



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	Day 01	Month Sept	Year 2024	To	Day 31	Month August	Year 2025

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	AMANDA ROPER	MINISTER	APPOINTED 1/9/2024	APPOINTED UNDER CONSTITUTION
3	JOHN BUTTLE			FIRST TRUSTEE
4	PHYLLIS JONES			RIDGEWAY METHODIST CHURCH
5	KELLY WEBB		RESIGNED 3/2/2025	RIDGEWAY METHODIST CHURCH
6	GRAHAM BLAKE-LOBB			CHARITY TRUSTEES
7	RONALD MEATHREL			RIDGEWAY METHODIST CHURCH
8	JENNIFER KIRBY		APPOINTED 01/09/2025	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

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 2024-August 2025 has continued to be both challenging and successful.

Providing for Special Needs has continued to be a challenge. For a small setting of only 20 children we have had a high percentage of need. 3 children have had profound needs, 1 with low level need and 3 with speech and language difficulties. Early Years Inclusion funding continues to be insufficient. Our staff are skilled and experienced in this area and continue to work hard, support these children and fight for them to have adequate support.

On the positive side our Ofsted Inspection in December 2024 went really well and we were awarded the outcome of Good. The inspector gave feedback about the Pre-school and was very complimentary about the staff, leadership, children and quality of care and education.

Child numbers grew as the year went on with 10 leaving for school in summer 2025, leaving 10 continuing.

The Toddler groups are continuing to thrive and provide a feed in of new children for Preschool. Volunteers for the Children's Care Centre work with volunteers for the church to run the Toddler groups on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The group provides a hub for families to network and receive help and advice.

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 Childcare Centre works closely with the Church and receives pastoral and prayer support from the Church which is important as its ethos as a Christian organisation is to be there for all families and have an open door policy to provide support and care.

The Trustees and Management of the Centre met formally 3 times during the Academic Year 2024-25. 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, Colours, Space, Minibeasts and All about Me along with outdoor activities including Forest School, Sports Day, Graduation and library visits.

During the year 2 fundraising coffee mornings took place when ladies from the Church craft group also sold 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 small surplus of £504 for the year. There continues to be a shortfall in SENCO funding. We have been given a generous donation of £4000 plus Gift Aid to help meet some of these costs, which is now held in restricted funding for this purpose. The total restricted for this purpose is now £9000. The charity has needed to increase redundancy provision slightly 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

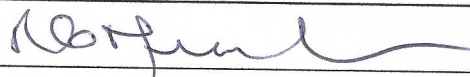
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	P. M Stead	
Full name(s)	PATRICIA STEAD	RON MEATHREL
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TRUSTEE
Date	06/03/2025	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/09/2024		31/08/2025

	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	61,162	-	-	61,162	55,969
Non funded income *1	6,681	-	-	6,681	8,527
Toddler Income	1,785	-	-	1,785	1,774
Fundraising	1,334	-	-	1,334	872
Interest	1,314	-	-	1,314	1,442
staffing donations *4	-	4,008	-	4,008	4,096
heat & light donations *5	-	540	-	540	270
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	25	1,184	-	1,209	-
Sponsorship for book purchase **	-	-	-	-	260
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	72,301	5,732	-	78,033	73,210
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	72,301	5,732	-	78,033	73,210
A3 Payments * 2					
Wages and National Insurance *2	62,857	-	-	62,857	68,048
Pensions	3,467	-	-	3,467	3,310
Staff Uniform	-	-	-	-	-
Church Contribution	2,207	675	-	2,882	3,223
Premises Expenses	210	-	-	210	206
Professional Fees	1,217	-	-	1,217	1,194
Insurance	617	-	-	617	556
Repairs	125	-	-	125	14
Cleaning	62	-	-	62	62
Computer Software	25	-	-	25	519
Telephone/Internet	-	-	-	-	-
Educational and consumable supplies inc book purchase **	166	-	-	166	762
Provisions	163	-	-	163	180
Toddler refreshments	121	-	-	121	112
PPS	217	-	-	217	283
Accountancy	100	-	-	100	-
Bad debt write off	21	-	-	21	-
Health & Safety	-	-	-	-	406
SENCO Addl expenditure	-	-	-	-	534
Sundries	222	-	-	222	212
Sub total	71,797	675	-	72,472	79,622
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	71,797	675	-	72,472	79,622
Net of receipts/(payments) * 3	504	5,057	-	5,561	6,412
A5 Transfers between funds	260	260	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	83,782	4,626	-	88,408	94,820
Cash funds this year end	84,546	9,423	-	93,969	88,408

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in hand	350	-	-
	Balance CFB	30,279	-	-
	Balance Bank Natwest	53,917	9,423	-
	Total cash funds	84,546	9,423	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
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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)
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Notes * 1	Non funded income - includes £157.75 due for 2023/24 received 2024/25. At year end £18.75 was outstanding but this is expected to be recovered.			
Notes * 2	Funded income includes £735 for SENCO 2025/26 received in 2024/25. In 2024/25 £992.25 was received for SENCO and £845 23 was spent on SENCO wages			
Notes * 3	Small surplus of £504 for the year. Redundancy provision slightly increased this year to £25265. Surplus transferred to reserves. Reserves now £59281 plus restricted funds of £9423 .			
Notes * 4 & 5	Restricted donations to be expended as required, balance is £270 for heat and light and £9153 for wages at year end			
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Patricia Stead 10/1/26	PATRICIA STEAD RA MEATHRE	3/2/26 4/2/26	



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 2025

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 31/08/2025.

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.

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:

9/02/2026

Name:

SARAH GLENISTER FCCA

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

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS
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