was successful but due to delays with the regeneration building work, funding will not be made available until well into the 2025-6 fiscal.

Trustees have made applications to Regeneration stakeholders for costs incurred since occupation, which BCA is claiming back from the Ground Rent Scheme. These cover defects which the charity had to repair, vital improvements to enable operations, and maintenance of fire safety systems. Some have been agreed while others are still under negotiation. These will be paid in 2025-6.

Financial review

The charity's funds are divided into restricted, designated and unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which they have been given. During the year grants were received amounting to £69,759. Grant monies of £82,860 were used during the year. The balance on restricted funds at the end of year was £23,331.

The designated fund was set up in 2018 following the receipt of a grant of £100,000 from the funds bequeathed for charitable purposes which the trustees have designated for the following purposes:

- To fund core costs (excluding core salaries) in running the community centre which could not be otherwise funded by grant-making trusts
- To support shortfalls in funding for the Community Support Project
- To offset costs incurred by projects that have subsidised elements, such as providing affordable rental rates to local residents and organisations, subsidised food in the community café, etc.
- To help develop and extend existing projects
- To help fund new projects

None of the fund has been used this year so that a balance of £34,708 is carried forward to future years, to be spent as the need arises on activities and services that the charity would be unable to develop without it.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The unrestricted fund, the general fund, is the main fund into which income is received and payment is made for the cost of running the charity. The income for the year was £75,460 and expenditure for the year was £73,209.

As a result, there was net income on the general fund for the year of £2,251 and the balance to carry forward at the end of the year was £8,300.

Because of continuing support from charitable organisations, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

It is the policy of the trustees to maintain a balance on general fund, if possible, which equates to three months unrestricted payments. The budget for core costs for the year to 31 March 2026 is about the same as for 2025 at £70,000 so that the balance carried forward only meets this policy due to the availability, if required, of the designated fund. All other costs will be paid for from grant funding which is already available or will be sought in the coming year.

Structure, governance and management

The company was incorporated on 25 July 2013 and was registered as a charity on 9 December 2013. The charity took over the operation and assets of The Valley Centre, an unincorporated association sponsored by Churches Together for Chipping Barnet, as from 1 April 2014.

New trustees are appointed from time to time, being persons who have an interest in the objectives of the charity. The trustees have been in contact as the need has arisen during the year.

The members of the company are two representatives from each of the eleven churches that make up Churches Together for Chipping Barnet and each member has liability limited to a sum not exceeding £1.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity may be exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the charity. They are satisfied systems are in place to mitigate any exposure to major risks. All necessary insurances are in place, CCTV is installed, there is a fire-proof safe for documents, a minimal amount of cash is kept on the premises and safeguarding procedures are in place.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that year. In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In preparing this report, the trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemption provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the board of trustees on 29 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

JULIAN DESBOROUGH - Director

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Designated funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:						
Donations	2	30,637	-	69,759	100,396	77,386
Charitable activities:						
Centre lettings		16,226	-	-	16,226	11,065
Café income		27,092	-	-	27,092	24,667
Interest		1,505	-	-	1,505	1,501
Total income		75,460	-	69,759	145,219	114,619
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	3,4	73,209	-	82,860	156,069	134,202
Total expenditure		73,209	-	82,860	156,069	134,202
Net (expenditure) income and net movement of funds for the year		2,251	-	(13,101)	(10,850)	(19,583)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total Funds at 1 April 2024		6,049	34,708	36,432	77,189	96,772
Total Funds at 31 March 2025		8,300	34,708	23,331	66,339	77,189

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The attached notes form part of the accounts.

BARNET CHURCHES ACTION**Company Registration Number: 8625115****BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	7	6,396	1,059
Bank deposit account		30,000	30,000
Cash on bank current account and in hand		34,602	52,158
		<u>70,998</u>	<u>83,217</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	4,659	6,028
Net current assets		<u>66,339</u>	<u>77,189</u>
Funds	9		
General fund		8,300	6,049
Designated funds		34,708	34,708
Restricted funds		23,331	36,432
		<u>66,339</u>	<u>77,189</u>

The directors consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 2025 and of its net incoming resources for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 of the Act and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the financial statements so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements were approved by the directors on 29 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

ROGER SEATON
Director

JULIAN DESBOROUGH
Director

The attached notes form part of the accounts.

BARNET CHURCHES ACTION
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities : Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Company Status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are two representatives from each of the eleven churches that make up Churches Together for Chipping Barnet and each member has a liability limited to a sum not exceeding £1.

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.4. Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payment to a third party. It is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings.

Support costs are costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. These include development costs and equipment which have been written off. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

1.5 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the objects of the company. Designated funds are those funds that have been set aside by the directors for a particular purpose. Restricted funds are those funds that have been donated for a particular purpose and must be spent by the directors on the furtherance of that purpose.

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1.6 Debtors

The unpaid lettings invoices are recognised at the settlement amount.
Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1.7 Creditors

Creditors are recognised where a charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualifies as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments (including debtors and creditors) are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.9 Cash on bank current account and in hand

Cash on bank current account and in hand includes cash and current and immediate access deposit accounts.

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2. Income from donations

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Designated funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Grants from charities:					
Hadley Trust	12,000	-	23,000	35,000	35,000
Hyde Trust	-	-	-	-	3,000
Eleanor Palmer	-	-	5,000	5,000	-
Jesus Hospital Tust	-	-	-	-	4,100
Young Barnet Foundation	-	-	3,920	3,920	4,255
Garfield Weston	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
Valentine Poole	-	-	3,000	3,000	-
Beatrice Laing	-	-	5,000	5,000	-
Leathersellers	-	-	5,000	5,000	-
Good Things Foundation	-	-	-	-	2,000
City Bridge Trust	-	-	23,632	23,632	15,450
Other grants:	-	-	-	-	-
Churches Together for Chipping Barnet	-	-	-	-	3,000
Dollis Valley Flexible Fund	-	-	1,207	1,207	8,265
Repayment of past expenses by L&Q and London Boro of Barnet	8,399	-	-	8,399	-
Other donations	238	-	-	238	2,316
	30,637	-	69,759	100,396	77,386

For the year ended 31 March 2024 £17,316 related to unrestricted funds and £60,070 related to restricted funds.

3. Expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Designated funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Grants	-	-	9,742	9,742	18,758
Staff costs (excluding café manager)	28,206	-	69,498	97,704	68,632
Utilities	9,400	-	-	9,400	9,332
Repairs, maintenance and equipment	2,100	-	-	2,100	1,068
Catering costs (including café manager)	28,626	-	3,500	32,126	30,215
Other Centre running costs	3,052	-	120	3,172	3,665
Administrative costs	505	-	-	505	1,122
Governance costs (see note 5)	1,320	-	-	1,320	1,410
	73,209	-	82,860	156,069	134,202

For the year ended 31 March 2024 £53,612 related to unrestricted funds, £8,000 to designated funds and £72,590 to restricted funds.

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4. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Direct costs £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Grants	9,742	-	-	9,742	18,758
Staff costs (excluding café manager)	90,866	6,838	-	97,704	68,632
Utilities	9,400	-	-	9,400	9,332
Repairs, maintenance and equipment	2,100	-	-	2,100	1,068
Catering costs (including café manager)	32,126	-	-	32,126	30,215
Other Centre running costs	3,172	-	-	3,172	3,665
Administrative costs	-	505	-	505	1,122
Governance costs (see note 5)	-	-	1,320	1,320	1,410
	147,406	7,343	1,320	156,069	134,202

5. Governance costs (included in analysis in notes 3 and 4)

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Designated funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Independent examination fee	1,320	-	-	1,320	1,410
	1,320	-	-	1,320	1,410

For the year ended 31 March 2024 all costs related to unrestricted funds.

During the year no expenses were reimbursed to trustees (2024 : nil).

6. Staff costs

The average number of staff employed during the year was 6. (2024 : 6). Employers national insurance contributions of £2,581 were paid in the year (2024: £nil). Pension contributions of £1,805 were paid in respect of 5 employees (2024 : 4 - £1,201).

The Centre Manager, Janet Nestor, along with the trustees as a body but chiefly Julian Desborough, are considered the key management personnel of the charity and total remuneration paid in this category amounted to £38,617 (2024: £36,266)

7. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Repayment of past expenses	5,043	-
Centre lettings	220	-
Prepayments	1,133	1,059
	6,396	1,059

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Accruals	1,821	1,800
Other creditors	2,838	4,228
	4,659	6,028

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9. Statement of funds

Restricted funds

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£
Education	1,635	2,277	3,600	312
Seniors work	4,277	13,000	11,367	5,910
Lunches	439	3,600	3,500	539
Drop in project	-	27,250	27,250	-
Play/art club	2,815	-	1,750	1,065
Seniors worker	15,450	23,632	25,531	13,551
Volunteers / staff training program	2,074	-	120	1,954
Dollis Valley Flexible Fund	9,742	-	9,742	-
	36,432	69,759	82,860	23,331
Designated funds	34,708	-	-	34,708
General fund	6,049	75,460	73,209	8,300
	77,189	145,219	156,069	66,339

The above restricted funds are all separate activities of the Centre and are grant funded.

