

# SOWERBY BRIDGE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1160051

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2015-01-20

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

## Contact

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**Address** Sowerby Bridge Spiritualist Church  
7 Hollins Lane  
Sowerby Bridge  
West Yorkshire  
HX6 2RX

**Phone** 07803937903

**Email** [sbspiritualistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:sbspiritualistchurch@gmail.com)

**Website** [www.snu.org.uk](http://www.snu.org.uk)

## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH ARE TO ADVANCE THE RELIGION AND THE RELIGIOUS PHILOSOPHY OF SPIRITUALISM ON THE BASIS OF THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF SPIRITUALISM.

**Activities:** The Church provides religious services for public worship, including the dissemination of Spiritualist teaching and philosophy, together with special services throughout the year, along with events and functions.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Calderdale

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£25,190	£17,432	-	-
2023-12-31	£27,238	£27,014	-	-
2022-12-31	£24,960	£15,992	-	-
2021-12-31	£20,969	£19,411	-	-
2020-12-31	£20,109	£39,475	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>HELEN BALL</b>	Chair	2019-03-24
Helen Langhorn		2020-06-08
JEAN BEST		2015-01-20
KELLY MAGEEN		2020-06-08
PATRICIA CROOK		2019-03-24
STEVEN LANGHORN		2019-03-24

**SOWERBY BRIDGE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1160051

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# Accounts

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**Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From** 1/1/2024 **Period start date** **To** 31/2/2024 **Period end date**

**Charity name: Sowerby Bridge Spiritualist Church**

**Charity registration number: 1160051**

**Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Objects of the church are to advance the religion and the religious philosophy of spiritualism on the basis of the 7 principles of SNU Spiritualism
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Church provides weekly Divine Sunday services for the benefit of Church members and the General public. Also provided are Demonstration services of Mediumship once a month – open to all. Weekly Open Circles – again open to all. Lyceum services held once a month – raising awareness of the religion – open to all. Healing services held weekly – open to all.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	When planning fundraisers for the year, the Committee have considered the Commissions guidance on public benefit, we try to encourage ordinary people to engage with not only our faith but to live by our Principles.

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		
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## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The Church held various special Mediumship services enabling Overgate Hospice, Royal British Legion, Halifax Community Kitchen, Halifax homeless, Tuel Lane School to benefit and continue their good work in the Community.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Rules for Churches
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The Church would be considered an unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Trustees are voted onto the Church Committee by the Church members.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Sowerby Bridge Spiritualist Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1160051
Charity's principal address	7 Hollins Lane, Sowerby Bridge HX6 2RX

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Total receipts for unrestricted funds were £23,178 of which £1,034 was interest. The 4 Church properties, which are let generated an income of £18,295. Restricted funds for Healing, lyceum and Fundraising was £2,012. All details can be found in the Financial Statement.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The reserves have accumulated from the 4 rental properties that it owns. The Church maintains these properties and the Church Building was built in 1874
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£74,042
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Helen Ball	President		Church Members
2	Patricia Crook	Secretary/Treasurer		Church Members
3	Steven Langhorn	Vice President		Church Members
4	Jean Best	Vice President		Church Members
5	Rachel Taylor	Committee Member		Church Members
6	Helen Langhorn	Committee Member		Church Members
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		
N/A		

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

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

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

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

**Additional information (optional)**

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A
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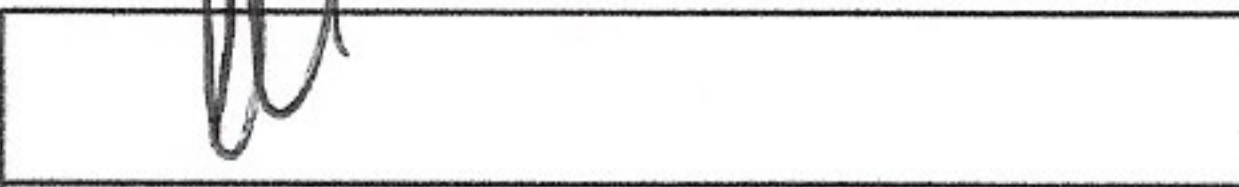
**Other optional information**

