

PAIGNTON SNU SPIRITUALIST CENTRE TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE PERIOD
1ST JANUARY - 31ST DECEMBER 2023

CHARITY NUMBER 1160278

PAIGNTON SNU SPIRITUALIST CENTRE is a charitable organisation, in sole Trust to THE SPIRITUALIST NATIONAL UNION.

The Centre and the union's main function must be to promote the religion and Religious Philosophy of Spiritualism as based upon the Seven Principles, as listed below:

- 1. The Fatherhood of God.**
- 2. The Brotherhood of Man.**
- 3. The Communion of Spirits and the Ministry of Angels.**
- 4. The Continuous Existence of the Human Soul.**
- 5. Personal Responsibility.**
- 6. Compensation and Retribution.**
- 7. Eternal Progress Open to every human Soul.**

Summary - When planning their activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit at our meetings and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion

The main activities that occur are Divine Services and Mediumship Demonstrations, also

- Healing**
- Workshops**
- Circles**
- Coffee Mornings**
- Hiring of hall for meetings ,functions etc .**

Contribution made by volunteers

Volunteers look after all events including, chairing, stewarding, bookings, kitchen duties, garden maintenance, ,general maintenance , health and safety, safe guarding. welfare and membership. Our SNU Healers are volunteers. The committee and officers are all volunteers.

Achievements and Performance.

It is the prime function of the Centre to help and if need be : support local community members and Centre users alike , without reference to race, religious persuasion , medical condition or sexuality.

The building and gardens have disabled access to all public areas which enables centre users to fully engage with all events, we have two brick ramps to enable wheelchair use to access both entrances to the centre.

Each year at the AGM, the membership approves of two reputable Charities to support for the coming year. This year the chosen Charities were Hectors House and Animals in Distress.

The Centre Hall is used regularly as a polling station for local authority and national elections. The building is also made available to health care workshops, Community Hub meetings, and community organisations. The Centre also holds coffee and craft mornings every Saturday which are open to all for community purposes, these are well attended and engage members and non-members alike in a variety of activities including those that support other causes.

As the centre gardens are the only space in a built-up area, they have been designated as an amenity space for the general public. Work is continually undertaken to improve the garden area for the benefit of the street scene and the local community as a sanctuary for peace and quiet.

More Improvements to the centre this year include. Registering with Torbay Food Standard Agency. We achieved a rating of 4 and have since on their advice, met the requirements needed in the Kitchen, so we are hoping that after they next visit to shall achieve the highest rating of 5. New roller blinds and vertical blinds in the building. Stained glass window designed and inserted to honour our members who have donated and volunteered in our Centre. The centre roof was power washed and gutters cleaned. New equipment for the Centre, kitchen and office and other improvements to benefit our members and public alike. We have a 5 year maintenance plan in place.

We are registered for Weddings and same sex marriage. we also have two authorised Registered people from the centre to officiate and register marriages. We have had two same sex marriages in our centre, naming ceremonies, blessings and funerals this year.

Maintenance is ongoing, our Warden checks the building regularly and reports any defects to the committee. We have safeguarding and H&S policies in place, and an appointed Safe Guarding trained officer on the committee as well as a H&S officer. There are Building Insurances and all necessary Certificates required in place, which are checked yearly by the South West District Warden, who also sends copies to the SNU.

The Officers and Committee extend a warm welcome to all who enter our building. Paignton SNU Spiritualist Centre is here for our Members and public alike.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Paignton SNU Spiritualist Centre

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1160278

Set out on pages

1 and 2 below

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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: *Stephen Vincent FCPA*

Date: 14th March 2024

Name: Stephen Vincent FCPA

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

Fellow of the Certified Public Accountants.

Address:

Vincent & Co, 37 Shiphay Lane, Torquay, Devon. TQ2 7DU.

