



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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

	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	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

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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


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

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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		TOTAL RECEIPTS			25,065
		PAYMENTS			
		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		TOTAL PAYMENTS		17,307	
224		SURPLUS FOR YEAR		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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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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):

ACCA

Address:

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