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Patricia Crook	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	1/10/2025	

**SOWERBY BRIDGE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH  
BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

**BALANCES AS AT 1 JANUARY 2024**

	£	£
Land and buildings	<u>555,000.00</u>	555,000.00
Cash in hand	95.10	
Lloyds 03370444	582.42	
Lloyds 66898660	4,213.89	
Lloyds Lyceum	599.04	
Lloyds Healing	1,096.38	
SNU Trust	<u>65,569.49</u>	
		<u>72,156.32</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024		7,758.50
		634,914.82
LESS CREDITORS (ACCOUNTANT)		<u>(408.00)</u>
		<u>634,506.82</u>

**BALANCES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Land & Buildings	<u>555,000.00</u>	555,000.00
Cash in hand	241.61	
Lloyds 03370444	521.18	
Lloyds 66898660	3,199.49	
Lloyds Lyceum	620.19	
Lloyds Healing	1,290.84	
SNU Trust	<u>74,041.51</u>	
		<u>79,914.82</u>
		634,914.82
LESS CREDITORS (ACCOUNTANT)		<u>(408.00)</u>
		<u>634,506.82</u>

We certify that the above figures have been extracted from the books and vouchers of the SOWERBY BRIDGE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH and show a true position of the finances of the CHURCH as at 31 December 2024

*Hodgson Hey Ltd.*

HODGSON HEY LTD

Date *6th February 2025*

**SOWERBY BRIDGE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

	2023	RECEIPTS	2024	
£	£		£	£
		991 Sunday Services	793	
		449 Development	-	
		115 Donations	6	
		279 Healing	141	
		252 Members Subs.	203	
	18,540	Rents	18,295	
	1,866	Interest	1,034	
	684	Raffles	530	
	192	Awareness	-	
	137	Lyceum	30	
	651	Demonstration Service	528	
	1,945	Open Circle	1,466	
	392	Miscellaneous	139	
	287	Café	184	
	458	Fundraiser	1,716	
27,238		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	1,716	25,065
		<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
		351 Electricity	425	
	1,491	Gas	1,483	
	1,881	Insurance	1,983	
	15,033	Church Refurbishment, Repairs & Maintenance	5,600	
	2,973	Church Property House Repairs and Maintenance	367	
	235	SNU Fees	265	
	611	Speaker Expenses	537	
	396	Accountant's Fees	408	
	360	Raffle Gifts	350	
	105	Cleaning	2	
	207	Telephone	-	
	20	Lyceum Fees	20	
	16	Bank Charges	10	
	1,322	Rental expenses	1,622	
	199	Donations	239	
	512	Travel	1,000	
	231	Café	354	
	458	Fundraisers	1,709	
	613	Miscellaneous	933	
27,014		<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	933	17,307
224		<b>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>		7,759
71,909		Balance Brought Forward		72,133
72,133		Balance Carried Forward		79,892

We have prepared the above Receipts and Payments Account from the books and documents of the church and certify them to be in accordance therewith.

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 ACCOUNTANTS & TAX ADVISERS

Date 06/02/25.

**Section B Disclosure**

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

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

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
SOWERBY BRIDGE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/12/2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1160051

Set out on pages

ONE AND TWO

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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

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

Independent  
examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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

Signed:

Date:

06/02/2025

Name:

WILLIAM PHILIP HODGSON

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

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Address:

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**SOWERBY BRIDGE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1160051

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/01/2023**  
Period end date

Period start date **To 31/12/2023**

Charity name: **Sowerby Bridge Spiritualist Church**

Charity registration number: **1160051**

### Objectives and Activities

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## Financial Review

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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The reserves have accumulated from the 4 rental properties that it owns. The Church maintains these properties and the Church building which was built in 1874.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£65,569
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not Applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not Applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not Applicable

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### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Sowerby Bridge Spiritualist Church
Other name the charity uses	Not Applicable
Registered charity number	1160051
Charity's principal address	7 Hollins Lane Sowerby Bridge HX6 2RX

