



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	Day 01	Month Sept	Year 2023	To	Day 31	Month August	Year 2024

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			RIDGEWAY METHODIST CHURCH
8	AMANDA ROPER	MINISTER	APPOINTED 1/9/2024	APPOINTED UNDER CONSTITUTION
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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

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

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The year September 2023-August 2024 has been one of both challenges and celebration.

Providing for Special Needs has continued to be a challenge. A child with complex needs who should have gone to school in September 2023 stayed with us for 6 months due to lack of places in Special Schools.

This was fully funded by Plymouth City Council otherwise we could not have done it. Staffing was arranged and a temporary contract extended to enable 2 to 1 support. In addition to this 2 children in the current Preschool cohort also needed support for complex needs for which Early Years Inclusion funding was insufficient.

On the positive side the Preschool has fully resumed activities such as Forest School and library visits. The Nativity was performed in church on Sunday as well as for parents during the week.

Child numbers grew as the year went on; the new 2 year old working parent funding contributed to this after Easter.

In 2024 we celebrated 60 years of providing childcare from beginning as a church playgroup to becoming an Ofsted registered Preschool. A number of events and parties took place to mark the event.

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

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. Staff are able to progress and new staff are supported through to their Level 3 qualification.

Volunteers are supported to attain Level 2, moving to become casual staff members and later permanent if and when a position becomes available.

The Trustees and Management of the Centre met formally 3 times during the Academic Year 2023-24. In addition a number of them are actively involved with volunteering as additional support for both Preschool and Toddler groups.

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 and library visits.

During the year 3 fundraising coffee mornings took place when ladies from the Church craft group also sell their crafts to help raise funds.

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 loss of £11038 however when adjusted for accruals of funding received in August 2023 for the academic year 23/24 there is in fact a surplus of £5604 making a break even status across the last two financial years. There continues to be a shortfall in SENCO funding. We have been given a generous donation of £4000 to help meet some of these costs, which is now held in restricted funding for this purpose. The charity has not needed to increase redundancy provision to meet its current requirements due to staff changes. As Government funding continues to decrease in real terms and costs, especially wages, continue to rise financial challenges still lie ahead.

Section F

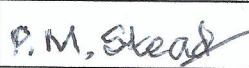
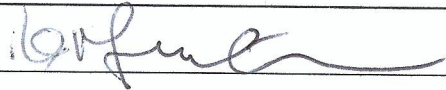
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

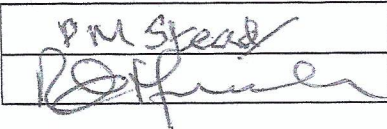

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	PATRICIA STEAD	RON MEATHREL
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TRUSTEE
Date	03/02/2025	



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/09/2023		31/08/2024

	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	55,969	-	-	55,969	72,711
Non funded income *1	8,527	-	-	8,527	9,429
Toddler Income	1,774	-	-	1,774	1,673
Fundraising	872	-	-	872	1,305
Interest	1,442	-	-	1,442	924
staffing donations *4	-	4,096	-	4,096	-
heat & light donations *5	-	270	-	270	-
Sponsorship for book purchase **	-	260	-	260	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	68,584	4,626	-	73,210	86,042
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	68,584	4,626	-	73,210	86,042
A3 Payments * 2					
Wages and National Insurance *2	68,048	-	-	68,048	61,375
Pensions	3,310	-	-	3,310	2,960
Staff Uniform	-	-	-	-	135
Church Contribution	3,223	-	-	3,223	2,956
Premises Expenses	206	-	-	206	119
Professional Fees	1,194	-	-	1,194	1,270
Insurance	556	-	-	556	530
Repairs	14	-	-	14	50
Cleaning	62	-	-	62	98
Computer Software	519	-	-	519	25
Telephone/Internet	-	-	-	-	216
Educational and consumable supplies inc book purchase **	762	-	-	762	120
Provisions	180	-	-	180	235
Toddler refreshments	112	-	-	112	64
PPS	283	-	-	283	282
Staff training	-	-	-	-	-
Bad debt write off	-	-	-	-	-
Health & Safety	406	-	-	406	-
SENCO Addl expenditure	534	-	-	534	-
Sundries	212	-	-	212	232
Sub total	79,622	-	-	79,622	70,667
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	79,622	-	-	79,622	70,667
Net of receipts/(payments) * 3	- 11,038	4,626	-	- 6,412	15,375
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	94,820	-	-	94,820	79,445
Cash funds this year end	83,782	4,626	-	88,408	94,820

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in hand	274	-	-
	Balance CFB	28,965	-	-
	Balance Bank Natwest	59,169	-	-
	Total cash funds	88,408	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
Notes * 1	Non funded income - includes £67.50 due for 2022/23 received 2023/24. At year end £157.75 was outstanding but this is expected to be recovered.			
Notes * 2	Funded income does not include £6142 advance funding for Autumn 23 and £10500 for SENCO support of additional staff members in 23/24 which was received 22/23. Wages, NI and Pensions includes £12401 for 23/24 senco support.			
Notes * 3	Loss is only shown due to £16642 of Senco 23/24 and Autumn term 23 funding being received in advance in 22/23. Adjusting for this produces a surplus of £5604. Redundancy provision does not need to be increased this year due to reduction in staff hours 12 months ago and remains at £24818. Surplus transferred to reserves covers last years loss. Reserves now £58964			
Notes * 4 & 5	Restricted donations to be expended as required			
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		P M STEAD	4/11/24	
		R A MEATHREL	4/11/24	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Ridgeway Methodist Children's Care Centre

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1162802

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2024.

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.

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:

S. Glenister

Date:

30/01/2025

Name:

SARAH GLENISTER

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

F. C. C. A

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

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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.