The Dollis Valley Flexible Fund is for use in the regeneration of Dollis Valley. This fund is administered by the charity together with other interested parties including London Boro of Barnet, Countryside, L&Q and the residents. One of the trustees chairs this committee while another trustee represents the residents. The fund is now fully used.

The designated funds are to be used to fund core costs which could not otherwise be grant funded; to support shortfalls in funding for the drop in project; to offset costs incurred by projects that have subsidised elements; to help develop and extend new projects and to fund new projects.

10. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Current assets	12,959	34,708	23,331	70,998	83,217
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	(4,659)	-	-	(4,659)	(6,028)
	8,300	34,708	23,331	66,339	77,189

11. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank deposit account	30,000	30,000
Bank current account	34,502	52,058
Cash in hand	100	100
	64,602	82,158

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Barnet Churches Action

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

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.

Signed:

Richard Hill FCA
Griffin Stone Moscrop & Co
Chartered Accountants
21-27 Lamb's Conduit Street
London WC1N 3GS

Date: 6 October 2025

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BARNET CHURCHES ACTION

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Trustees	Mr Julian Desborough Mr Roger Seaton Mrs Mary Boland Mr Simon Shoreman Rev Ray Thomas
Patron	Mr Martin Russell - Deputy Lieutenant of the Borough of Barnet
Company registration number	8625115
Charity registration number	1154935
Registered Office	117 Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet, Herts EN5 2HR
Community Centre address	Hope Corner Community Centre, 185 Mays Lane Barnet, Herts EN5 2DY
Community Centre manager	Mrs. Janet Nestor
Independent examiners	Griffin Stone Moscrop & Co, Chartered Accountants 21-27 Lamb's Conduit Street, London WC1N 3GS
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

BARNET CHURCHES ACTION
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report together with the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and activities

The main object of the charity was: 'To advance the Christian religion primarily but not exclusively in Chipping Barnet through promoting pastoral work for the benefit of the public and to enlighten others about the Christian religion'.

More than ever, we give God the glory for all that has been achieved this past year at Hope Corner Community Centre, amidst challenging times for all. We thank Him for His guidance, support and protection throughout this time, which has seen the charity get stronger and reach more people than ever before.

In producing their assessment of the benefit to the public provided by the charity the trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit. There are also a number of volunteers assisting with the seniors lunch club, lunch delivery project, art club and catch-up maths. More volunteers are being sought to assist with these projects.

Achievements and performance

The Community Support Project, our primary outreach service, saw unprecedented numbers of people seeking assistance and support, some in real crisis, at the drop-in, which runs from 9.30am - 2.00pm, Monday to Friday. To cope with the upsurge, we introduced 1-to-1 appointments in September 2023, allowing the manager to devote more time to people with complex issues. These take place on weekday afternoons (up to 8 hours per week).

For the fiscal year 2023-4, there were 853 enquiries, of which 583 were referred internally and 477 externally. The internal referrals resulted in 126 appointments for assistance with applications and 119 other 1-to-1 appointments.

The range of enquiries included:

- Emergency and crisis services (including food poverty).
- Benefits assistance.
- Housing and regeneration enquiries.
- Medical assistance, social care and disability assistance.
- Help for voluntary carers.
- Financial assistance and debt counselling.
- Citizens' advice and legal issues.
- Crime prevention and safeguarding.
- Pastoral and bereavement.
- ESOL and education.
- Employment and jobs skills.
- Volunteering.
- Travel assistance.
- Adult and seniors' activities (including Lunch Club).
- Children's activities.
- Wellbeing activities.
- IT assistance and digital inclusion.

Hope Corner is well established as the community hub in Underhill Ward and has excellent connections with local

authority and voluntary organisations. We work with a variety of partners, some of whom operate out of Hope Corner, including Age UK, Barnet Carers, La Leche League, Underhill Children's Centre and Fixation Academy of Performing Arts, and others at other venues, including Chipping Barnet Foodbank, Chipping Barnet Library, Christians Against Poverty, Open Door, Boost, Citizens' Advice Bureau, London Borough of Barnet, Department of Work & Pensions and the emergency services, to name a few.

As a community hub, we manage centre hire enquiries and general enquiries about activities at the centre and other local amenities. We often make referrals to these community organisations and we actively advertise external organisations' events and services. We adopt a policy of making lets affordable for the voluntary organisations which use the venue, as well as assisting with advertising the activity, administrative help with recruitment of attendees and, on occasions, funding initiatives.

Organisations who benefitted from this policy were:

- Age UK, which provides two activities a week for seniors – flower arranging and a seniors' exercise class.
- Fixation Academy of Creative Arts, which provides children's drama and dance classes (Saturdays during term time).
- A local specialist, who hosts a La Leche League breastfeeding support session and a baby sensory and parenting support session (both weekly).
- Makaton Sing & Sign session for mothers and babies, run by staff from Underhill Children's Centre (weekly, during term time).
- Barnet Carers, who host a free drop-in session for voluntary carers (fortnightly).
- Pilates run by a local specialist, who has built up clientele for six sessions a week.
- Longrove Surgery, which provides a weekly NHS community surgery for vulnerable and disabled adults.

Hope Corner is often visited by ward councillors, who are on hand to discuss local issues with residents. The centre is used as a polling station for local, London and national elections.

Many residents make use of the Community Café, which sells light meals, snacks and beverages at affordable prices. The kitchen and café team have brought the café back to pre-Covid levels and summer menus are being planned. The centre is a registered Warm Space (in winter) and Cool Space (in summer), providing relief to those who find it difficult to cope with the different challenges that our climate is throwing at us.

The charity also organises unique events such as a Christmas lunch for more than 60 residents. A special afternoon tea to mark the King's Coronation is planned for May 2024.

Regeneration

Both the charity and the centre continue to play an important part in the regeneration project – not just by fulfilling the community commitment made by the Section 106 agreement. We host and attend the Dollis Valley Partnership Board, which is a stakeholder management committee for the regeneration project. Centre management has coped well with changes in personnel at our regeneration partners and on the Partnership Board, which is never easy when the building project has been subject to delays.

BCA also oversees the administration of the Dollis Valley Flexible Fund, via a steering committee made up of residents, stakeholders and partners, which accepts applications for funds for projects from organisations and individuals that benefit Dollis Valley and the local community. The Fund awarded grants to Barnet Community Projects, Mama Haven, Underhill Children's Centre, Barnet Carers and Hope Corner.

Projects

This kitchen and café team have made our Seniors Lunch (a weekly event for 35 local seniors) something that all look forward to. We have continued to support vulnerable people who are housebound with twice-weekly lunch deliveries and are thankful for our resolute voluntary drivers. Seniors' projects will be developed further in 2024-5, following a successful funding application to hire a Seniors Outreach Worker for three years.

Hope Corner runs a free weekly children's Art Club and twice-weekly free Remedial Maths classes, both of which are oversubscribed. It was part way through 2023 that we had to introduce a second Maths session due to demand and through additional funding. We are thankful for our contractors and volunteers who help run these events.

The charity has been part of an active campaign to raise the issue of the digital exclusion of residents in our council ward, since only 41% of residents in work are able to work from home, significantly lower than other wards. Following funding in 2023, we completed a survey of more than 500 houses and published results showing significant exclusion of residents from affordable and reliable Wifi and mobile services on Dollis Valley (the report

can be found on the Hope Corner website). Hope Corner is also able to offer free and fast Wifi (provided free of charge by Community Fibre), which provides some relief to residents.

Initiatives for reaching unemployed residents and school leavers with few qualifications are ongoing. We advertise local opportunities for jobs and training on our external noticeboards and website. In October, we hosted Boost employment and social outreach surgeries while Chipping Barnet Library was refurbished. There are plans in 2024-5 to enhance and develop our partnership with Boost and with the Shaw Trust to potentially host employment surgeries, ESOL classes, computer basics for seniors and IT skills for older adults looking to retrain.

Finance & Funding

One-off lettings and bookings have increased and returned to pre-Covid levels. Long-term lettings have been added to with the Longrove Surgery let and others have asked to run additional sessions. Café income has gradually increased, both with more people coming in and a small rise in prices in early 2024.

Our main income, however, still comes from grant-making trusts. We have received and used grants and donations from:

- Hadley Trust – £35,000 (Core costs, Community Support Project, Seniors' worker)
- Jesus Hospital – £4,100 (1-to-1 sessions, Community Support Project)
- YBF Space2Grow 29 – £3,700 (Catchup Maths 1)
- Hyde Foundation – £3,000 (Art Club)
- Good Things Foundation – £4,000 (Digital survey of Dollis Valley)
- Barnet Community Fund – £9,250 (Seniors Lunch & Lunch Delivery services)
- City Bridge Trust – £30,900 (Seniors Outreach Worker)
- Cooperative – £1,689.91 (1-to-1 sessions, Community Support Project)
- Dollis Valley Flexible Fund – £8,265 (1-to-1 sessions / Art Club / Catchup Maths 2)
- Churches Together – £3,000 (Community Support Project)

Financial review

The charity's funds are divided into restricted, designated and unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which they have been given. During the year grants were received amounting to £60,070. Grant monies of £72,590 were used during the year. The balance on restricted funds at the end of year was £36,432.

