

Annual Report to Members 2024

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I report on the accounts for The Chislehurst Society for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the Society's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of accounts. You consider that an audit is not required under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility

- to examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011
- follow the procedures specified in the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act
- state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Society and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as the Committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act, have not been met.
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 27-3-2025 -

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