



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Sewardstone Evangelical Church

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1166206

Set out on pages

1 to 3 (One to Three) including this report

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 31/3/2023

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 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: Darren Warren

Date: 18/12/2023

Name: Darren Warren – Paxton Independent Examiners

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

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Address:

61a High Street South

Rushden

Northants, NN10 0RA

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.**

## CC Receipts & Payments Report

Charity name: Sewardstone Evangelical Church

Charity number: 1166206

For the period from 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023

Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts	30,067	953	0	31,020	27,237
Fundraising Activities					
Charitable Activities					
Other Receipts					
	30,067	953	0	31,020	27,237
Asset and Investment sales etc					
Total receipts	30,067	953	0	31,020	27,237
Payments					
Salaries Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising Costs					
Charitable Activities Costs	35,320	0	0	35,320	22,204
Governance Costs	456	0	0	456	378
Other Costs					
	35,776	0	0	35,776	22,582
Assets and investments gains/losses					
Total payments	35,776	0	0	35,776	22,582
Excess of receipts over payments	-5,709	953	0	-4,756	4,655
Transfers between Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Funds Last Year End	30,793	20,570	0	51,363	46,708
Cash funds this year end	25,084	21,523	0	46,607	51,363



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2022 To 31/03/2023

Charity name: Sewardstone Evangelical Church

Charity registration number: 1166206

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>1. To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit;</p> <p>2. To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit;</p> <p>3. To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Public worship.</p> <p>Instruction in the Christian faith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• during weekly worship meetings and</li><li>• through week-time Bible Study</li></ul> <p>Opportunity for private and public prayer &amp; discussion, including sickness, financial hardship and other needs, locally and worldwide.</p> <p>Provision of specific weekly activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arts and Craft group</li><li>• Bible Study Group</li><li>• Ladies' monthly Coffee Mornings</li></ul>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>Trustees have read and acknowledged the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and to our knowledge there has been no deviation from guidance recommendations.</p>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity relies solely on voluntary donations. The charity does not hold fundraising events, and does not receive grants from any source.
Other		

**Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Social provision for the community :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church socials (open to all and often including free meal)</li> <li>• Fellowship during weekly worship services</li> </ul> <p>Improved mental, financial and physical well-being through prayer and counselling (with financial support being offered when appropriate)</p> <p>Provision of instruction and growth in the Christian faith through midweek Bible Studies and Sunday services.</p> <p>Provision of opportunity for community to meet for worship and fellowship every Sunday.</p> <p>Regular donations of foodstuffs/supplies and finance to the local Food Bank which assists in alleviating need in the local community</p> <p>Visiting local community &amp; offering prayer and practical help to cover any concern.</p> <p>Provision of clothes/toys/reading materials alleviates child hardship worldwide (through</p>

		<p>Operation Christmas Child)</p> <p>Provision of financial assistance to charities working overseas to spread the gospel &amp; to alleviate poverty and hunger (through Tear Fund and other Christian charities).</p> <p>Provision of financial assistance to provide medical and food aid for those involved in the Turkey/Syrian earthquake.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	A reserve is held to ensure that we can meet payment of regular running costs of the charity (eg electricity/gas/water) for one year without income.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£3,000.00
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity relies solely on voluntary donations. The charity does not hold fundraising events, and does not receive grants from any source.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		



## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>CIO</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are nominated and appointed every three years. (If a trustee steps down/is deceased mid-term remaining trustees may appoint temporary trustee until such time as voting can take place).

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Church Leaders meet regularly with other local church leaders to support each other and to arrange: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint public worship</li> <li>• Community Outreach</li> </ul>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Sewardstone Evangelical Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1166206
Charity's principal address	145 Sewardstone Road Chingford London E4 7PL



### 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	Wendy Mitchell	Administrator		
2	Margarete Bardsley	Treasurer		
3	John Fosker			
4	Howard Rowbury		From 27.11.22	
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### Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant		

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>W. M. Mitchell</i>	<i>M. Bardsley</i>
Full name(s)	Wendy Marian Mitchell	Margarete Bardsley
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Administrator	Treasurer

Date *14.05.23*