



St John's Church Preservation Group

Annual Report

2021 to 2022

Charity Registration 1164822

The Old School House, St John's Road, Kates Hill, Dudley,
DY2 7JT



CHARITY FORM

St John's Church Preservation Group is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The governing document is the constitution.

Trustees are selected by invitation.

PATRON



Professor Carl Chinn, MBE, broadcaster, author, professor, Chair Birmingham University Community History

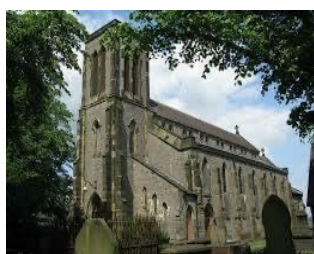
"I am proud to serve as patron"

PURPOSES OF THE CHARITY

St John's Church Preservation Group was formed in 2007 to save St John's Church which had been closed to the public in 2002. It was empty for 14 years until the group, after a lengthy campaign and process, was granted a lease to take on the restoration and re-opening in 2016.

The object[s] of St John's Church Preservation Group are:

- (a) to support the restoration and preservation of St John's Church, Kates Hill, Dudley, a place of historic and architectural importance with a view to supporting Christian worship and providing a facility for greater community use;
- (b) To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment;
- (c) to advance the education of the public particularly but not exclusively by (i) educating the public in different religious beliefs including an awareness of their distinctive features and their common ground to promote good relations between persons of different faiths and (ii) by promoting knowledge and mutual understanding and respect of the beliefs and practices of different religious faiths;
- (d) to further benefit the residents of Dudley and its surrounding areas particularly but not exclusively those who are unemployed or unwaged and those who are without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare, recreation and other leisure time activities with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents;
- (e) to advance in life and help young people through providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.



St John's Church, 1840. Grade 11 listed in May 2009 following application by St John's Church Preservation Group

SUMMARY OF MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Maintenance and restoration of the church building
- Fundraising including the St John's Sale Room in the adjacent former St John's School accepting donations of goods which are then sold at very low prices to support the local community and raise funds for the restoration of the historic church.
- Church kept open a minimum of two days per week for viewing and private contemplation
- Assistance with family history research
- Six Anglican services per year.
- Graveyard and adjoining Nature reserve maintenance
- Event programme engaging with local and wider community
- Volunteering opportunities from age 16 years and in family or affinity groups
- Social drop in on Fridays and Sundays in the School House adjacent to the church

TRUSTEE STATEMENT PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

TRUSTEES IN THIS PERIOD

Deborah Brownlee (Chair)
Maria Bottley (Secretary)
John Poole (Treasurer)
Martin Horwood
David Kerr
Ann Kerr
Paul Smith

Note during this period three trustees have suffered from significant health issues.

CONTRIBUTION MADE BY VOLUNTEERS

During this period 1500 hours of volunteering were carried out by just 12 volunteers – volunteer recruitment and retention continues to be a problem

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CHARITY DURING THIS PERIOD

We continued to hold six services per year including the key events of Remembrance and Christmas, and organise and attend community events.



Volunteers had worked almost around the clock on occasions to get the new community room ready, to be used as a community drop in, groups and classes, but also for fundraising events.

Unfortunately during this reporting period the landlord felt he could get more rent, following our refurbishment, and demanded that we leave. This threw the project into disarray, as we could not move the project forward with plans based around the School House, and efforts began to sell off huge amounts of donations being stored, to avoid having to move them. At the end of this reporting period we were still in the School House but under notice and trying to clear spaces.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

At the end of this period the charity had managed to retain but not increase a small reserve of £2340.

Our events and sales income slightly increased, but in the absence of the generous one off donations during lockdowns, our overall income was considerably less, which we had anticipated.

We are working out how to re-arrange to project, with twelve rooms and a storage container less, and this is occupying much of our time.

