



**ANNUAL REPORT  
AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
OF THE  
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

**Parish of St. Philip, Tunbridge Wells**

**Registered charity number: 1163165**

## **Parish of St. Philip, Tunbridge Wells**

### **Reference and Administrative Information 2025**

Office: Church Office  
St Philip's Church  
Birken Rd  
Tunbridge Wells TN2 3TE

Vicar: The Revd, Richard Thomas  
The Vicarage  
Birken Road  
Tunbridge Wells TN2 3TE

Bankers: Lloyds TSB Bank PLC  
Mount Pleasant Road  
Tunbridge Wells  
TN1 1RP

Barclays Bank PLC  
10 Calverley Road  
Tunbridge Wells  
TN1 2UZ

Independent Examiner: Zachary Ramsden  
63 Deakin Leas  
Tonbridge  
TN9 2JT

Members of the PCC:	The Revd Richard Thomas	Vicar (Chairman)
	Mr Martyn Root	Warden
	Mrs Cathie Kitley	Warden

Elected to Deanery Synod	Mr Dennis Pearce	(2023-26)
	Mrs Cathie Kitley	(2023-26)

Elected Members	Mrs Sarah Farnes	(2023-26)
	Mrs Heather Payne	(2023-26)
	Mrs Lynda Howlett	(2024-27)
	Mrs Catherine Root	(2024-27)
	Mr Meic Williams	(2025-28)
	Mrs Pippa Whatling	(2025-28)
	Mrs Theresa Mui	(2025-28)

Co-opted Member PCC Secretary: Mrs Ailsa Hemsley

Church Operations Manager Mrs Emma Thompson  
Finance & Gift Aid Secretary

Parish Treasurer: Vacancy

Registered Charity number: 1163165

Website: [www.stphilipstw.co.uk](http://www.stphilipstw.co.uk)

Signed:  
*RICHARD THOMAS* on behalf of the PCC

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Parish of St Philip, Tunbridge Wells was created with effect from 1 August 2004. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered as a charity under the Charities Act 2011. The function and purpose of the PCC is outlined in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

Charities Law requires the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements the PCC have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and
- prepared the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis.

The PCC have overall responsibility for ensuring the charity has appropriate systems of control, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurance that:

- the charity is operating efficiently and effectively
- the assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use and disposition
- proper records are maintained and financial information used within the charity or for publication is reliable
- the charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The APCM also appoints representatives to serve on the Deanery Synod. The names of those who have served on the PCC during the year are shown on Page 1. The APCM was held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

Several teams operated by the PCC meet between full meetings of the PCC.

The Standing Committee is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. The Standing Committee has not formally met during the period of this report although has corresponded via email.

Other teams of the PCC oversee the worship and prayer life of the church, children & youth work, finance, buildings improvement, pastoral care and local outreach.

The PCC is also represented on several Christian organisations and associations in the town.

## **Objectives and Activities**

St Philip's Church is located in the Sherwood district of Tunbridge Wells - an area designated as one of high social need.

When planning activities for the year, the vicar and PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and have regard to it in their administration of the Parish. The PCC believes that, by fulfilling its responsibility to work together with the vicar in the parish and co-operate in all matters of concern and importance for the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers.
- Supporting the wider mission of the Church through both prayer and grants to mission work, charities, and Christian relief agencies.

- Promoting Christian values, and service by Church members in their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.
- Providing community facilities in Church premises for groups to meet for social and educational purposes.

## **Safeguarding**

The Council has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

We continue to be committed to establishing a culture of safeguarding that believes that keeping children and vulnerable adults safe is everyone's responsibility and that we have strong systems in place to ensure that victims of historic abuse are able to seek help and support, and new concerns are dealt with swiftly and appropriately.

There have been six referrals made to the Parish Safeguarding Officer Catherine Root this year with Diocesan advice being sought on one occasion and appropriate action being taken. Thank you to the Church community for your vigilance and support in this area.

