



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	SORP reference	
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	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. Church provides a Divine Sunday Service 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, Ravenscliffe School and Royal British Legion 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		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Total receipts for unrestricted funds were £26,364 of which £1,866 was interest. The 4 Church properties, which are let generated an income of £18,540. Restricted funds for Healing, Lyceum and Fundraising was £874. 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 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

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		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The governing document is 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	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)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details


Not applicable

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
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		TOTAL RECEIPTS			27,238
PAYMENTS					
	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		TOTAL PAYMENTS			27,014
8,968		SURPLUS FOR YEAR			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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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
LESS CREDITORS (ACCOUNTANT)		<u>(396.00)</u>
		<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

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Date

19/2/2024

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Report to the trustees

SOWBRY BRIDGE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

31/12/23

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

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

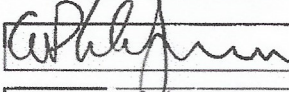
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination ~~(other than that disclosed below. *)~~ which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

Signed:



Date:

19/12/2024

Name:

WILLIAM PHILIP MCGOWAN

SOUTH LANE
ELLAND HX5 0HG

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.