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

Paignton SNU Spiritualist Centre owns its church building which is held in trust by the Spiritualist Nation Union (SNU). This is notified in section B4. It is included as freehold land and buildings at the valuation of £1,415,700. This was professionally valued by Croft Surveyors. This was not previously disclosed.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Paignton SNU Spiritualist Centre

1160278

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

1st January 2023

To

31st December 2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Sunday Collection	2,138	-	-	2,138	1,917
Weekday Collection	-	-	-	-	-
Demonstrations	10,187	-	-	10,187	9,375
Private Sitzings	2,270	-	-	2,270	970
Workshops & Special Event	2,610	-	-	2,610	5,290
Raffles	1,221	-	-	1,221	1,256
Healing	1,799	-	-	1,799	1,567
Open Circles	1,602	-	-	1,602	1,382
Development Circles	3,544	-	-	3,544	2,554
Coffee Mornings	1,280	-	-	1,280	1,448
Community Groups	338	-	-	338	-
Papers, Table Sales	-	-	-	-	-
Bookshop & Crystals	-	-	-	-	-
Shop	879	-	-	879	1,195
Subscriptions	1,415	-	-	1,415	1,110
Donations and flower boxes	2,580	-	-	2,580	1,817
Flower Box	-	-	-	-	-
Namings/ weddings/ funerals	400	-	-	400	100
Sundries	-	-	-	-	121
Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	-
Legacy & Bequest	-	-	-	-	156,847
Misc	-	-	-	-	970
Bank interest received	4,174	-	-	4,174	-
SNU Acc	-	-	-	-	997
ISC Summer School	-	-	-	-	-
Hall Hire	350	-	-	350	-
Services	322	-	-	322	-
Special Services	100	-	-	100	-
Uncategorised income	53	-	-	53	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</i>	<i>37,262</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>37,262</i>	<i>188,916</i>
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
Total receipts	37,262	-	-	37,262	188,916

A3 Payments

Mediums Fees & Expenses	8,923	-	-	8,923	5,248.00
Workshops & Special Events	1,115	-	-	1,115	2,922.00
Private Sitzings	1,050	-	-	1,050	475.00
Hospitality	-	-	-	-	-
Organists	-	-	-	-	400.00
Cleaner	2,590	-	-	2,590	1,725.00
Cleaning & Covid	540	-	-	540	2,397.00
Stationery, Postage & office	1,553	-	-	1,553	1,583.00
Repairs & Renewals	10,320	-	-	10,320	8,852.00
Repairs & Renewals: Building restoration	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Furniture, fixtures and fittings	-	-	-	0	-
Flowers & Oasis	796	-	-	796	590.00
Papers & Magazines	-	-	-	0	-
Bookshop- Vintage books	-	-	-	0	201.00
Upkeep of garden	207	-	-	207	11.00
Water	124	-	-	124	140.00
Light & Heating	2,721	-	-	2,721	2,028.00
Telephone & internet	1,123	-	-	1,123	695.00
Advertising	205	1	-	205	15/04/2024
CCXX R1 accounts (SS)	205	1		205	15/04/2024

Insurance	1,480			1,480	1,494.00
Payments to SNU & SWDC	713			713	1,073.00
Raffle Prizes	338			338	278.00
Sundry				0	87.00
Donations				0	604.00
Community Hub Costs	33			33	-
Computer/website costs	3,228			3,228	1,513.00
Copier rental	1,014			1,014	
Travel & Accomodation	552			552	137.00
Health & Safety	564			564	1,563.00
Accs fee	2,340			2,340	2,362.00
Legal & professional				0	180.00
Misc	65			65	425.00
Equipment Purchases	30	-		30	712.00
Art & Craft supplies	35			35	
Book-keeping	194			194	
Catering	2,345			2,345	
Copier rental				0	
Funeral expenses	150			150	
Bank charges (Sum-up)	9			9	
Tutor Fees (See below)				0	
Awareness Group	320			320	
Development Group	180			180	
Open Circle	128			128	
Professional Fees	90			90	
Shop Stock	245			245	
SNU Healing fee	610			610	
Welfare	1,151			1,151	
Sub total	48,580	-	-	48,580	37,695
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	48,580	-	-	48,580	37,695
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 11,318	-	-	- 11,317	151,221
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	197,661	-	-	197,661	46,440
Cash funds this year end	186,343	-	-	186,344	197,661

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	SNU Deposit Account	253	-	-
	SNU Investment Account	39,333		
	SNU Term Deposit	134,377		
	Lloyds Treasurers Account	10,869		
	Lloyds School Account	-	-	-
	Cash in hand	1,511	-	-
	Total cash funds	186,343	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-



	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Freehold Land and buildings	Unrestricted	1,415,700	-
	Paignton Spiritulist Church, Manor Corner, Paignton TQ4 2HL		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

CCXX R3 accounts (SS)

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ANNE JENKINS	15/4/24
	TRACEY WHITE.	15/04/2024

Paignton SNU Spiritualist Centre

Year Ending 31 December 2023

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