### **Areas of focus this year have included:**

- Continuation of ensuring that people on church teams have appropriate Safeguarding training and have been DBS checked
- Continuation of ensuring that volunteers are recruited using the application form process
- Review of hirers' Safeguarding practices
- Use of the C of E dashboard tool to audit our safeguarding practice
- Revision of St Philips Safeguarding Policy
- St Philip's risk assessment template with ongoing review and updating of this for all St Philip's activities.

In all its activities the PCC depends upon Church members who give freely of their time and talents to help achieve its mission. This resource cannot be quantified in monetary terms and is not included in the accounts.

## **Achievements and performance**

The full PCC met six times during the year in person. Average attendance was 82%. Major decisions included approval of:

- a) Publication of a range of policies relating to health & safety and safeguarding across the main church and the church larder

- b) The reappointment of Catherine Root as Parish Safeguarding Officer
- c) Run an Alpha Course and Practising the Way Parts 1 & 2 Courses
- d) Community Pantomime at Christmas
- e) Complete Re-Revision of the Church Electoral Roll

The average weekly attendance of adults and children at the 10am Sunday service during 2025 was 85 compared to 70 in 2024 and this includes substantial growth in the number of young people attending. The average attendance at the monthly 8am service is 13.

All services have been conducted in person during 2025.

As of December 2025, there were 82 on the Church Electoral Roll.

## **Financial review**

The Report of the PCC has been prepared in accordance with *Accounting and Reporting by Charities* (SORP FRS102).

### Reserves

The PCC reserves policy is that a level of freely available unrestricted general funds should be maintained equivalent to between three and six months' regular running costs which would be an amount of between £25k and £50k a year. At the end of 2025 the actual level of free reserves was £91k which is in excess of this level.

### Financial risks

A financial appraisal of the parish funding showed that there would be a high impact on parish finances if some members' regular giving was reduced or ceased.

### Income

Total income of £145k is higher than last year's total income of £111k and this year as in 2024 there were grants received for the Community Larder.

### Expenses

Expenses totalled £126k an increase compared to £121k last year, mainly due to the first full year of Community Outreach Worker salary.

### Transfers

The PCC sets aside funds for the maintenance of the Church as agreed with the Diocese under the quinquennial repair programme. £4,963 was transferred into the repair fund.

### Funds

Overall the net movement of funds is a surplus of £19,791 resulting in net assets of £378k at the end of 2025 compared to £359k last year.

The general fund shows a surplus of £4,136 for the year leaving a balance of £91,862 to be carried forward as freely available reserves.

Other than Vicarage property fund, the major part of the Designated Fund includes £35,747 for church repair, £9k for Children's worker and £20,108 for the Community Outreach Larder project.

The balance on restricted funds stands at £3,345

**Emma Thompson**

**Operations Manager**

**Parish of St Philip, Tunbridge Wells**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31st December 2025**

	Note	<b>2025</b>			<b>2024</b>
		<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS from</b>					
Donations and legacies	2 (a)	64,747	28,434	93,181	69,931
Investment income	2 (b)	3,333	-	3,333	2,333
Charitable activities	2 (c)	10,375	-	10,375	11,560
Other trading activities	2 (d)	38,906	-	38,906	27,019
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>117,361</b>	<b>28,434</b>	<b>145,795</b>	<b>110,843</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE on</b>					
Raising funds	3 (a)	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities					
(I) Provision of Christian worship and ministry	3 (b i)	82,357	24,756	107,113	95,375
(II) Support for the wider mission of the Church	3 (b ii)	4,204	-	4,204	2,782
(III) Provision of community facilities	3 (b iii)	14,354	333	14,687	23,297
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100,915</b>	<b>25,089</b>	<b>126,004</b>	<b>121,454</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS in 2025</b>		<b>16,446</b>	<b>3,345</b>	<b>19,791</b>	<b>-10,611</b>
Balances brought forward from end of last year		<b>358,690</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>358,690</b>	<b>369,301</b>
<b>BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD 31st December 2025</b>		<b>375,136</b>	<b>3,345</b>	<b>378,481</b>	<b>£ 358,690</b>