The designated fund was set up in 2018 following the receipt of a grant of £100,000 from the funds bequeathed for charitable purposes which the trustees have designated for the following purposes:

- To fund core costs (excluding core salaries) in running the community centre which could not be otherwise funded by grant-making trusts
- To support shortfalls in funding for the Community Support Project
- To offset costs incurred by projects that have subsidised elements, such as providing affordable rental rates to local residents and organisations, subsidised food in the community café, etc.
- To help develop and extend existing projects
- To help fund new projects

£8,000 of the fund has been used this year so that a balance of £34,708 is carried forward to future years, to be spent as the need arises on activities and services that the charity would be unable to develop without it.

The unrestricted fund, the general fund, is the main fund into which income is paid and payment is made for the cost of running the charity. The income for the year was £54,549 and expenditure for the year was £53,612.

As a result, there was net income on the general fund for the year of £937 and the balance to carry forward at the end of the year was £6,049.

Because of continuing support from charitable organisations the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they

continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

It is the policy of the trustees to maintain a balance on general fund, if possible, which equates to three months unrestricted payments. The budget for core costs for the year to 31 March 2025 is about the same as for 2024 at £70,000 so that the balance carried forward only meets this policy due to the availability, if required, of the designated fund. Grant funding has been sought since the year end to improve the charity's financial position. It is expected that most of the restricted funds carried forward to 2025 will be used in that year to fund continuing projects.

Structure, governance and management

The company was incorporated on 25 July 2013 and was registered as a charity on 9 December 2013. The charity took over the operation and assets of The Valley Centre, an unincorporated association sponsored by Churches Together for Chipping Barnet, as from 1 April 2014.

New trustees are appointed from time to time, being persons who have an interest in the objectives of the charity. The trustees have been in contact as the need has arisen during the year.

The members of the company are two representatives from each of the eleven churches that make up Churches Together for Chipping Barnet and each member has liability limited to a sum not exceeding £1.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity may be exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the charity. They are satisfied systems are in place to mitigate any exposure to major risks. All necessary insurances are in place, CCTV is installed, there is a fire-proof safe for documents, a minimal amount of cash is kept on the premises and safeguarding procedures are in place.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that year. In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- o select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- o observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- o make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- o state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- o prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In preparing this report, the trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemption provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the board of trustees on 30 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

JULIAN DESBOROUGH
Director

BARNET CHURCHES ACTION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Designated funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:						
Donations	2	17,316	-	60,070	77,386	57,201
Charitable activities:						
Centre lettings		11,065	-	-	11,065	10,658
Café income		24,667	-	-	24,667	19,834
Interest		1,501	-	-	1,501	615
Total income		54,549	-	60,070	114,619	88,308
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	3,4	53,612	8,000	72,590	134,202	130,669
Total expenditure		53,612	8,000	72,590	134,202	130,669
Net (expenditure) income and net movement of funds for the year		937	(8,000)	(12,520)	(19,583)	(42,361)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total Funds at 1 April 2023		5,112	42,708	48,952	96,772	139,133
Total Funds at 31 March 2024		6,049	34,708	36,432	77,189	96,772

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The attached notes form part of the accounts.

BARNET CHURCHES ACTION**Company Registration Number: 8625115****BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	7	1,059	860
Bank deposit account		30,000	40,000
Cash on bank current account and in hand		52,158	62,432
		<u>83,217</u>	<u>103,292</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	6,028	6,520
Net current assets		<u>77,189</u>	<u>96,772</u>
Funds	9		
General fund		6,049	5,112
Designated funds		34,708	42,708
Restricted funds		36,432	48,952
		<u>77,189</u>	<u>96,772</u>

The directors consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 2024 and of its net incoming resources for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 of the Act and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the financial statements so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements were approved by the directors on 30 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

ROGER SEATON
Director

JULIAN DESBOROUGH
Director

The attached notes form part of the accounts.

**BARNET CHURCHES ACTION
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities : Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Company Status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are two representatives from each of the eleven churches that make up Churches Together for Chipping Barnet and each member has a liability limited to a sum not exceeding £1.

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.4. Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payment to a third party. It is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings.

Support costs are costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. These include development costs and equipment which have been written off. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

1.5 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the objects of the company. Designated funds are those funds that have been set aside by the directors for a particular purpose. Restricted funds are those funds that have been donated for a particular purpose and must be spent by the directors on the furtherance of that purpose.

**BARNET CHURCHES ACTION
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

1.6 Debtors

The unpaid lettings invoices are recognised at the settlement amount.
Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1.7 Creditors

Creditors are recognised where a charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualifies as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments (including debtors and creditors) are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.9 Cash on bank current account and in hand

Cash on bank current account and in hand includes cash and current and immediate access deposit accounts.

BARNET CHURCHES ACTION
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2. Income from donations

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Designated funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Grants from charities:					
Elizabeth Allen	-	-	-	-	2,000
Hadley Trust	12,000	-	23,000	35,000	35,000
Hyde Trust	-	-	3,000	3,000	-
Barnet Community Fund	-	-	-	-	8,327
Jesus Hospital Tust	-	-	4,100	4,100	-
Young Barnet Foundation	-	-	4,255	4,255	-
Good Things Foundation	-	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
City Bridge Trust	-	-	15,450	15,450	-
Other grants:	-				
Churches Together for Chipping Barnet	3,000	-	-	3,000	-
Dollis Valley Flexible Fund	-	-	8,265	8,265	-
Ground rent fund of landlord	-	-	-	-	2,818
Other donations	2,316	-	-	2,316	7,056
	17,316	-	60,070	77,386	57,201

For the year ended 31 March 2023 £19,056 related to unrestricted funds and £38,145 related to restricted funds.

3. Expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Designated funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Grants	-	-	18,758	18,758	7,200
Staff costs (excluding café manager)	18,352	8,000	42,280	68,632	72,709
Utilities	8,132	-	1,200	9,332	10,613
Repairs, maintenance and equipment	1,068	-	-	1,068	6,052
Catering costs (including café manager)	23,327	-	6,888	30,215	28,311
Other Centre running costs	201	-	3,464	3,665	3,796
Administrative costs	1,122	-	-	1,122	668
Governance costs (see note 5)	1,410	-	-	1,410	1,320
	53,612	8,000	72,590	134,202	130,669

For the year ended 31 March 2023 £68,046 related to unrestricted funds and £62,623 to restricted funds.

BARNET CHURCHES ACTION
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4. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Direct costs £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Grants	18,758	-	-	18,758	7,200
Staff costs (excluding café manager)	62,418	6,214	-	68,632	72,709
Utilities	9,332	-	-	9,332	10,613
Repairs, maintenance and equipment	1,068	-	-	1,068	6,052
Catering costs (including café manager)	30,215	-	-	30,215	28,311
Other Centre running costs	3,665	-	-	3,665	3,796
Administrative costs	-	1,122	-	1,122	668
Governance costs (see note 5)	-	-	1,410	1,410	1,320
	125,456	7,336	1,410	134,202	130,669

5. Governance costs (included in analysis in notes 3 and 4)

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Designated funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Independent examination fee	1,410	-	-	1,410	1,320
	1,410	-	-	1,410	1,320

For the year ended 31 March 2023 all costs related to unrestricted funds.

During the year no expenses were reimbursed to trustees (2023 : nil).

6. Staff costs

The average number of staff employed during the year was 6. (2023 : 6). Employers national insurance contributions of £nil were paid in the year (2023: £nil). Pension contributions of £1,201 were paid in respect of 4 employees (2023 : 2 - £1,099).

The Centre Manager, Janet Nestor, along with the trustees as a body but chiefly Julian Desborough, are considered the key management personnel of the charity and total remuneration paid in this category amounted to £36,366 (2023: £35,586).

	2024 £	2023 £
7. Debtors		
Prepayments	1,059	860
	1,059	860

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Accruals	1,800	1,850
Other creditors	4,228	4,670
	6,028	6,520

BARNET CHURCHES ACTION
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9. Statement of funds

Restricted funds

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£
Education	-	6,705	5,070	1,635
Seniors work	3,187	8,000	6,910	4,277
Lunches	8,327	-	7,888	439
Drop in project	-	22,100	22,100	-
Play/art club	-	5,815	3,000	2,815
Seniors worker	-	15,450	-	15,450
Volunteers / staff training program	6,938	-	4,864	2,074
Digital exclusion	2,000	2,000	4,000	-
Dollis Valley Flexible Fund	28,500	-	18,758	9,742
	48,952	60,070	72,590	36,432
Designated funds	42,708	-	8,000	34,708
General fund	5,112	54,549	53,612	6,049
	96,772	114,619	134,202	77,189

The above restricted funds are all separate activities of the Centre and are grant funded.

The Dollis Valley Flexible Fund is for use in the regeneration of Dollis Valley. This fund is administered by the charity together with other interested parties including London Boro of Barnet, Countryside, L&Q and the residents. One of the trustees chairs this committee while another trustee represents the residents.

The designated funds are to be used to fund core costs which could not otherwise be grant funded; to support shortfalls in funding for the drop in project; to offset costs incurred by projects that have subsidised elements; to help develop and extend new projects and to fund new projects.

10. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Current assets	12,077	34,708	36,432	83,217	103,292
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	(6,028)	-	-	(6,028)	(6,520)
	6,049	34,708	36,432	77,189	96,772

11. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank deposit account	30,000	40,000
Bank current account	52,058	62,332
Cash in hand	100	100
	82,158	102,432

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Barnet Churches Action

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or

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

Richard Hill FCA
Griffin Stone Moscrop & Co
Chartered Accountants
21-27 Lamb's Conduit Street
London WC1N 3GS

Date: 14 October 2024

Accounts

BARNET CHURCHES ACTION

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Trustees	Mr Julian Desborough Mr Roger Seaton Mrs Mary Boland Mrs Margaret Dixon (resigned 29 November 2022) Mr Simon Shoreman Rev Ray Thomas (appointed 1 March 2023)
Patron	Mr Martin Russell - Deputy Lieutenant of the Borough of Barnet
Company registration number	8625115
Charity registration number	1154935
Registered Office	117 Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet, Herts EN5 2HR
Community Centre address	Hope Corner Community Centre, 185 Mays Lane Barnet, Herts EN5 2DY
Community Centre manager	Mrs. Janet Nestor
Independent examiners	Griffin Stone Moscrop & Co, Chartered Accountants 21-27 Lamb's Conduit Street, London WC1N 3GS
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

BARNET CHURCHES ACTION
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report together with the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and activities

The main object of the charity was: 'To advance the Christian religion primarily but not exclusively in Chipping Barnet through promoting pastoral work for the benefit of the public and to enlighten others about the Christian religion'.

The main goal of the charity has been to build on the first six years of operations at Hope Corner Community Centre on Mays Lane which had been developed as part of the regeneration project of the Dollis Valley Estate. It continues to support and administer relief to residents in Dollis Valley and the Underhill Ward. The Centre is the official community hub for this area.

Activities in the year continue to be related to generating sufficient income through donations and applications to grant-making trusts to fund operations at the Centre and to introduce new projects that would help to improve the lives of residents in the surrounding area.

The charity has managed Hope Corner Community Centre on Mays Lane with a staffing structure which reflects the services and activities it provides. It has one full-time manager, a part-time seniors coordinator, a part-time assistant, a part-time cook, a part-time café assistant and a catch-up maths tutor.

In producing their assessment of the benefit to the public provided by the charity the trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. There are also a number of volunteers assisting with the seniors lunch club, lunch delivery project, art club and catch-up maths. More volunteers are being sought to assist with these projects.

Achievements and performance

Lettings

Lettings have recovered after Covid. The rent increase at the start of 2022 did not affect the appeal of the centre as a venue (except for Ward Councillors who wanted weekend sessions which we could not provide).

- Local charity Barnet Carers has a weekly drop-in on Thursday mornings.
- Pilates – four sessions a week.
- La Leche (breast-feeding support) – once a fortnight.
- Fixation Academy of Performing Arts – several sessions on Saturdays.
- Rhyme Time (in association with Underhill School) for pre-school children and parents.
- Brooks Academy of Irish Dancing – a weekly session.
- London & Quadrant housing surgeries – twice a month.

Classes

- ESOL classes (in partnership with Barnet & Southgate College) – weekly
- Make & Mend, which provided home tailoring sessions for 10 residents (run by Smallwood Trust, L&Q and Kundakala.Org). This ran for six months to end of 2022.
- Age UK provides music & mobility sessions and flower arranging classes – both once a week.

Projects

The Community Support Project has been busy with food bank enquiries, application form filling for Universal Credit, PIF, etc., council/organisation signposting, practical assistance like arranging hospital visits and transport for the most vulnerable, referrals to local welfare groups and so on.

The café continues to be well supported. We continue to operate the Crisis Food Voucher Scheme for anyone urgently needing a free meal.

After school clubs for Catch-up Maths (once a week) and Art Club (once a week) have been run. Also the Homework Club run 3 times a week but its future is being evaluated due to lack of funding and quantifiable results.

The Seniors' Lunch Club operates weekly with 30-35 attendees, and we continue to deliver lunch to 7-12 vulnerable people twice a week.

Partnerships

Our work on the Dollis Valley Flexible Fund Steering Committee, saw grants awarded to:

- Hope Corner's Homework Club and Lunch Delivery Service.
- Underhill School Children's Centre/Grow to encourage children to grow flowers, fruit and vegetables.
- London Village Network, which will provide a six-week employment mentoring course for students at Totteridge Academy in April 2023.

We have an ongoing partnership with LBB, Barnet Library and other organisations around the issue of digital inclusion. Six reconditioned laptops from the council have been given out to residents (mainly to assist children with e-learning and homework) and a further 10 arrived in January, also for distribution.

Tablets (acquired through the Mayor's IT Fund) are being used by the Catch-up Maths group and five new laptops (also from the Mayor's Fund) have been transitioned into the centre's machines. We are improving BCA's digital resilience with a new email address for the charity; barnetca@outlook.com plus Community Fibre has installed public wifi (free for life).

We have received funding from Good Things Foundation to provide a survey of the non-development households on Dollis Valley, highlighting the lack of telecoms infrastructure and potential digital exclusion. This will then be fed back to the council and other organisations for action.

Pastoral

The prayer group meets Wednesdays to pray for the centre and local area. We are seeking God to expand the vision of Hope Corner.

Funding

- Professional floor-cleaning equipment has been funded by Dollis Valley Ground Rent Scheme
- Barnet Community Fund – Main Grant (for the community lunch projects in 2023)
- Hadley Trust – annual donation (Community Support project, core costs and seniors work)
- Elizabeth Allen Trust (supporting Homework Club & Catch-up Maths)
- Good Things Foundation – for the digital survey

We are expecting funding to come for 2023-4 to come from:

- Mission & Ministry, St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance (Warm Spaces)
- A year-long tenure as one of the Cooperative's local charities (runs from October 23rd, 2022)
- Save2Grow for Catch-up Maths for 2023-4 (one session per week).

There are also applications in progress with the Hyde Foundation (Art Club), L&Q Placemakers and City Bridge Trust (Seniors Worker) and Dollis Valley Flexible Fund (Catch-up Maths for 2023-4, second session per week).

Financial review

The charity's funds are divided into restricted, designated and unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which they have been given. During the year grants were received amounting to £38,145. Grant monies of £62,623 were used during the year. The balance on restricted funds at the end of year was £48,952.

The designated fund was set up in 2018 following the receipt of a grant of £100,000 from the funds bequeathed for charitable purposes which the trustees have designated for the following purposes:

- To fund core costs (excluding core salaries) in running the community centre which could not be otherwise funded by grant-making trusts
- To support shortfalls in funding for the Community Support Project
- To offset costs incurred by projects that have subsidised elements, such as providing affordable rental rates to local residents and organisations, subsidised food in the community café, etc.
- To help develop and extend existing projects
- To help fund new projects

No use of the fund was made during the year so that a balance of £42,708 continues to be carried forward to future years, to be spent as the need arises on activities and services that the charity would be unable to develop without it.

The unrestricted fund, the general fund, is the main fund into which income is paid and payment is made for the cost of running the charity. The income of the year was £50,163 and expenditure for the year was £68,046.

As a result, there was net expenditure on the general fund for the year of £17,883 and the balance to carry forward at the end of the year was £5,112.

Because of continuing support from charitable organisations the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

It is the policy of the trustees to maintain a balance on general fund, if possible, which equates to three months unrestricted payments. The budget for core costs for the year to 31 March 2024 is about the same as for 2023 at £70,000 so that the balance carried forward only meets this policy due to the availability, if required, of the designated fund. Grant funding has been sought since the year end to improve the charity's financial position. It is expected that most of the restricted funds carried forward to 2024 will be used in that year to fund continuing projects.

Structure, governance and management

The company was incorporated on 25 July 2013 and was registered as a charity on 9 December 2013. The charity took over the operation and assets of The Valley Centre, an unincorporated association sponsored by Churches Together for Chipping Barnet, as from 1 April 2014.

New trustees are appointed from time to time, being persons who have an interest in the objectives of the charity. The trustees have been in contact as the need has arisen during the year.

The members of the company are two representatives from each of the eleven churches that make up Churches Together for Chipping Barnet and each member has liability limited to a sum not exceeding £1.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity may be exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the charity. They are satisfied systems are in place to mitigate any exposure to major risks. All necessary insurances are in place, CCTV is installed, there is a fire-proof safe for documents, a minimal amount of cash is kept on the premises and safeguarding procedures are in place.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that year. In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In preparing this report, the trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemption provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the board of trustees on 9 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

JULIAN DESBOROUGH
Director

BARNET CHURCHES ACTION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Designated funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:						
Donations	2	19,056	-	38,145	57,201	113,311
Charitable activities:						
Centre lettings		10,658	-	-	10,658	9,409
Café income		19,834	-	-	19,834	14,788
Government Covid grants		-	-	-	-	17,579
HMRC furlough grants		-	-	-	-	7,851
Interest		615	-	-	615	356
Total income		50,163	-	38,145	88,308	163,294
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	3,4	68,046	-	62,623	130,669	109,702
Total expenditure		68,046	-	62,623	130,669	109,702
Net (expenditure) income and net movement of funds for the year		(17,883)	-	(24,478)	(42,361)	53,592
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total Funds at 1 April 2022		22,995	42,708	73,430	139,133	85,541
Total Funds at 31 March 2023		5,112	42,708	48,952	96,772	139,133

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The attached notes form part of the accounts.

