

EASTLEIGH SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

CHARITY COMMISSION REG 1160658

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 1 JANUARY 2023 – 31 DECEMBER 2023

The members of the Committee during the year ended 31 December 2022 were:

Michael Cook	President
Lynda Green	Vice-president
Sue Barton	Secretary
Karen Lundie	Treasurer
Margot Brown	Committee
Marian Brace	Committee
Sarah Frith	Healing Group Leader (left May 2023)
Terrence Tong	Committee (left May 2023)
Marina Pike	Committee (co-opted April 2023)

Church Address: Grantham Road
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Bankers: Barclays Bank
20 – 24 Upper Market Street
Eastleigh
Hampshire
SO50 9FD
Branch closed August 2023 but the account is still active

Metro Bank
Units 1 & 2
West Quay Shopping Centre
Above Bar
Southampton
SO15 1QD

The Trustees present their annual report, along with financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Eastleigh Spiritualist Church was registered as a charity on 26 February 2015, Charity Registration 1160658, and became affiliated to the Spiritualists National Union in December 1999.

The church, by affiliation to the Spiritualist National Union, is governed as laid out in the SNU Rules for Churches prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Byelaws of the Spiritualist National Union.

Charitable Objectives

The charitable objectives are to advance the religion and the religious philosophy of Spiritualism on the basis on the Seven Principles of the Spiritualist National Union.

Eastleigh spiritualist church provides a comprehensive and wide programme of activities and events to a cross section of the public through Spiritualist teaching of divine services, spiritual awareness meetings, spiritual healing, discussion groups, and workshops.

The church has regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

President's Address.

The President, Mike Cook, reported :

The church has mainly run smoothly through 2022 but there are some details that have to be mentioned:-

The church was redecorated over the Christmas and New Year closure. Thanks to everyone who helped put the church back in order.

It was discovered in January that Lynda Green's & Sue Barton's signatures had not been registered at Barclay's Bank as account signatories despite paperwork to that effect had been submitted. LG had been signing church cheques for four years so complaints were raised in the branch and with business bank HQ in Leicester. No satisfactory answer was ever received other than them having lots of cheques to process. LG and SB were finally confirmed as signatories in February.

Between close of service on Sunday 6th February and Open Circle on 7th February someone with a key let themselves in apparently searching for something. On leaving, this visitor ensured the church was locked but left all the lights on and all the heaters on. Enquiries were made at the playschool opposite for CCTV footage but our door isn't within their scope. No present key holder was responsible so suspicion must fall on a past key holder with a copy although no proof has been forthcoming. The lock was replaced.

The Christmas Hamper raffle raised £270 which was donated to the Piam Brown Children's Cancer Ward at Southampton General Hospital.

In April the church insurance was renewed at a cost of £571.06 including an increment of £5.77 to cover the stairlift.

Elaine Bevan, our national warden, made her annual inspection and informed us of a new requirement for a five-year maintenance plan and a responsibility for the committee to ensure funds are available to cover any maintenance required. It is also now a requirement to have the electrics inspected every five years. This was arranged immediately so the next inspection is due in 2027.

It was decided that usage of the stairlift must always be supervised by a committee member and be locked when not in use.

In June it was decided to discontinue Tuesday afternoon healing as we had only four patients in since January. We now offer healing after Sunday service providing we have enough healers in.

Committee meetings were moved to bi-monthly. We have a committee WhatsApp group to deal with minor matters

As a result of the EGM in 2021 when the membership approved a change of name new signs were obtained displaying "EASTLEIGH SPIRITUAL CENTRE" were purchased at a cost £143.36 although fitting was delayed because of Covid and extremely hot weather.

The stairlift broke down on our August Open Day which proved to be the busiest of the year. This was disappointing as it was still in its one year warranty. However the engineer came promptly and repaired it. We now have a five year maintenance contract. Terry Tong resigned as healing group leader allowing Sarah Frith to take up the reins.

Suzie Woodley resigned from Committee in August. Thanks to her and her husband for the new kitchen tap and the tiling in both toilets.

In September the new church signs were fitted. The old ones have been kept in case they are needed again. We remain registered as a church for religious purposes particularly the Sunday divine service but at other times we can be considered a Spiritualist Centre.

Following the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth a condolence book was opened for signatures and was subsequently filed for posterity.

At the Harvest service the collection amounted to £78. I suggest we round this up to £100 and post a cheque to Prostate Cancer UK.

On remembrance Sunday the church president laid a poppy wreath at Eastleigh's War Memorial.

At year end 2022 membership stood at 26 Full, 2 honorary.

Ladies and gentlemen, the members of the committee:-

Lynda Green: vice-president, mediums secretary, deputy healing group leader and librarian.

Sue Barton: secretary and healer

Karen Lundie: treasurer

Marian Brace: committee member

Margot Brown: committee member

Sarah Frith: healing group leader.

Terry Tong: healer

Every member of the committee contributes in a wise, positive and enthusiastic way to the running of the church when health and family commitments permit. Everyone also helps in the kitchen when necessary. Our activities evenings also rely on committee members.