**Parish of St Philip, Tunbridge Wells**

**BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December 2025**

	Note	2025			2024
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Total £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Fixed Assets	7	219,667	-	219,667	220,971
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	8	7,610	-	7,610	2,598
Short Term Deposits	9	109,726	-	109,726	77,393
Cash at Bank & in Hand	10	44,160	3,345	47,505	61,417
		161,496	3,345	164,841	141,408
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>					
Amounts falling due within 1 year	11	6,027	-	6,027	3,689
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		155,469	3,345	158,814	137,719
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		375,136	3,345	378,481	358,690
<b>FUNDS</b>					
- General	12	91,862	-	91,862	87,726
- Designated	12	283,274	-	283,274	270,964
Unrestricted		375,136	-	375,136	358,690
Restricted	13	-	3,345	3,345	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		375,136	3,345	378,481	358,690

Signed on behalf of the PCC

*Richard Brown*

**Parish of St Philip, Tunbridge Wells**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31st December 2025**

**2 INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS**

	<b>2025</b>			<b>2024</b>
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
2 (a) Donations and legacies				
Charities Aid Foundation donations	8,340		8,340	7,300
Tax recoveries	9,649		9,649	6,969
Other planned giving	44,030	3,965	47,995	38,508
Plate collections at services	2,728		2,728	2,421
Grants/Restricted/Designated donations	-	24,469	24,469	14,733
Legacies	-		-	-
All other giving	-		-	-
	<b>64,747</b>	<b>28,434</b>	<b>93,181</b>	<b>69,931</b>
2 (b) Investment income				
Interest	<b>3,333</b>	-	<b>3,333</b>	<b>2,333</b>
2 (c) Charitable activities				
Community larder income	9,858		9,858	10,673
Clergy fees	517		517	887
	<b>10,375</b>	-	<b>10,375</b>	<b>11,560</b>
2 (d) Other activities				
Rentals	37,855		37,855	26,603
Other income	1,051		1,051	416
	<b>38,906</b>	-	<b>38,906</b>	<b>27,019</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>117,361</b>	<b>28,434</b>	<b>145,795</b>	<b>110,843</b>

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**3 EXPENDITURE**

	<b>2025</b>			<b>2024</b>
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
3 (a) Planned giving scheme expenses	-		-	-
3 (b) Charitable activities				
(i) Provision of Christian worship and ministry				
Diocese "offer"	35,000		35,000	33,000
Clergy expenses & housing costs	3,631		3,631	4,310
Services & fellowship	1,841		1,841	1,425
Adult work	2,464		2,464	783
Youth & childrens' work	5,754	3,965	9,719	2,019
Training and development	545		545	-
Outreach and publicity	418		418	208
Community larder costs	3,528	20,569	24,097	20,917
Subscriptions & sundry	2,419		2,419	1,772
Church & premises costs ( <i>note 4</i> )	8,194	222	8,416	14,299
Management and administration ( <i>note 5</i> )	18,563		18,563	16,642
	<b>82,357</b>	<b>24,756</b>	<b>107,113</b>	<b>95,375</b>
(ii) Support for the wider mission of the Church				
Grants and outward giving ( <i>note 14</i> )	<b>4,204</b>		<b>4,204</b>	2,782
(iii) Provision of community facilities				
Church & premises costs ( <i>note 4</i> )	12,291	333	12,624	21,448
Management and administration ( <i>note 5</i> )	2,063		2,063	1,849
	<b>14,354</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>14,687</b>	<b>23,297</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100,915</b>	<b>25,089</b>	<b>126,004</b>	<b>121,454</b>

**Parish of St Philip, Tunbridge Wells**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31st December 2025**

**4 CHURCH AND PREMISES COSTS**

	<b>2025</b>			<b>2024</b>
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Insurance	1,768	-	1,768	1,728
Water rates	1,531	-	1,531	1,274
Gas and electricity	5,494	-	5,494	6,148
Cleaning	6,069	-	6,069	5,867
Maintenance & repairs	2,492	555	3,047	14,190
Equipment maintenance & renewal	1,827	-	1,827	5,236
Depreciation	1,304	-	1,304	1,304
	<b>20,485</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>21,040</b>	<b>35,747</b>