BARNET CHURCHES ACTION**Company Registration Number: 8625115****BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Debtors	7	860	897
Bank deposit account		40,000	40,000
Cash on bank current account and in hand		62,432	100,746
		<u>103,292</u>	<u>141,643</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	6,520	2,510
Net current assets		<u>96,772</u>	<u>139,133</u>
Funds	9		
General fund		5,112	22,995
Designated funds		42,708	42,708
Restricted funds		48,952	73,430
		<u>96,772</u>	<u>139,133</u>

The directors consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 2023 and of its net incoming resources for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 of the Act and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the financial statements so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements were approved by the directors on 9 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

ROGER SEATON
Director

JULIAN DESBOROUGH
Director

The attached notes form part of the accounts.

BARNET CHURCHES ACTION
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities : Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Company Status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are two representatives from each of the eleven churches that make up Churches Together for Chipping Barnet and each member has a liability limited to a sum not exceeding £1.

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.4. Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payment to a third party. It is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings.

Support costs are costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. These include development costs and equipment which have been written off. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

1.5 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the objects of the company. Designated funds are those funds that have been set aside by the directors for a particular purpose. Restricted funds are those funds that have been donated for a particular purpose and must be spent by the directors on the furtherance of that purpose.

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1.6 Debtors

The unpaid lettings invoices are recognised at the settlement amount.
Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1.7 Creditors

Creditors are recognised where a charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualifies as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments (including debtors and creditors) are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.9 Cash on bank current account and in hand

Cash on bank current account and in hand includes cash and current and immediate access deposit accounts.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2. Income from donations

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Designated funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Grants from charities:					
Elizabeth Allen	-	-	2,000	2,000	
Hadley Trust	12,000	-	23,000	35,000	33,000
Barnet Community Fund	-	-	8,327	8,327	
Good Things Foundation	-	-	2,000	2,000	
Other grants:					
Churches Together for Chipping Barnet	-	-	-	-	6,000
London Boro of Barnet	-	-	-	-	60,000
Ground rent fund of landlord	-	-	2,818	2,818	12,347
Other donations	7,056	-	-	7,056	1,964
	19,056	-	38,145	57,201	113,311

For the year ended 31 March 2022 £22,464 related to unrestricted funds and £90,847 related to restricted funds.

3. Expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Designated funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Grants	-	-	7,200	7,200	
Staff costs (excluding café manager)	23,580	-	49,129	72,709	68,261
Utilities	10,613	-	-	10,613	8,024
Repairs, maintenance and equipment	3,234	-	2,818	6,052	3,594
Catering costs (including café manager)	27,211	-	1,100	28,311	23,307
Other Centre running costs	1,420	-	2,376	3,796	4,174
Administrative costs	668	-	-	668	1,262
Governance costs (see note 5)	1,320	-	-	1,320	1,080
	68,046	-	62,623	130,669	109,702

For the year ended 31 March 2022 £61,850 related to unrestricted funds and £47,852 to restricted funds.

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4. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Direct costs £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Grants	7,200	-	-	7,200	-
Staff costs (excluding café manager)	68,044	4,665	-	72,709	68,261
Utilities	10,613	-	-	10,613	8,024
Repairs, maintenance and equipment	6,052	-	-	6,052	3,594
Catering costs (including café manager)	28,311	-	-	28,311	23,307
Other Centre running costs	3,796	-	-	3,796	4,174
Administrative costs	-	668	-	668	1,262
Governance costs (see note 5)	-	-	1,320	1,320	1,080
	124,016	5,333	1,320	130,669	109,702

5. Governance costs (included in analysis in notes 3 and 4)

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Designated funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Independent examination fee	1,320	-	-	1,320	1,080
	1,320	-	-	1,320	1,080

For the year ended 31 March 2022 all costs related to unrestricted funds.

During the year no expenses were reimbursed to trustees (2022 : nil).

6. Staff costs

The average number of staff employed during the year was 6. (2022 : 7).

Gross salaries and wages amounted to £84,550 (2022 : £79,609).

Employer's national insurance contributions of £nil were paid in the year (2022: £nil).

Pension contributions of £1,099 were paid in respect of 2 employees (2022 : 2 - £846).

The Centre Manager, Janet Nestor, along with the trustees as a body but chiefly Julian Desborough, are considered the key management personnel of the charity and total remuneration paid in this category amounted to £35,586 (2022: £30,358)

7. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments	860	897
	860	897

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	1,850	1,490
Other creditors	4,670	1,020
	6,520	2,510

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9. Statement of funds

Restricted funds

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£
Education	-	2,000	2,000	-
Seniors work	14,771	8,000	19,584	3,187
Lunches	2,000	8,327	2,000	8,327
Drop in project	2,515	15,000	17,515	-
Play/art club	2,436	-	2,436	-
Repairs / equipment	-	2,818	2,818	-
Fixation Academy for Performing Arts - scholarships	1,950	-	1,950	-
Volunteers / staff training program	15,258	-	8,320	6,938
Digital exclusion	-	2,000	-	2,000
Dollis Valley Flexible Fund	34,500	-	6,000	28,500
	73,430	38,145	62,623	48,952
Designated funds	42,708	-	-	42,708
General fund	22,995	50,163	68,046	5,112
	139,133	88,308	130,669	96,772

The above restricted funds are all separate activities of the Centre and are grant funded.

The Dollis Valley Flexible Fund is for use in the regeneration of Dollis Valley. This fund is administered by the charity together with other interested parties including London Boro of Barnet, Countryside, L&Q and the residents. One of the trustees chairs this committee while another trustee represents the residents.

The designated funds are to be used to fund core costs which could not otherwise be grant funded; to support shortfalls in funding for the drop in project; to offset costs incurred by projects that have subsidised elements; to help develop and extend new projects and to fund new projects.

10. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Current assets	11,632	42,708	48,952	103,292	141,643
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	(6,520)	-	-	(6,520)	(2,510)
	5,112	42,708	48,952	96,772	139,133

11. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank deposit account	40,000	40,000
Bank current account	62,332	38,456
Cash in hand	100	100
	102,432	78,556

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Barnet Churches Action

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or

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

Richard Hill FCA
Griffin Stone Moscrop & Co
Chartered Accountants
21-27 Lamb's Conduit Street
London WC1N 3GS

Date: 14 November 2023

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Activities in the year continue to be related to generating sufficient income through donations and applications to grant-making trusts to fund operations at the Centre and to introduce new projects that would help to improve the lives of residents in the surrounding area.

The charity has managed Hope Corner Community Centre on Mays Lane with a stable staffing structure, which reflects the current services and activities. It has one full-time manager, a part-time seniors coordinator, a part-time assistant, a part-time cook, a part-time café assistant and various volunteers / casual project staff. The most notable change has been the retirement of Sue Day as manager, who left the Centre in February 2022 and has moved to Norfolk. Janet Nestor took over as operations manager on 1 March 2022.

In producing their assessment of the benefit to the public provided by the charity the trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

Achievements and performance

The Community Support Project has been busy helping people connect with local government services, giving referrals to wellbeing services (particularly mental health), assisting people with employment issues and signposting training and vocational opportunities. Food Bank referrals have been particularly busy and we have been referring people to Citizens' Advice Bureau for benefits queries and to Christians Against Poverty for debt counselling.

London & Quadrant hold housing surgeries and the Ward councillors' hold surgeries for residents. Other services for adults run at the centre in partnership with other providers include an ESOL class with Barnet & Southgate College with up to 10 participants.

The Café continues to be busy and there have been takers for the Crisis Food voucher scheme we

introduced for needy people, which gives them a free meal in the café (up to £5). This was funded by the Ground Rent Scheme.

Adult wellbeing classes and specialised support sessions include Pilates, which runs five sessions per week, and La Leche, which runs free breast-feeding support.

Publicity of the centre has increased, with printed fliers produced and distributed to residents on the estate, and the website playing an important part. A careers / job & training noticeboard which advertises opportunities in the borough and beyond on the website is frequently visited. Hope Corner has become part of a trial referral scheme with Transform, which provides young adults and others coming back to employment tools to help them get jobs and prepare them for the workplace.

Seniors Work

- The Seniors' Lunch Club on Tuesdays is ever popular with 30-35 people at each lunch and between 45-50 seniors on the books.
- The Lunch in the Community delivery service continues for 10-12 residents who are either unable to leave their homes or are nervous about coming out. The service had a grant approved for £3,000 from the Dollis Valley Flexible Fund.
- Tea & Tech Computer Basics, which ran for 10 weeks from January, led by Melike Unlu, a post-graduate student, and volunteers from Barnet Rotary Club, was attended by nine seniors, who benefitted from her instruction.
- BCA has partnered with Age UK who host a Flower Arranging session on Tuesdays and Music and Mobility for seniors on Mondays.

Children's work

BCA continues to offer a variety of children's activities at the centre. The centre was represented at the 0-19s services exhibition at Underhill School, which enabled us to link up with other organisations and council departments and are planning with them for a second event in July 2022.