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Helen Ball	President		Church Members
2	Patricia Crook	Secretary/Treasurer		Church Members
3	Jean Best	Vice President		Church Members
4	Kelly Mageen	Vice President		Church Members
5	Helen Langhorn	Booking Secretary		Church Members
6	Eden Pendleton	Committee Member		Church Members
7	Emma Fusco	Committee Member		Church Members
8	Steven Langhorn	Committee Member		Church Members
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name	
Not applicable	

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

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Not Applicable	

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not Applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not Applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not Applicable

**Additional information (optional)**

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable
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**Other optional information**

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

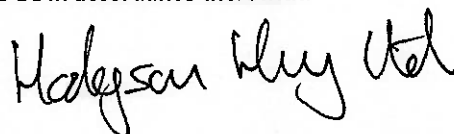
Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	PATRICIA ANNE COOK
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	SECRETARY
Date	20.9.2024

**SOWERBY BRIDGE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the Year Ended 31st December 2023**

	2022	RECEIPTS	2023
£	£		£
	1,012	Sunday Services	991
	-	Development	449
	130	Donations	115
	263	Healing	279
	294	Members Subs.	252
	18,775	Rents	18,540
	381	Interest	1,866
	624	Raffles	684
	234	Awareness	192
	120	Lyceum	137
	658	Demonstration Service	651
	1,780	Open Circle	1,945
	83	Miscellaneous	392
	4	Café	287
	602	Fundraiser	458
24,960		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	27,238
		<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
	374	Electricity	351
	1,463	Gas	1,491
	1,716	Insurance	1,881
	3,591	Church Refurbishment, Repairs & Maintenance	15,033
	3,285	Church Property House Repairs and Maintenance	2,973
	245	SNU Fees	235
	535	Speaker Expenses	611
	396	Accountant's Fees	396
	246	Raffle Gifts	360
	14	Cleaning	105
	351	Telephone	207
	20	Lyceum Fees	20
	12	Bank Charges	16
	1,549	Rental expenses	1,322
	-	Donations	199
	495	Travel	512
	6	Café	231
	602	Fundraisers	458
	1,092	Miscellaneous	613
15,992		<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	27,014
8,968		<b>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>	224
62,941		Balance Brought Forward	71,909
71,909		Balance Carried Forward	72,133

We have prepared the above Receipts and Payments Account from the books and documents of the church and certify them to be in accordance therewith.

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 South Lane  
 Elland  
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HODGSON HEY LTD  
 ACCOUNTANTS & TAX ADVISERS

Date

**SOWERBY BRIDGE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH  
BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

**BALANCES AS AT 1 JANUARY 2023**

	£	£
Land and buildings	<u>555,000.00</u>	555,000.00
Cash in hand	86.90	
Lloyds 03370444	600.93	
Lloyds 66898660	4,729.05	
Lloyds Lyceum	477.10	
Lloyds Healing	809.29	
SNU Trust	<u>65,228.64</u>	
		<u>71,931.91</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023		224.41
		627,156.32
LESS CREDITORS (ACCOUNTANT)		<u>(396.00)</u>
		<u>626,760.32</u>

**BALANCES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Land & Buildings	<u>555,000.00</u>	555,000.00
Cash in hand	95.10	
Lloyds 03370444	582.42	
Lloyds 66898660	4,213.89	
Lloyds Lyceum	599.04	
Lloyds Healing	1,096.38	
SNU Trust	<u>65,569.49</u>	
		<u>72,156.32</u>
		627,156.32
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		<u>626,760.32</u>

We certify that the above figures have been extracted from the books and vouchers of the SOWERBY BRIDGE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH and show a true position of the finances of the CHURCH as at 31 December 2023

*Hodgson Hey Ltd*

HODGSON HEY LTD

Date

*19/2/2024*

*Hodgson Hey Ltd*

Report to the trustees

SOWERBY BRIDGE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

31/12/23

Charity no  
(if any)

1160051

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

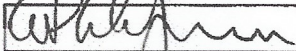
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination ~~(other than that disclosed below.)\*~~ which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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

Signed:



Date:

19/12/2024

Name:

WILLIAM PHILIP MCDOWSON

SCOTT LANE  
ELLAND HXS OHA

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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

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