



## **NORTH SHIELDS SNU SPIRITUALIST CHURCH**

c/o Secretary, Mrs D Brownlee, 46 Wallsend Road, North Shields, NE29 7BJ

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### **Trustee Report for the Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

Registered charity number 1162246

North Shields Spiritualist Church is a Church which is affiliated to the Spiritualists National Union who are our governing body. The Church Members elect a group of Members to run the Church on their behalf. The elected group of Trustees are known as Committee Members. Members can nominate themselves for positions on the Committee once they have been a Full member for 12 months.

Having sold our previous out-dated premises at Stanley Street West, North Shields in 2022, we purchased no. 52, Howard Street, North Shields on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The building will soon be undergoing renovation, with alterations and safety features essential for use as a church and we hope to move into our new Church by early summer. We are actively fundraising towards the mortgage required to meet the cost of the works.

We continue to hold public services at Balkwell Community Welfare Centre on Heaton Terrace in North Shields. Our activities during the year included 2 or 3 Divine Services of Public Worship per month which include a short open Spiritualist Healing Service. There is no charge to come into our public services of worship, but we do accept donations towards the hall hire. We hold one Evening of Mediumship per month with a charge of £3 on the door as a method of fundraising. We hold one Open Circle per month, which is very popular, as it gives developing mediums the opportunity to practice in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Our Members' Development Group meets twice each month.

The purpose of our Church and charity is to promote the philosophy of Spiritualism based on the 7 Principles of our religion. All of our services include an address which gives upliftment to all of the congregation, mediumship which give comfort to the bereaved, and a Spiritualist Healing Service gives absent healing to the sick and those in need. These activities benefit the members and general public who attend every week.

The Church had 31 Full Members (including 3 Honorary Members) and 4 new associate members at the year end. Attendances at services have been variable, averaging at 40.

It has been an excellent year financially. We were able to afford the new premises with some assistance from the Spiritualists' National Union and are confident that our income will cover repayments on the mortgage from the SNU Trust.

We look forward to celebrating the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Spiritualism in North Shields in April 2024.

### **CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1162246**

Promoting the Religion of Spiritualism through the Seven Principles

President – Mrs Lillian Goodwin

Vice President – Mrs Liz Ramshaw.

Secretary – Mrs Dorothy Brownlee. Tel 0191 2592774

Treasurer – Miss Carol-Ann Harrison Tel 0191 7117279

## North Shields Spiritualist Church

### **Financial Statement 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023**

#### Income

Divine Service	1070.20
Open Circle	628.81
Evening of Mediumship	1564.23
Money Draw in	1325.00
Gift Aid	662.00
Donations	428.60
Healing	40.00
Members Subscriptions	168.00
Raffles	420.00
Development Class	683.80
Table sales	373.45
HMRC Tax repayment	615.48
Donation SNU	94,756.00
Private Sitzings	415.00
Bottle Coppers	9.99
Balancing figure	7.36

Total **103,157.92**

Expenditure/Income + 83,645.81

Total **186,803.73**

#### Expenditure

Speaker Expenses	492.00
Hall Hire BCWC	2280.00
Administration	95.70
Money Draw out	662.50
SNU & NDC	260.00
Moving costs	789.00
Valuation Charity Act	720.00
Repairs & Renewals	427.50
Solicitor Fees purchase	5391.52
Change of use report	2531.33
Planning application	526.00
Purchase premises	170,000.00
Asbestos Survey	395.00
Architect Plans	400.00
Insurance	785.90
Hospitality	40.75
Utilities -Britten Hall	1006.53

Total **186,803.73**

Income/Expenditure

Total **186,803.73**

### Balance Sheet for 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

#### Balances as at 1st January 2023

SNUT Investment a/c	15,208.65
SNUT Deposit a/c	250.53
Lloyds current a/c	4370.83
Cash on hand	40.00
SNUT Trustee A/c	<u>75,447.40</u>
Total	95,317.41
Add income to 31/12/23	103,157.92
Add interest received	<u>734.19</u>
	199,209.52

Less expenses to 31/12/23 186,803.73

Total **£ 12,405.79**

#### Balances to carry forward:

Market value of Land & Buildings	£ 170,000.00
Fixtures & Fittings	45,000.00
Current assets	<u>12,405.79</u>
Total	<b><u>£ 227,405.79</u></b>

#### Balances as at 31st December 2023

SNUT Investment a/c	9,734.71
SNUT Deposit a/c	252.69
Lloyds current a/c	2,318.39
Cash on hand	100.00
SNU Trustee Account	<u>0.00</u>
Total current assets	<b><u>£ 12,405.79</u></b>

#### Designated funds

Development class	674.32
Flower bequest	<u>160.00</u>
Total	£834.32
General Funds	£11,571.47



# Independent Examiners Statement:

I certify in connection with my examination of the Church accounts that:

1. 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 the records.
2. There is no matter which I consider attention should be drawn to in order to reach a proper understanding of the accounts.
3. There has been no significant expenditure or action during the period which appears contrary to the Rules for Churches, and I have been provided with information and explanations to which I am entitled.

Signed.....Derek Gargett

Date.....3/3/24

Signed.....David Haikney

Date.....24/02/2024

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