Regular activities for children include:

- Fixation School of Performing Arts has a number of sessions and nine pupils are enrolled on the free Scholarship scheme that we introduced in partnership with them. Funding was received from the Ground Rent Scheme for this initiative.
- Homework Club continues to be popular with local school children, numbers vary from 3 to 10. This now runs Monday to Wednesday after school. The club had a grant approved for £3,000 from the Dollis Valley Flexible Fund and from Elizabeth Allen Trust.
- Catch-up Maths has received funding (as had Homework Club) from Elizabeth Allen Trust so we are looking for a suitable tutor to restart this project in the autumn term.
- Art Club, which runs after school on Fridays, is also growing in numbers with up to 25 children on the books and sessions attended by up to 12 children at a time. Funding was received from the Ground Rent Scheme.
- Rhyme Time for mothers and toddlers has restarted and is run in partnership with Underhill School.

New partnerships, projects and initiatives

A partnership to provide vocational training with Cherry Tree Foundation and London Borough of Barnet saw the completion of the first full vocational training programme at the centre with five residents from the estate plus 10 unemployed people from elsewhere in Barnet training for their railway safety certificate, which will allow them to work for London Transport and other rail providers. 11 completed the course; six have received their Sentinel cards; seven are undergoing job interviews and three have started new employment. BCA is planning to work with Cherry Tree and LBB to provide more training opportunities in 2022.

Following this successful training scheme, BCA is now managing and administering the Dollis Valley Flexible Fund, on behalf of the S106 Regeneration stakeholders. This provides funding for local initiatives and projects and is worth £45K over two years (Hope Corner gets an agreed 10% fee to

administer this over that period). Decisions on funding are overseen by a steering committee made up of regeneration stakeholders and local residents, separate from the Regeneration Partnership Board. The fund has already had three local applications, which have been voted on and approved by the committee. This money is held by BCA in a separate bank account and is ring-fenced accordingly.

Also as part of the S106 Regeneration, BCA has received £15,000 from London Borough of Barnet for a second phase of volunteering and training, which targets residents on Dollis Valley and will provide them with opportunities to volunteer at Hope Corner and elsewhere as a first step to getting back to some kind of employment.

A partnership with the Barnet's Digital Inclusion team and the Library Services team is developing slowly, with Hope Corner publicising Chipping Barnet Library e-services and the centre referring people to local IT support initiatives, including Age UK computer support. There was a poor response to the questionnaire about digital experience that went out in the December Dollis Valley newsletter. However, four refurbished laptops were issued to local families and individuals in 2021 and a further two are being held for distribution; a further 30 similar devices are earmarked for the centre in 2022. Hope Corner has received 10 new tablets and five new laptops from the Mayor's IT Fund, which support projects at the centre (such as the vocational training courses).

Financial review

The charity's funds are divided into restricted, designated and unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which they have been given. During the year grants and other restricted income was received amounting to £97,862. This included £55,500 from London Boro of Barnet, being £15,000 for training volunteers and staff, £3,000 for lunches, £3,000 for the homework club and £34,500 for use in the regeneration of Dollis Valley. Grant monies of £47,852 were used during the year. The balance on restricted funds at the end of year was £73,430.

The designated fund was set up in 2018 following the receipt of a grant of £100,000 from the funds bequeathed for charitable purposes which the trustees have designated for the following purposes:

- To fund core costs (excluding core salaries) in running the community centre which could not be otherwise funded by grant-making trusts
- To support shortfalls in funding for the Community Support Project
- To offset costs incurred by projects that have subsidised elements, such as providing affordable rental rates to local residents and organisations, subsidised food in the community café, etc.
- To help develop and extend existing projects
- To help fund new projects

No use of the fund was made during the year so that a balance of £42,708 continues to be carried forward to future years, to be spent as the need arises on activities and services that the charity would be unable to develop without it.

The unrestricted fund, the general fund, is the main fund into which income is paid and payment is made for the cost of running the charity. The income of the year was £65,432 and expenditure for the year was £61,850.

As a result, there was net income on the general fund for the year of £3,582 and the balance to carry forward at the end of the year was £22,995.

Because of continuing support from charitable organisations the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

It is the policy of the trustees to maintain a balance on general fund, if possible, which equates to three months unrestricted payments. The budget for core costs for the year to 31 March 2023 is about £70,000

so that the balance carried forward meets this policy.

Structure, governance and management

The company was incorporated on 25 July 2013 and was registered as a charity on 9 December 2013. The charity took over the operation and assets of The Valley Centre, an unincorporated association sponsored by Churches Together for Chipping Barnet, as from 1 April 2014.

New trustees are appointed from time to time, being persons who have an interest in the objectives of the charity. The trustees have been in contact as the need has arisen during the year.

The members of the company are two representatives from each of the eleven churches that make up Churches Together for Chipping Barnet and each member has liability limited to a sum not exceeding £1.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity may be exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the charity. They are satisfied systems are in place to mitigate any exposure to major risks. All necessary insurances are in place, CCTV is installed, there is a fire-proof safe for documents, a minimal amount of cash is kept on the premises and safeguarding procedures are in place.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that year. In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In preparing this report, the trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemption provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the board of trustees on 16 November 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

JULIAN DESBOROUGH
Director

BARNET CHURCHES ACTION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Designated funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:						
Donations	2	22,464	-	90,847	113,311	43,720
Charitable activities:						
Centre lettings		9,409	-	-	9,409	1,277
Café income		11,516	-	3,272	14,788	3,054
Government Covid grants		17,579	-	-	17,579	31,286
HMRC furlough grants		4,108	-	3,743	7,851	46,603
Interest		356	-	-	356	678
Total income		65,432	-	97,862	163,294	126,618
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	3,4	61,850	-	47,852	109,702	97,197
Total expenditure		61,850	-	47,852	109,702	97,197
Net income and net movement of funds for the year		3,582	-	50,010	53,592	29,421
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total Funds at 1 April 2021		19,413	42,708	23,420	85,541	56,120
Total Funds at 31 March 2022		22,995	42,708	73,430	139,133	85,541

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The attached notes form part of the accounts.

BARNET CHURCHES ACTION**Company Registration Number: 8625115****BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Debtors	7	897	9,275
Bank deposit account		40,000	40,000
Cash on bank current account and in hand		100,746	38,556
		<u>141,643</u>	<u>87,831</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	2,510	2,290
Net current assets		<u>139,133</u>	<u>85,541</u>
Funds	9		
General fund		22,995	19,413
Designated funds		42,708	42,708
Restricted funds		73,430	23,420
		<u>139,133</u>	<u>85,541</u>

The directors consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 2022 and of its net incoming resources for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 of the Act and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the financial statements so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements were approved by the directors on 16 November 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

ROGER SEATON
Director

JULIAN DESBOROUGH
Director

The attached notes form part of the accounts.

**BARNET CHURCHES ACTION
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities : Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Company Status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are two representatives from each of the eleven churches that make up Churches Together for Chipping Barnet and each member has a liability limited to a sum not exceeding £1.

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.4. Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payment to a third party. It is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings.

Support costs are costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. These include development costs and equipment which have been written off. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

1.5 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the objects of the company. Designated funds are those funds that have been set aside by the directors for a particular purpose. Restricted funds are those funds that have been donated for a particular purpose and must be spent by the directors on the furtherance of that purpose.

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1.6 Debtors

The unpaid lettings invoices are recognised at the settlement amount.
Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1.7 Creditors

Creditors are recognised where a charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualifies as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments (including debtors and creditors) are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.9 Cash on bank current account and in hand

Cash on bank current account and in hand includes cash and current and immediate access deposit accounts.

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2. Income from donations

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Designated funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Grants from charities:					
Hadley Trust	10,000	-	23,000	33,000	33,000
Valentine Poole	-	-	-	-	1,000
Young Barnet Foundation	-	-	-	-	2,500
Other grants:					
Churches Together for Chipping Barnet	6,000	-	-	6,000	-
London Boro of Barnet	4,500	-	55,500	60,000	-
Countryside Properties	-	-	-	-	3,900
Ground rent fund of landlord	-	-	12,347	12,347	1,400
Other donations	1,964	-	-	1,964	1,920
	22,464	-	90,847	113,311	43,720

For the year ended 31 March 2021 £11,920 related to unrestricted funds and £31,800 related to restricted funds.

3. Expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Designated funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Staff costs (excluding café manager)	32,178	-	36,083	68,261	63,035
Utilities	8,024	-	-	8,024	6,492
Repairs, maintenance and equipment	1,367	-	2,227	3,594	4,209
Catering costs (including café manager)	16,186	-	7,121	23,307	20,356
Other Centre running costs	1,753	-	2,421	4,174	1,360
Administrative costs	1,262	-	-	1,262	425
Governance costs (see note 5)	1,080	-	-	1,080	1,320
	61,850	-	47,852	109,702	97,197

For the year ended 31 March 2021 £53,602 related to unrestricted funds and £43,595 to restricted funds.

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4. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Direct costs	Support costs	Governance costs	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs (excluding café manager)	62,974	5,287	-	68,261	63,035
Utilities	8,024	-	-	8,024	6,492
Repairs, maintenance and equipment	3,594	-	-	3,594	4,209
Catering costs (including café manager)	23,307	-	-	23,307	20,356
Other Centre running costs	2,550	1,624	-	4,174	1,360
Administrative costs	819	443	-	1,262	425
Governance costs (see note 5)	-	-	1,080	1,080	1,320
	101,268	7,354	1,080	109,702	97,197

5. Governance costs (included in analysis in notes 3 and 4)

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Independent examination fee	1,080	-	-	1,080	1,320
	1,080	-	-	1,080	1,320

For the year ended 31 March 2021 all costs related to unrestricted funds.

