

MAIDSTONE CHURCHES WINTER SHELTER

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2025

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MAIDSTONE CHURCHES WINTER SHELTER

The Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter is a charity registered by the Charity Commission and governed by the Trust Deed made 31st March 2014, and amended on 15th May 2017.

Trustees:

Mr G Mackley - Chairman
G. Amos (appointed on 9 May 2024)
Mrs W. Foster (resigned on 11 August 2025)
Miss Z Grzymala
Mr C. Hutchinson (appointed on 14 March 2024)
Mrs G McPherson
Rev. Canon J. Tapper – Treasurer
(resigned as Treasurer on 30 September 2024)
Rev. R. Williams
(appointed on 14 December 2023 and appointed Treasurer on 1 October 2024)

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MAIDSTONE CHURCHES WINTER SHELTER
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY 2025

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st May 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2013, and comply with the Charities Act 2011.

Objectives of the Charity

To relieve the needs among persons in the Borough of Maidstone, Kent who are homeless, sleeping rough, or otherwise roofless by:

1. Providing hospitality and overnight shelter for homeless people in the winter months.
2. Engaging church members and other people in and around Maidstone to volunteer and build supportive relationships with homeless people in Maidstone, without discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or religion.
3. Working in partnership with other agencies to address the issue of homelessness in Maidstone.
4. Undertaking such other purposes in relation to the needs of homeless people as the Trustees may from time to time determine.

Summary of the Main Achievements during the Year

We continued to provide accommodation for those homeless who did not fit the criteria established by the Maidstone Borough Council's own shelter, and also provided an overflow resource when needed. The Charity also provided hot meals every evening during the winter period.

Financial Result

The Surplus for the year was £1,499 (2024: 2,601). The Charity will have sufficient reserves for the next Winter of 2025/6.

The Report and Accounts were approved by resolution of the Board of Trustees:

Mr G Mackley – Chairman
13 November 2025

MAIDSTONE CHURCHES WINTER SHELTER INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 May 2025 which are set out on the pages following.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The trustees 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.

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 Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 the 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Chris Northen
13 November 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES		
For the Year Ended 31st May 2025	2025	2024
INCOME	£	£
Corporate Grants	69,118	70,155
Giving Agencies and other income	2,261	2,673
Individual Donations	12,814	9,784
Churches and other Groups	12,339	10,422
Other	4,617	3,768
Dividends from COIF	<u>1,522</u>	<u>900</u>
Total Income	102,671	97,702
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries	73,487	70,499
Food and Support	9,502	6,493
Insurance	1,463	1,048
IT and phone	1,119	1,503
General Office expenses	7,615	6,679
Rent	4,547	3,812
Other inc. Utility Costs	<u>3,439</u>	<u>5,067</u>
Total Expenditure	101,172	95,101
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	1,499	£2,601

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st May 2025	2025	2024
	£	£
Fixed Assets (<i>Note 2</i>)	0	0
Current Assets		
Balances at Banks	37,887	36,238
COIF Investment (<i>Note 5</i>)	40,000	40,000
Prepayment (<i>Note 3</i>)	720	720
Less: Creditors (<i>Note 4</i>)	<u>(860)</u>	<u>(710)</u>
Net Assets	<u>£77,747</u>	<u>£76,248</u>
Represented by:		
Reserves brought forward	76,248	73,647
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>1,499</u>	<u>2,601</u>
RESERVES CARRIED FORWARD	<u>£77,747</u>	<u>£76,248</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1) Accounting Policies

1.1 Accounting Convention. The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP 2013 and the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Incoming Resources are recorded gross on a receivable basis

1.3 Resources Expended are included on an accrual's basis

2) Fixed Assets

No fixed assets were purchased during the year.

3) Debtors	2025	2024
Rent Deposit	<u>£720</u>	£720
4) Creditors falling due within one year:		
PAYE	34	-
Food costs	466	
Brochure	<u>360</u>	<u>710</u>
TOTAL	<u>£860</u>	<u>£710</u>

5) COIF Investment

The current Investment of £40,000 was valued at £41,369 as at 31st May 2025.

6) Transactions with Trustees and Connected Persons

No trustee or connected person received any remuneration either directly or indirectly.

7) Commitments not on the Statement of Financial Activities

At 31st May 2025, there were no commitments which had been accounted for within the SOFA.