***allocated to activities in proportion to usage***

Provision of Christian worship and ministry - 40%	8,194	222	8,416	14,299
Provision of community facilities - 60%	12,291	333	12,624	21,448
	<b>20,485</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>21,040</b>	<b>35,747</b>

**5 MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION**

Salaries	16,994	-	16,994	14,553
Stationery & postage	318	-	318	450
Telephone	992	-	992	1,053
Office computer and software	874	-	874	755
Office equipment hire & maintenance	-	-	-	-
Website maintenance	230	-	230	345
Other administrative costs	-	-	-	-
Professional fees	1,218	-	1,218	1,335
	<b>20,626</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,626</b>	<b>18,491</b>

***allocated to activities in proportion to Administrator's time spent***

Provision of Christian worship and ministry (90%)	18,563	-	18,563	16,642
Provision of community facilities (10%)	2,063	-	2,063	1,849
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,626</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,626</b>	<b>18,491</b>

**6 STAFF COSTS**

<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
29,569	20,403

During 2025 the PCC employed an office administrator, a cleaner, and a community outreach worker, all on a part-time basis.

No employees earned over £60,000.

None of the PCC members have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from the charity (2024 - none).

No payment other than for reimbursed expenses were made to PCC members (2024 - none).

There have been no transactions with persons or entities that are closely connected to the charity or the PCC members (2024 - none).

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31st December 2025**

**7 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC**

**Land and Buildings**

As set out in Note 1 to these accounts, the PCC is not obliged under the requirements of the Charities SORP to allocate any value to consecrated buildings. St Philip's Church is an unconsecrated building, but due to its special nature no market valuation can be readily determined.

The Parish has a 60.56% legal interest in the vicarage known as St Philip's Vicarage. The share of the vicarage owned by the PCC is included at a market value assessed by the PCC in March 2008 following consultation with the Diocese. The PCC have reviewed the value of the property at 31 December 2025 and consider the carrying value to be the same as the initial value in March 2008 in light of the fluctuations in the UK property market.

**Land and building Valuation**

	£
At 31st Dec. 2024	<u>218,016</u>
At 31st Dec. 2025	<u>218,016</u>

**Equipment**

Cost at 31st Dec. 2024	<b>5,216</b>
Additions in the year	-
Cost at 31st Dec. 2025	<u><b>5,216</b></u>

Depreciation at 31.12.24	<b>2,261</b>
Depreciation in the year	<u><b>1,304</b></u>
Depreciation at 31st Dec. 2025	<u><b>3,565</b></u>

**Net book value**

At 31st Dec. 2024	<u><b>220,971</b></u>
At 31st Dec. 2025	<u><b>219,667</b></u>

	<b>2025</b>			<b>2024</b>
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>8 DEBTORS</b>				
Tax recoverable	2,701	-	2,701	1,881
Other debtors	4,909	-	4,909	717
	<u>7,610</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,610</u>	<u>2,598</u>
<b>9 SHORT TERM DEPOSITS</b>				
Diocesan Loans Fund	73,979	-	73,979	46,591
Diocesan Church Repair Fund	35,747	-	35,747	30,802
	<u>109,726</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109,726</u>	<u>77,393</u>
<b>10 CASH AT BANK &amp; IN HAND</b>				
Lloyds Bank	41,216	-	41,216	47,206
Barclays Bank	6,012	-	6,012	14,046
Cash in hand	277	-	277	165
	<u>47,505</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,505</u>	<u>61,417</u>
<b>11 LIABILITIES</b>				
Sundry creditors and accruals	6,027	-	6,027	3,689
	<u>6,027</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,027</u>	<u>3,689</u>