During the year no expenses were reimbursed to trustees (2021 : nil).

6. Staff costs

The average number of staff employed during the year was 7. (2021 : 7). Employers national insurance contributions of £nil were paid in the year (2021: £nil). Pension contributions of £846 were paid in respect of 2 employees (2021 : 3 - £847).

The Centre Manager, Susan Day (to 23 February 2022) and Janet Nestor (from 1 March 2022), along with the trustees as a body but chiefly Julian Desborough, are considered the key management personnel of the charity and total remuneration paid in this category amounted to £30,358 (2021: £29,539).

7. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Unpaid lettings invoices	-	-
Grants outstanding	-	8,202
Prepayments	897	1,073
	897	9,275

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals	1,490	1,471
Other creditors	1,020	819
	2,510	2,290

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9. Statement of funds

Restricted funds

	Brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Carried forward £
Homework club	-	3,746	3,746	-
Seniors work	14,990	8,809	9,028	14,771
Lunches	-	9,122	7,122	2,000
Drop in project	8,072	17,188	22,745	2,515
Play/art club	100	3,820	1,484	2,436
Repairs / equipment	-	2,227	2,227	-
Fixation Academy for Performing Arts - scholarships	-	3,450	1,500	1,950
Volunteers / staff training program	258	15,000	-	15,258
Dollis Valley Flexible Fund	-	34,500	-	34,500
	23,420	97,862	47,852	73,430
Designated funds	42,708	-	-	42,708
General fund	19,413	65,432	61,850	22,995
	85,541	163,294	109,702	139,133

The above restricted funds are all separate activities of the Centre and are grant funded.

London Boro of Barnet made a grant of £60,000 of which £4,500 is for the charity to administer the funds. £15,000 is for the training of volunteers and staff, £3,000 for lunches, £3,000 for the homework club and £34,500 is for use in the regeneration of Dollis Valley. This fund is administered by the charity together with other interested parties including London Boro of Barnet, Countryside, L&Q and the residents. One of the trustees chairs this committee while another trustee represents the residents. The designated funds are to be used to fund core costs which could not otherwise be grant funded; to support shortfalls in funding for the drop in project; to offset costs incurred by projects that have subsidised elements; to help develop and extend new projects and to fund new projects.

10. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Designated funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Current assets	25,505	42,708	73,430	141,643	87,831
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	(2,510)	-	-	(2,510)	(2,290)
	22,995	42,708	73,430	139,133	85,541

11. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank deposit account	40,000	40,000
Bank current account	100,646	38,456
Cash in hand	100	100
	140,746	78,556

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Barnet Churches Action

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or

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

Richard Hill FCA
Griffin Stone Moscrop & Co
Chartered Accountants
21-27 Lamb's Conduit Street
London WC1N 3GS

Date: 21 November 2022

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BARNET CHURCHES ACTION

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Trustees	Mr Julian Desborough Mr Roger Seaton Mrs Mary Boland Mrs Margaret Dixon Mr Simon Shoreman (appointed 31 July 2020)
Patron	Mr Martin Russell - Deputy Lieutenant of the Borough of Barnet
Company registration number	8625115
Charity registration number	1154935
Registered Office	117 Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet, Herts EN5 2HR
Community Centre address	Hope Corner Community Centre, 185 Mays Lane Barnet, Herts EN5 2DY
Community Centre manager	Mrs. Susan Day
Independent examiners	Griffin Stone Moscrop & Co, Chartered Accountants 21-27 Lamb's Conduit Street, London WC1N 3GS
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

BARNET CHURCHES ACTION
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees present their annual report together with the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and activities

The main object of the charity was: 'To advance the Christian religion primarily but not exclusively in Chipping Barnet through promoting pastoral work for the benefit of the public and to enlighten others about the Christian religion'.

The main goal of the charity has been to build on the first four years of operations at Hope Corner Community Centre on Mays Lane which had been developed as part of the regeneration project of the Dollis Valley Estate.

Activities in the year continue to be related to generating sufficient income through donations and applications to grant-making trusts to fund operations at the new centre and to introduce new projects that would help to improve the lives of residents in the surrounding area. However, there has been specific focus on providing services that helped residents negotiate the Covid-19 pandemic and the enforced lockdowns.

The charity has managed Hope Corner Community Centre on Mays Lane with a stable staffing structure, which reflects the current services and activities. It has one full-time manager, a part-time seniors coordinator, a part-time assistant, a part-time cook, a part-time café assistant and various volunteers / casual project staff. The charity has continued to administer relief in need to the residents of Dollis Valley and, more general, the Underhill ward around central Mays Lane through both centres' operations and services.

The business plan has been followed and expanded on, particularly assessing needs arising from the Covid-19 pandemic, and the charity has expanded its network of links and partnerships with local and national organisations to provide further opportunities for funding and volunteer assistance.

In producing their assessment of the benefit to the public provided by the charity the trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

The charity continues to monitor the needs of local residents through the Regeneration Partnership Board and through engagement with service providers from London Borough of Barnet, Countryside Properties and other stakeholders, as well as participating with local groups and at locally organised community events. It is committed to providing a range of activities that provide care to multi-age, multi-faith groups and is in negotiation to provide more vocation initiatives in the local area with other agencies.

Achievements and performance

The centre was closed for a large period of time due to government-enforced lockdown during the Covid-19 pandemic. The first lockdown ran from March 2020 to August 2020, when staff were placed on the government furlough scheme. The trustees agreed to continue to pay 100% of staff wages, making up the 20% not covered by furlough. We received support grant from local government of £25,000 due to the closure of our 'leisure/cafe' facility. This grant covered the loss in income of all the cancelled lettings.

The second period of lockdown ran from December 2020 and continued through to the financial year end (March 31, 2021) and beyond (May 2021). A further £6,286 was received in local government grants. The total amount received during the year from the furlough scheme was £46,603.

From April 2020), members of the charity and staff assisted with the lunch delivery service started by Open Door and Christ Church Food Bank. This developed into a partnership with Open Door entitled 'Lunch in the Community', providing 25-30 lunches, two days per week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) to residents on the Dollis Valley Estate and Underhill Ward. We received direct funding from Countryside Properties (£2,500), The Valentine Poole Charity (£1,000), Barnet Community Response Fund (£2,000) and Underhill Baptist Church. The initiative continued to run between the lockdowns since many vulnerable residents were not venturing out and indoor meetings were still restricted, right up to the financial year end (March 31, 2021). A one-off Christmas lunch was also delivered to 50 residents funded by Countryside Properties), with a further 50 delivered elsewhere in Barnet by Open Door.

When open, Hope Corner continued to provide relief in need through its Community Support Project (formerly known as the Drop-in Project), a triage service which includes referrals to local Food Banks, Housing Association surgeries, general drop-in advice, assistance with benefits (particularly with the change to Universal Credit), local Ward councillors' surgeries, etc. Most of the Regeneration Partnership Board Meetings and advice clinics for residents provided by London & Quadrant, the housing association, switched to Zoom meetings.

The Centre offered a much-reduced number of affordable lets, due to the closures and the uncertainty that groups had in meeting indoors, despite trustees and staff putting full measures in place to make the centre safe. Wellbeing services were particularly affected at this time, and many were still not in a position to restart by March 31, 2021.

The catering operation, which was also hit by the closures, continued to operate a 'basics' menu, which is both affordable and popular with residents. The charity is planning to introduce a Crisis Voucher scheme which can be used in the café by people in need, funded by the Dollis Valley Residents' ground rent scheme.

Regular activities that the centre runs itself or in partnership with local organisations were also badly affected, including 'Rhyme Time' for pre-school children and parents, 'Tea & Tech' for seniors (a computer-support group run with Barnet Rotary Club), ESOL classes (run in conjunction with Barnet College), 'Love of Craft' (a soft-furnishings creative group) and the Seniors Lunch. Most of these were closed for the majority of the year.

The after-school Homework Club ran between the two lockdowns and was particularly focused on helping students catch up with subjects such as Mathematics, which were much harder to teach by schools over their digital learning platforms. When running, the after-school 'Art Club' also continued to be popular, providing a creative and recreational outlet for junior and younger senior school children. This was funded by grant-making trusts, local charities and a grant from the Dollis Valley Residents ground rent scheme. A local artist (contractor) comes on-site to run the club.

A partnership with Fixation Academy for Performing Arts has been launched with a scholarship scheme that will provide 10 free places for one year in a range of creative dance and theatre classes that they provide at the centre. This has been funded by a grant from the Dollis Valley Residents ground rent scheme.

Fund-raising and awareness-raising continued throughout 2020-21, including work on applications to local and national grant-making trusts and foundations for financial support for the planned projects. The Hope Corner website was developed further with the introduction of pages about Churches Together for Chipping Barnet and our listing on Google received more positive reviews.

Improvements have been made to the centre including isolation of the rear door shutter, which enables evening classes and groups to come and go via the rear of the building and ensures we can get into the centre should one of the external shutter doors fail.