Our thanks are also go to:-

Mary Cottee, our cleaner who does an excellent job in keeping our church clean.

and to Shane Mullen for his regular donations of cakes and pies. Also for the books and DVDs for our bric-a-brac table upstairs.

Finally, our grateful thank go to Marea Watts, our late treasurer, much loved and sorely missed, who made our church the sole beneficiary in her will. This amounts to £112,048.38. The committee decide to keep this money separate from our normal business accounts and so opened an account with Metro Bank. This money has and will be used for church maintenance and improvements, viz. Stairlift, new front door, etc.

I am always open to criticism providing it is friendly, constructive and non-egotistic

Secretary's Report

There has been little secretarial work required up until the AGM. As always I learn more about how this works and it is a continual learning process

The constant commitment to representing Eastleigh Spiritual Centre remains and I now also run the Facebook page, which has come on in leaps and bounds.

I'd like to thank Mike Cook and the Committee for their invaluable insight and help over the past year.

Financial Review

Treasurer's Report

Due to expenditure required by fixing the Gents toilet the expenditure this year was greater than the income. As always the spreadsheets are available to look at in the filing cabinet upstairs.

At the end of the year the Barclays current & business accounts stood at £15,726.74, the Metro account at £109,699.38 and the SNU Trust £342.41

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees.

M. Cook

Full Name MICHAEL COOK

Position PRESIDENT

Date 27/9/23

S.A. Barton

Full Name SUSAN AUDREY BARTON

Position SECRETARY

Date 27/9/23

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year 2022

This report is to be completed by the independent examiner(s) of your accounts and submitted to the Committee and the Annual General Meeting.	
Church & Bank Details	
Name of Church/Centre:	EASTLEIGH SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
Name of Churches Banker(s):	BARCLAYS BANK METRO BANK
Bank Address:	20-24 UPPER MARKET STREET EASTLEIGH SO509FD (CLOSED)
	UNITS 102 WESTQUAYS SHOPPING CENTRE ABOVE BAR SOUTHAMPTON SO15 1QD

The independent examiners must:-

- review accounting records kept by the Church, including investments;
- compare the accounts presented with the records;
- extract or obtain information relevant to the examination from the Rules for Churches, the minutes of general meetings and meetings of the Committee, and discussions with the members of the Committee;
- consider any unusual items or disclosures;
- check and verify any procedures on which they have significant concerns or doubts and cannot obtain satisfactory explanations from the Treasurer and/or the Committee.

I certify, in connection with my examination of the Church's 2022 accounts, that:-

- no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that proper accounting records have not been kept or that the accounts do not agree with these records;
- there is no matter to which I consider attention should be drawn in order to reach a proper understanding of the accounts; (If there are matters in which attention needs to be drawn, these should be declared as a note to the accountants)
- I am satisfied, from the Church minute book, that the Treasurer is making regular reports of each Church Committee meeting;
- I have been provided with any information and explanations to which I am entitled.

EXAMINER 1	
NAME	SHANE MULLEN
ADDRESS	7 SPRINGHILL ROAD CHANDLERS FORD EASTLEIGH, HANTS, SO53 2AG
SIGNATURE	Shane Mullen
QUALIFICATION	CHURCH MEMBER

EXAMINER 2	
NAME	WENDY ERY
ADDRESS	402 SOUTHAMPTON RD EASTLEIGH HANTS SO50 5QJ
SIGNATURE	
QUALIFICATION	CHURCH MEMBER

Eastleigh Spiritualist Church - Accounts 2022

Income and Expenditure Account 2022

Income

Sunday Service	£ 1,568.67
Healing	£ 704.24
Awareness	£ 2,721.20
Circle & Meditation	£ 503.80
Tea	£ 429.97
Donations	£ 112,088.38
Membership	£ 265.00
Books	£ 189.96
Specials/Workshops	£ 3,229.00
Bank Interest	£ 10.99
Discussion Group	£ 13.50
Private Reading	£ -
Xmas Hamper	£ -
Raffle	£ 235.00
	<u>£ 121,959.71</u>

Expenditure

Mediums	£ 3,399.00
Healing	£ -
Electricity	£ 360.00
Water	£ 136.00
Insurance	£ 571.06
SNU	£ 240.00
Cleaner	£ 1,090.00
Building Repairs	£ 5,194.99
SDC	£ -
Fire & Safety	£ 1,557.18
Misc	£ 521.47
Tea	£ 129.10
Charity Donation	£ 100.00
	<u>£ 13,298.80</u>

Surplus (Deficit) in Year £ 108,660.91

Balance Sheet

Fixed Assets

Land & Building	£ 232,954.00
Fixtures & Fittings	£ 32,453.00

Current Assets

SNU Trust Accounts	£ 342.41
Current Bank Account	£ 15,726.74
Metro Bank Account	£ 109,699.38

Total Net Assets £ 391,175.53

Representer By:

Accumulated Funds b/fwd	£ 280,691.77
Surplus in Year	£ 108,660.91
Adjustments/Revaluations*	£ 1,822.85
	<u>£ 391,175.53</u>

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