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31st December 2025

12 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	At 1/1/25	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31/12/25
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>General Fund</b> (page 15)	<b>87,726</b>	<b>106,558</b>	<b>-97,387</b>	<b>-5,035</b>	<b>91,862</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
Vicarage Property Fund	218,016				218,016
Community Larder Fund	13,706	9,858	-3,528	72	20,108
Church Repair Fund	29,839	945		4,963	35,747
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	403				403
Children and Families Worker Support Fund	9,000				9,000
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>270,964</b>	<b>10,803</b>	<b>-3,528</b>	<b>5,035</b>	<b>283,274</b>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>358,690</b>	<b>117,361</b>	<b>-100,915</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>375,136</b>
<b>13 RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>					
Roof fund	-	3,900	-555		3,345
Community Outreach Worker fund		3,965	-3,965		-
Community Larder grants and donation	-	20,569	-20,569		-
	<b>-</b>	<b>28,434</b>	<b>-25,089</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,345</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>358,690</b>	<b>145,795</b>	<b>-126,004</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>378,481</b>

## DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS

**The General Fund** represents the funds available to the PCC for the day to day running of the church and the parish.

**The Vicarage Property Fund** represents the PCC's proportionate share of the freehold value of the Vicarage.

**The Church Repair Fund** represents the funds held with the Diocese set aside for future quinquennial repairs.

**Vicar's Discretionary Fund** is set aside for assistance to parishioners at the confidential discretion of the vicar.

**The Children and Family Worker Support Fund** has been set up to enable a medium term employment commitment to be made for a part-time family worker in the parish.

**Other designated asset funds** represent monies given to the PCC towards projects or one-off items of expenditure which otherwise would have been funded from the general fund.

**Associated Organisations** show the movements of the funds held for or by the various bodies belonging to the parish fellowship.

**Restricted Funds** represent funds given for specific purposes and cannot be used by the PCC for any other purpose without the express permission of the donors.

## 14 COMMUNITY LARDER

	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
Brought forward fund	13,706		13,706
Income - Cash	9,858		9,858
Income - Donations		20,569	20,569
Expenses	-3,528	-20,569	-24,097
Transfers	72		72
Carried forward fund	20,108	-	20,108

**Parish of St Philip Tunbridge Wells**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31st December 2025**

**15. GRANTS/OUTWARD GIVING**

	<b>2025</b>			<b>2024</b>
	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>1. Overseas relief and development agencies</b>				
Magunda Care Centre	-	-	-	235
Mpapwa Fund	-	-	-	1,000
STPC Tanzania	1,120	-	1,120	600
<b>2. Home mission and other charitable giving</b>				
Life and Soul	-	-	-	500
Children with Cancer	100	-	100	-
Hope House	-	-	-	500
Gifts to individuals	438	-	438	120
Change in Mission tithe creditor	2,646	-	2,646	-173
<b>Totals*</b>	<b>4,304</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,304</b>	<b>2,782</b>

**PROFORMA GENERAL ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st December 2025****INCOME**

Envelopes & direct to bank	
Charities Aid Foundation donations	
Tax recoveries	
Plate & other donations	
Legacies	
Fees, hirings & other income	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b> per accounts ( <i>page 13</i> )	

<b>2025</b>
44,030
8,340
9,649
2,728
-
41,811
<b>106,558</b>

<b>2024</b>
37,008
7,300
6,969
2,421
-
30,239
<b>83,937</b>

**EXPENDITURE & OUTGOINGS**

Diocese "offer"	
Clergy and other expenses	
Church running costs including repairs	
Mission Tithe allocation	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b> ( <i>page 13</i> )	

35,000
17,072
41,111
4,204
<b>97,387</b>

33,000
16,701
46,554
2,782
<b>99,037</b>

Transfer to Repairs Fund	
Transfer to other funds	

4,963
72
<b>102,422</b>

4,000
-
<b>103,037</b>

**TOTAL OUTGOINGS****SURPLUS FOR YEAR**

Balance brought forward

<b>4,136</b>
87,726
<b>91,862</b>

<b>-19,100</b>
106,826
<b>87,726</b>

**Balance carried forward** (*pages 7/13*)

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the  
Parochial Church Council of of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Philip Tunbridge Wells**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 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 charity'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 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.

Signed: *Zachary Ramsden*

Name: Zachary Ramsden FCA

Chartered Accountant

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Date: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026