Financial review

The charity's funds are divided into restricted, designated and unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which they have been given. During the year grants were received from charitable trusts and other grants of £31,800 and £22,963 of furlough money has been used to support the drop in project. Grant monies of £43,595 were used during the year. The balance on restricted funds at the end of year was £23,420.

The designated fund was set up in 2018 following the receipt of a grant of £100,000 from the funds bequeathed for charitable purposes which the trustees have designated for the following purposes:

- To fund core costs (excluding core salaries) in running the community centre which could not be otherwise funded by grant-making trusts
- To support shortfalls in funding for the Community Support Project
- To offset costs incurred by projects that have subsidised elements, such as providing affordable rental rates to local residents and organisations, subsidised food in the community café, etc.
- To help develop and extend existing projects
- To help fund new projects

No use of the fund was made during the year so that a balance of £42,708 continues to be carried forward to future years. The trustees plan that it will be spent over the next two years or so as the need arises on activities and services that the charity would be unable to develop without it.

The unrestricted fund, the general fund, is the main fund into which income is paid and payment is made for the cost of running the charity. The income of the year was £71,855 and expenditure for the year was £55,602.

As a result, there was net income on the general fund for the year of £18,253 and the balance to carry forward at the end of the year was £19,413.

Because of continuing support from charitable organisations the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

It is the policy of the trustees to maintain a balance on general fund, if possible, which equates to three months unrestricted payments. The budget for core costs for the year to 31 March 2022 is about £70,000 so that the balance carried forward meets this policy.

Structure, governance and management

The company was incorporated on 25 July 2013 and was registered as a charity on 9 December 2013. The charity took over the operation and assets of The Valley Centre, an unincorporated association sponsored by Churches Together for Chipping Barnet, as from 1 April 2014.

New trustees are appointed from time to time, being persons who have an interest in the objectives of the charity. The trustees have been in contact as the need has arisen during the year.

The members of the company are two representatives from each of the eleven churches that make up Churches Together for Chipping Barnet and each member has liability limited to a sum not exceeding £1.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity may be exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the charity. They are satisfied systems are in place to mitigate any exposure to major risks. All necessary insurances are in place, CCTV is installed, there is a fire-proof safe for documents, a minimal amount of cash is kept on the premises and safeguarding procedures are in place.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that year. In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In preparing this report, the trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemption provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the board of trustees on 19 November 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

JULIAN DESBOROUGH
Director

BARNET CHURCHES ACTION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Designated funds 2021	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from:						
Donations	2	11,920	-	31,800	43,720	42,706
Charitable activities:						
Centre lettings		1,277	-	-	1,277	19,475
Café income		3,054	-	-	3,054	24,858
Government Covid grants		31,286	-	-	31,286	-
HMRC furlough grants		23,640	-	22,963	46,603	-
Interest		678	-	-	678	1,200
Total income		71,855	-	54,763	126,618	88,239
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	3,4	53,602	-	43,595	97,197	151,230
Total expenditure		53,602	-	43,595	97,197	151,230
Net income and net movement of funds for the year		18,253	-	11,168	29,421	(62,991)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total Funds at 1 April 2020		1,160	42,708	12,252	56,120	119,111
Total Funds at 31 March 2021		19,413	42,708	23,420	85,541	56,120

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The attached notes form part of the accounts.

BARNET CHURCHES ACTION**Company Registration Number: 8625115****BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets			
Debtors	7	9,275	1,437
Bank deposit account		40,000	40,000
Cash in bank current account and in hand		38,556	17,430
		87,831	58,867
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	2,290	2,747
Net current assets		85,541	56,120
Funds	9		
General fund		19,413	1,160
Designated funds		42,708	42,708
Restricted funds		23,420	12,252
		85,541	56,120

The directors consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 2021 and of its net incoming resources for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 of the Act and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the financial statements so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements were approved by the directors on 19 November 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

ROGER SEATON
Director

JULIAN DESBOROUGH
Director

The attached notes form part of the accounts.

**BARNET CHURCHES ACTION
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities : Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Company Status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are two representatives from each of the eleven churches that make up Churches Together for Chipping Barnet and each member has a liability limited to a sum not exceeding £1.

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.4. Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payment to a third party. It is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings.

Support costs are costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. These include development costs and equipment which have been written off. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

1.5 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of financial activities over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Statement of financial activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

**BARNET CHURCHES ACTION
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1.6 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the objects of the company. Designated funds are those funds that have been set aside by the directors for a particular purpose. Restricted funds are those funds that have been donated for a particular purpose and must be spent by the directors on the furtherance of that purpose.

1.7 Debtors

The unpaid lettings invoices are recognised at the settlement amount.
Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1.8 Creditors

Creditors are recognised where a charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualifies as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments (including debtors and creditors) are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.10 Cash on bank current account and in hand

Cash on bank current account and in hand includes cash and current and immediate access deposit accounts.

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2. Income from donations

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Designated funds 2021	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Grants from charities:					
Hadley Trust	10,000	-	23,000	33,000	33,000
Barnet Old Peoples	-	-	-	-	6,000
Valentine Poole	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
Young Barnet Foundation	-	-	2,500	2,500	-
Other grants:					
Churches Together for Chipping Barnet	-	-	-	-	3,000
Countryside Properties	-	-	3,900	3,900	-
L&Q	-	-	1,400	1,400	-
	10,000	-	31,800	41,800	42,000
Other donations	1,920	-	-	1,920	706
	11,920	-	31,800	43,720	42,706

For the year ended 31 March 2020 £13,706 related to unrestricted funds and £29,000 related to restricted funds.

3. Expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Designated funds 2021	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Staff costs (excluding café manager)	28,240	-	34,795	63,035	89,190
Utilities	6,492	-	-	6,492	11,829
Repairs and maintenance	1,432	-	-	1,432	1,941
Catering costs (including café manager)	12,956	-	7,400	20,356	26,069
Other Centre running costs	1,360	-	-	1,360	2,539
Equipment	1,377	-	1,400	2,777	2,795
Administrative costs	425	-	-	425	325
Training courses	-	-	-	-	74
Redundancy payment	-	-	-	-	15,328
Governance costs (see note 5)	1,320	-	-	1,320	1,140
	53,602	-	43,595	97,197	151,230

For the year ended 31 March 2020 £71,841 related to unrestricted funds, £47,208 to designated funds and £32,181 to restricted funds.

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4. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Direct costs £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Staff costs (excluding café manager)	59,662	3,373	-	63,035	89,190
Utilities	6,492	-	-	6,492	11,829
Repairs and maintenance	1,432	-	-	1,432	1,941
Catering costs (including café manager)	20,356	-	-	20,356	26,069
Other Centre running costs	364	996	-	1,360	2,539
Equipment	2,777	-	-	2,777	2,795
Administrative costs	-	425	-	425	325
Training courses	-	-	-	-	74
Redundancy payment	-	-	-	-	15,328
Governance costs (see note 5)	-	-	1,320	1,320	1,140
	91,083	4,794	1,320	97,197	151,230

5. Governance costs (included in analysis in notes 3 and 4)

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Designated funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Independent examination fee	1,320	-	-	1,320	1,140
	1,320	-	-	1,320	1,140

For the year ended 31 March 2020 all costs related to unrestricted funds.

During the year no expenses were reimbursed to trustees (2020 : nil).

6. Staff costs

The average number of staff employed during the year was 7. (2020 : 7). Employers national insurance contributions of £nil were paid in the year (2020: £2,835). Pension contributions of £847 were paid in respect of 3 employees (2020 : 3 - £694).

The Centre Manager, Susan Day, along with trustees as a body, but chiefly Julian Desborough, are considered the key management personnel of the charity and total remuneration paid in this category amounted to £29,539 (2020 : £26,985).

7. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Unpaid lettings invoices	-	565
Grants outstanding	8,202	-
Prepayments	1,073	872
	9,275	1,437

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	1,471	1,329
Other creditors	819	1,418
	2,290	2,747

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9. Statement of funds

Restricted funds

	Brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Carried forward £
Homework club	-	4,340	(4,340)	-
Seniors work	10,001	12,989	(8,000)	14,990
Lunches provided during lockdown	-	7,400	(7,400)	-
Drop in project	1,593	28,634	(22,155)	8,072
Playclub	400	-	(300)	100
Equipment	-	1,400	(1,400)	-
Training	258	-	-	258
	12,252	54,763	(43,595)	23,420
Designated funds	42,708	-	-	42,708
General fund	1,160	71,855	(53,602)	19,413
	56,120	126,618	(97,197)	85,541

The above restricted funds are all separate activities of the Centre and are grant funded.

The designated funds are to be used to fund core costs which could not otherwise be grant funded; to support shortfalls in funding for the drop in project; to offset costs incurred by projects that have subsidised elements; to help develop and extend new projects and to fund new projects.

10. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Designated funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Current assets	25,710	42,708	19,413	87,831	58,867
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	(2,290)	-	-	(2,290)	(2,747)
	23,420	42,708	19,413	85,541	56,120

11. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank deposit account	40,000	40,000
Bank current account	38,456	17,330
Cash in hand	100	100
	78,556	57,430

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Barnet Churches Action

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or

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

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Date: 22 November 2021