

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**

**PORTSMOUTH**

**Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT**

**To the Member of the Christian Science Society, Portsmouth**

I report on the Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023

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It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 explanations from the trustees 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 next statement.

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2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts reached.



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9 June 2024

**Christian Science Society Portsmouth**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2022
<b>MONETARY ASSESTS</b>		
<b>Church Bank Accounts</b>		
<b>Balances @ 1 January 2023</b>		
Nationwide Building Society	111,509	£111,454
Lloyds Current Account	109,886	£49,681
<b>Current Assets: Bank &amp; Cash balances</b>	<u>£221,396</u>	<u>£161,135</u>
Add - excess of Reciepts over payments	(9,835)	£60,261
	<u>£211,561</u>	<u>£221,396</u>
<b>Balances @ 31 December 2023</b>		
Nationwide Building Society	111,577	£111,509
Lloyds Current Account	100,192	£109,886
less unrepresented cheques	(208)	
	<u>£211,561</u>	<u>£221,396</u>
 Freehold property - insured value	 871,739	 £846,348

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 21/07/24 and signed on their behalf by:

  
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 Chairman of the Board

# Christian Science Society Portsmouth

## RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2023	2022	2022
<b>Receipts:</b>				
Collections & Donations		893		737
Westminster Fund		9,360		
Collections for The Mother Church				
Donations and Other Receipts (see note 1)				891
Legacy (CS Society Colchester)				70,000
Gift Aid Tax Repayment				
Interest on Nationwide Investment & transfer in		48		56
Reading Room sales		158		204
CSPS rebate				28
Hire of Sunday School (Polling Station)		220		220
Rent from Abstract Dance Academy		21,613		21,088
Insurance contribution (Abstract)		1,001		
<b>Total Receipts:</b>		<u>33,293</u>		<u>93,224</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Librarian (see note 1)	15,240		6,234	
Gerry Saunders (Gardner and Maintenance)	7,196		4,375	
Cleaner (via by Cora MaGee)	<u>176</u>			
Total Salaries:		22,612		10,609
Repairs and Maintenance (see note 4)		3,864		1,627
Major works (Capital expenditure see note 5)		4,850		7,005
Electricity		4,662		
Water		336		250
Fire extinguisher service		142		123
Telephone		424		451
Reading Room -Purchases from CSPS		2,102		1,829
Reading Room (Capital costs)				7,688
Reading Room expenses (see note 2)		1,274		419
JSH online/CS online		324		339
Advertising - Journal Card/website		313		541
COP Hampshire				
Insurance		1,335		1,177
Independent Examiner's Fee and Expenses		125		100
Misc payments (see note 3)		764		806
<b>Total Payments</b>		<u>43,128</u>		<u>32,963</u>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>		<u>-9,835</u>		<u>60,261</u>

# Christian Science Society Portsmouth

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER 2023

<b>1 Librarian salary</b>	<b>2023</b>
From CSSP	6,096.00
From Westminster fund	9,144.00
	<u>15,240.00</u>

<b>2 Reading Room Expenses</b>	
Zoom	143.88
sundries	142.88
Padlock key	6.00
Training (Howells)	105.00
Hampshire web design	375.00
Solent way computers	40.00
TV	416.60
Telephone	45.00
	<u>1,274.36</u>

<b>3 Miscellaneous Payments</b>	
Microsoft 365	59.99
First Reader FTQ	121.65
Second reader travel expenses	195.00
Padlock for gate	34.00
Copy paper & printer ink	180.94
Postage	29.55
Treasurer travel expenses	99.10
receipt book	10.19
Sundries	33.99
	<u>764.41</u>

<b>4 Gardening &amp; Maintenance work</b>	
Flat roof repairs	1,775.00
New conservatory steps	31.61
water damage materials	269.67
General maintenance supplies	785.76
Manhole cover	53.99
CCTV equipment	529.99
CCTV fitting materials	302.00
Garden waste	115.87
	<u>3,863.89</u>

<b>5 Major Works</b>	
Hammond flooring	3192.00
Hopkins ceiling repairs	950.00
LJP Windows	320.00
Fareham Borough Council	388.00
	<u>4850.00</u>

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY PORTSMOUTH**  
**ANNUAL TRUSTEES REPORT FOR 2023 (FINANCIAL YEAR)**

***21<sup>st</sup> July 2024***

The following is a brief summary of the Society's activities during the 2023 calendar year:

1. Gerry continues to take lead responsibility for the gardening, cleaning and buildings maintenance. During 2023 work was undertaken to completely replace the floor in the main hall of the building used by Abstract Dance Academy. Work was also completed in the room that they use as an office (formerly our Clerk's Office).
2. Quentin has fulfilled the role of Librarian for 3 days per week following a successful grant application to the Westminster Fund in December of 2022. He now comes in on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 11 am and 3 pm.
3. We have agreed a further 5-year licence agreement with Abstract Dance Academy – starting from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 and running until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2029; they were delighted with the outcome, continue to be excellent tenants and everything is going very well with them.
4. CSS Portsmouth continues to provide in-person services on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month, whilst CSS Chichester provides an in-person service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Wednesday Testimony meetings run by Portsmouth & Chichester CCS take place via zoom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 7 pm. On all other Sundays and Wednesdays members & attendees can access in-person or zoom meetings via the internet.
5. CCS Portsmouth & CCS Chichester formally joined to become Portsmouth & Chichester CCS from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.
6. Following a satisfactory quote from Tony Boxall (who completed the development work of the Reading Room over 10 years ago), plans were finally agreed for the further development of the Reading Room and rear section of the former Sunday School; as all will be aware, the building work has now been ongoing since late April and everyone is happy with the progress to date.
7. Financially, as you will see from the accounts, we ended the year with £211,561 and so continue to be in a financially sound position. Following the freezing of the Nationwide Building Society savings account (in Sept 2022), a new account was opened with Skipton Building Society in June 2023. Interest payments are only received annually, so the accounts show no change to the investments during 2023. However, in June of this year we did receive £3,939.45 in interest (an approximately 3.6% increase for the year).
8. We are grateful to all members for their ongoing commitment in various capacities and are delighted to have the regular presence of former CSS Chichester members.
9. Linda Alanko continues to fulfil the role of COP for the South East Region and we are grateful to Cora for the support that she has been able to give in the capacity of Assistant Committee on Publications since Linda's visit.
10. Going forwards, a key priority will be for us to determine how we jointly provide accounts for the merged Portsmouth & Chichester CCS to the Charity Commission.
11. Finally, a thank you to everyone for their valuable contribution at a time when we look forward to the completion of the building work programme and joint work as a merged Society.

**Signed:**  
**Name (Chair of Board):**      **Richard Soutar**

**Date:**                      **21.07.24**

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