



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month Sept	Year 2022		Day 31	Month August	Year 2023

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

RIDGEWAY METHODIST CHILDREN'S CARE CENTRE

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1162802

Charity's principal address

RIDGEWAY METHODIST CHURCH

MUDGE WAY, PLYMPTON

PLYMOUTH

Postcode

PL7 2PS

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	PATRICIA STEAD	CHAIRMAN		FIRST TRUSTEE
2	ANDREW CHISLETT-MCDONALD	MINISTER	RESIGNED 31/12/2023	APPOINTED UNDER CONSTITUTION
3	JOHN BUTTLE			FIRST TRUSTEE
4	PHYLLIS JONES			RIDGEWAY METHODIST CHURCH
5	KELLY WEBB			RIDGEWAY METHODIST CHURCH
6	GRAHAM BLAKE-LOBB			CHARITY TRUSTEES
7	RONALD MEATHREL		APPOINTED 1/9/2022	RIDGEWAY METHODIST CHURCH
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
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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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Majority appointed by Ridgeway Methodist Church Members additional Trustees appointed by the Trustees of Ridgeway Methodist Children's Care Centre.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are the advancement of the Christian faith as an independent expression of the mission of Ridgeway Methodist Church (charity number 1128711) for the public benefit:

3.1 in advancing the secular and spiritual education of children from the ages of 0 up to and including 11 years; and

3.2 in the interests of social welfare providing or assisting in the provision of facilities for recreation of children from the ages of 0 up to and including 11 years who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

The main activities of Ridgeway Methodist Children's Care Centre are the provision of Ofsted registered preschool for ages 2 – 4 and provision of parent and toddler sessions for ages 0-3.

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The year September 2022– August 2023 saw a return to normal activity post-covid.

The Preschool has resumed Forest School, going for walks in the community and the children have loved and engaged with this. Support continues to be provided to families who are in need. Engaging with the church to provide food hampers at Christmas and the Food Rave where church members have encouraged families by providing help to cook on a budget.

The Toddler groups are continuing to thrive and provide a feed in of new children for Preschool.

An on-going and increasing challenge for the Preschool is caring for those children who have Special Needs. During 2022-23 there have been 2 children with severe and profound complex needs. Accessing the funding required has been a constant battle. For those children with low level needs the early years inclusion funding no longer provides sufficient 1-1 support for the hours they are there. There has been a high proportion of low level needs in this age group whose early development has been hindered by Covid lock downs and restrictions. Although this has been acknowledged nationally funding has decreased rather than risen to meet the need.

This Preschool has an excellent reputation for Special Needs Care but now has to limit the number of such children it can help due to the lack of funding and to make sure mainstream children are not adversely affected. One complex needs child who should be going to school in September is staying until January and special arrangements have been made with the local authority to provide funding and the necessary care for this child.

The Preschool staff continued to work together as a dedicated team with the needs of the children placed at the centre of all they do. Although the work at times is stressful the staff support each other and have the addition of a group of dedicated volunteers.

The Trustees and Management of the Centre met formally 3 times during the Academic Year 2022-23

In Preschool all activities for children follow the EYFS framework and as part of this pupils have been exploring a wide range of planning themes such as Chinese New Year, Harvest, Easter, and outdoor activities including Forest School. Sports Day took place in summer 2023 and educational visits to the library have resumed. The Christmas Nativity in 2022 took place both on a Sunday morning for the wider church audience and during the week for parents. This was the first time since Covid that a wider audience was able to attend and that the Nativity could be performed in Church. Christmas parties with Father Christmas and the Summer 'Graduation Ceremony' also took place as normal.

During the year 3 fundraising coffee mornings took place as well as a sponsored 'Treasure Hunt' for the children to do during holiday times.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity will hold at least 6 month's reserves plus redundancy provisions.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The accounts submitted show a surplus however when adjusted for accruals of funding received in August for the academic year 23/24 there is in fact loss of £1267. This is due to a shortfall in SENCO funding. The charity has increased redundancy provision to meet its current requirements from its reserves. As Government funding continues to decrease in real terms and costs, especially wages, continue to rise financial challenges lie ahead and plans are in place to try and meet these.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

P. M. Stead

John Buttle

Full name(s)

PATRICIA STEAD

JOHN BUTTLE

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

CHAIR

TRUSTEE

Date

05/02/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Ridgeway Methodist Children's Care Centre

1162802

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/09/2022		31/08/2023

	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 *1					
Funded Income *2	72,711	-	-	72,711	51,051
Non funded income *1	9,429	-	-	9,429	7,904
Toddler Income	1,673	-	-	1,673	868
Fundraising	1,305	-	-	1,305	448
Interest	924	-	-	924	111
Grants - Co-op *4	-	-	-	-	-
Grants - Santander	-	-	-	-	-
Disability Access Grant *5	-	-	-	-	1,600
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	86,042	-	-	86,042	61,982
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	86,042	-	-	86,042	61,982
A3 Payments * 2					
Wages and National Insurance *2	61,375	-	-	61,375	52,333
Pensions	2,960	-	-	2,960	2,681
Staff Uniform	135	-	-	135	-
Church Contribution	2,956	-	-	2,956	6,402
Premises Expenses	119	-	-	119	-
Professional Fees	1,270	-	-	1,270	1,127
Insurance	530	-	-	530	514
Repairs	50	-	-	50	25
Cleaning	98	-	-	98	93
Computer Software	25	-	-	25	20
Telephone/Internet	216	-	-	216	216
Educational and consumable supplies	120	-	-	120	193
Provisions	235	-	-	235	197
Toddler refreshments	64	-	-	64	66
PPS	282	-	-	282	275
Staff training	-	-	-	-	41
Bad debt write off	-	-	-	-	27
Health & Safety	-	-	-	-	38
Grants expended	-	-	-	-	3,162
Sundries	232	-	-	232	264
Sub total	70,667	-	-	70,667	67,674
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	70,667	-	-	70,667	67,674
Net of receipts/(payments) * 3	15,375	-	-	15,375	- 5,692
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	79,445	-	-	79,445	85,137
Cash funds this year end	94,820	-	-	94,820	79,445

Categories

B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Cash in hand	230	-	-
Balance CFB	27,523	-	-
Balance Bank Natwest	67,067	-	-
Total cash funds	94,820	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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B2 Other monetary assets

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	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

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

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

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

B5 Liabilities

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

Notes * 1

Non funded income - includes £153 due for 2021/22 received 2022/23. At year end £67.75 was outstanding but this is expected to be recovered.

Notes * 2

Funded income includes £6142 advance funding for Autumn 23 and £10500 for SENCO support of additional staff members in 23/24 and £2489 for support in 22/23. Wages includes £6415 for 22/23 senco support. (£2730 Senco for 22/23 was rec'd in 21/22)

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Profit is only shown due to £16642 of Senco 23/24 and Autumn term 23 funding being received in advance. Adjusting for this produces a loss of £1267 which is equivalent of Senco funding summer term 23 which was not covered as expected. However redundancy provision needs to be increased by £3367 transferred from reserves which are now £53360. Redundancy provision increased to £24818.

Notes * 4 & 5

All grants were expended by 31/8/22. No new grants have been received in 2022/23

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

Signature

Print Name

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Ridgeway Rd. The Infant Children's Care Centre

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1162802

Set out on pages

1&2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2023.

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 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.

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Signed:

S. Glenister

Date:

25/01/2024

Name:

SARAH GLENISTER

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

F.C.C.A

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