However, the vision for the project remains as strong as ever, and as we plan a way forward with just the church building, after 13 years of having space next door, we are working ways out that we feel will be better in the long term, and away from a landlord who has become increasingly unpleasant and distracting to our mission.

Prepared and approved by the trustees of St John's Church Preservation Group

10th May 2023 (draft)

12th November 2023 (final)

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE005853 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1164822

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 November 2022
for
St John's Church Preservation Group

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for the Year Ended 30 November 2022

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 November 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE005853 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1164822

Registered office

The Old School House
St John's Road
Kates Hill
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Trustees

D Brownlee
D Kerr
A Kerr
P Smith
M Bottley
J Poole
M Horwood

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

D Brownlee - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St John's Church Preservation Group ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 November 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

Richard Ashmore BA, BFP, FCA

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15 May 2023

St John's Church Preservation Group

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 November 2022

	Notes	30.11.22 Unrestricted fund £	30.11.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		9,145	22,699
Charitable activities			
Events Income		1,570	1,159
Sales Income		3,298	2,610
Commonwealth War Graves Comm		220	220
Recycling		228	142
Total		<u>14,461</u>	<u>26,830</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		592	534
Charitable activities			
Administration		<u>19,028</u>	<u>15,814</u>
Total		<u>19,620</u>	<u>16,348</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(5,159)	10,482
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		20,972	10,490
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>15,813</u></u>	<u><u>20,972</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet

30 November 2022

	Notes	30.11.22 Unrestricted fund £	30.11.21 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Prepayments and accrued income		3,997	3,859
Cash at bank and in hand		11,816	17,113
		<u>15,813</u>	<u>20,972</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>15,813</u>	<u>20,972</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		15,813	20,972
NET ASSETS		<u>15,813</u>	<u>20,972</u>
FUNDS	4		
Unrestricted funds		<u>15,813</u>	<u>20,972</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>15,813</u>	<u>20,972</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 November 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15 May 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

D Brownlee - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 November 2022 nor for the year ended 30 November 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 November 2022 nor for the year ended 30 November 2021.

3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	22,699
Charitable activities	
Events Income	1,159
Sales Income	2,610
Commonwealth War Graves Comm	220
Recycling	142
Total	<u>26,830</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	534
Charitable activities	
Administration	15,814
Total	<u>16,348</u>
NET INCOME	10,482
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	10,490
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>20,972</u></u>

4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.12.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.11.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	20,972	(5,159)	15,813
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>20,972</u></u>	<u><u>(5,159)</u></u>	<u><u>15,813</u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 November 2022

4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	14,461	(19,620)	(5,159)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>14,461</u>	<u>(19,620)</u>	<u>(5,159)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.12.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.11.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,490	10,482	20,972
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,490</u>	<u>10,482</u>	<u>20,972</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	26,830	(16,348)	10,482
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>26,830</u>	<u>(16,348)</u>	<u>10,482</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.12.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.11.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,490	5,323	15,813
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,490</u>	<u>5,323</u>	<u>15,813</u>

4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	41,291	(35,968)	5,323
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>41,291</u>	<u>(35,968)</u>	<u>5,323</u>

5. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 November 2022.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 November 2022

	30.11.22 £	30.11.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	9,145	22,699
Charitable activities		
Events Income	1,570	1,159
Sales Income	3,298	2,610
Recycling	228	142
Commonwealth War Graves Comm	220	220
	5,316	4,131
Total incoming resources		
	14,461	26,830
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Volunteer's Expenses	592	534
Charitable activities		
Insurance	5,857	6,262
Grounds & Property Expenses	2,974	2,864
Rent & Utilities	7,761	4,406
Events, Meetings & Promotions	1,291	757
General Administration	1,055	1,423
Telephone & Internet	72	102
Miscellaneous Expenses	18	-
	19,028	15,814
Total resources expended		
	19,620	16,348
Net (expenditure)/income		
	(5,159)	10,482