



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2023		31	12	2023

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name RANELAGH ROAD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Other names charity is known by RRCF

Registered charity number (if any) 1166763

Charity's principal address RANELAGH ROAD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

RANELAGH ROAD

FELIXSTOWE

Postcode

IP11 7HA

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	Andrew Steven Piper			
2	Dawn Joy Piper			
3	Anthony John Golding			
4	Beryl Evelyn Golding			
5	Ian Charles Stone			
6	Patricia Louise Stone			
7	Richard Henry Taylor			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Charity trustees are appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Please see the enclosed RRCF CIO Organisation chart, which was current for the period covered by this report.

During the second half of 2021, the term of office came to an end for the then active (Spiritual) Leadership Team. In accordance with the Constitution, a nomination process was activated in order to establish a new Leadership Team. Unfortunately, that nomination process was inconclusive in identifying a new team of leaders, and the positions have all remained vacant throughout 2022 and 2023.

In order to keep the Church Fellowship operational, and prevent an immediate closure, the Trustees agreed to accept responsibility of the role(s) of the Leadership Team in practical terms and to maintain consultations with the wider Church Fellowship on a way forward. The Trustees have continued to look for ways to move forward that will be acceptable to everyone.

The consultations have continued throughout 2021, 2022 and 2023, without resolution to date.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Object of the CIO is, in accordance with the Statement of Faith and for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in Felixstowe and such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the charity trustees may from time to time decide.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

RRCF is a local Christian Church, in Felixstowe, Suffolk and exists for the benefit of the general public, Church members and the local community.

Attendance at the regular Church meetings slowly declined during 2021 and into 2022, they began to stabilise during 2022 and have remained that way.

In order to advance the Christian Faith the Charity has attempted, where possible, to carry out the following of our usual activities – weekly Worship Services on Sunday mornings, Prayer Meetings and Bible Study Groups during the weekdays and “Friends and Neighbours” weekly meetings for older ladies.

Throughout this period, RRCF has continued to support local communities through financial giving to different organisations and in support of local missionaries based around the UK. We have continued to make regular gifts to ‘BOOST Felixstowe’ who are a local Youth Worker charity, providing a Chaplaincy Service to the local Academy. We have continued to make regular gifts to ‘Hope Trust’ a local Felixstowe charity providing a befriending service, advice and support for the elderly as well as to ‘Felixstowe Town Pastors’ and ‘Walton Parish Nursing’, who have continued to provide much needed pastoral and nursing services to the local community of Felixstowe and surrounding villages.

During this reporting period, we continued to produce a monthly update news bulletin. This being distributed via email, and printed copies delivered directly to the homes of those without internet access.

As a local Christian Church we have felt privileged to offer prayerful, practical and continued financial support to those affected in our local area by the war in Ukraine. A group of local Christians from across Churches in the town continued to come alongside Ukrainian families who chose Felixstowe as their temporary home and have helped to maintain a very active support network for the Ukrainian families.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Throughout 2023 we have continued our support (practically and financially) along with a number of other local Churches, for the Felixstowe CAP Debt Centre. CAP is the national Christian’s Against Poverty organisation whose primary aim is to support anyone who is struggling with debt and poverty through the process of becoming debt-free.

The Felixstowe Christian Action Against Poverty and Debt charity (FCAAPD), manages the running of the Felixstowe CAP Debt Centre. We continue to be one of many churches that provide financial support and volunteer resources for the work of the FCAAPD charity.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Given that the “fall out” from Covid-19 has impacted Church attendance nationally, and that the social & economic climate with the national trend in declining Church congregations, we have been encouraged that the numbers attending our main Sunday services have remained at a steady level over the reporting year.

We remain grateful for the ongoing financial support of those within the fellowship during this period, which has allowed us to maintain the fabric of the building and which has ensured we remain financially viable.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

We currently maintain a reserve amount of £3000 in the church bank account.
A Reserves Policy is being developed as part of the financial operations of the CIO.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity’s principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Given the ongoing expenditure during the reporting year (most expense is in building maintenance, utility costs and insurance), the overall funds available to us remain positive and above our reserve.

We remain continually grateful to everyone who attends the Church regularly and contributes to the financial running of the Church matters and thankful to God for the blessings that we experience every year.

Included with this report, is the CC16a form for the reporting year as a summary of the examined Church Accounts.

These documents, together with the completed independent examiners report of the Church Accounts will be submitted into the online Charity Commission Annual Return for 2023.

Section F

Other optional information

Documentation included with this submission;

RRCF CIO Organisation chart for 2023.



CIO Accounts for 2023.

CC16a form for 2023.

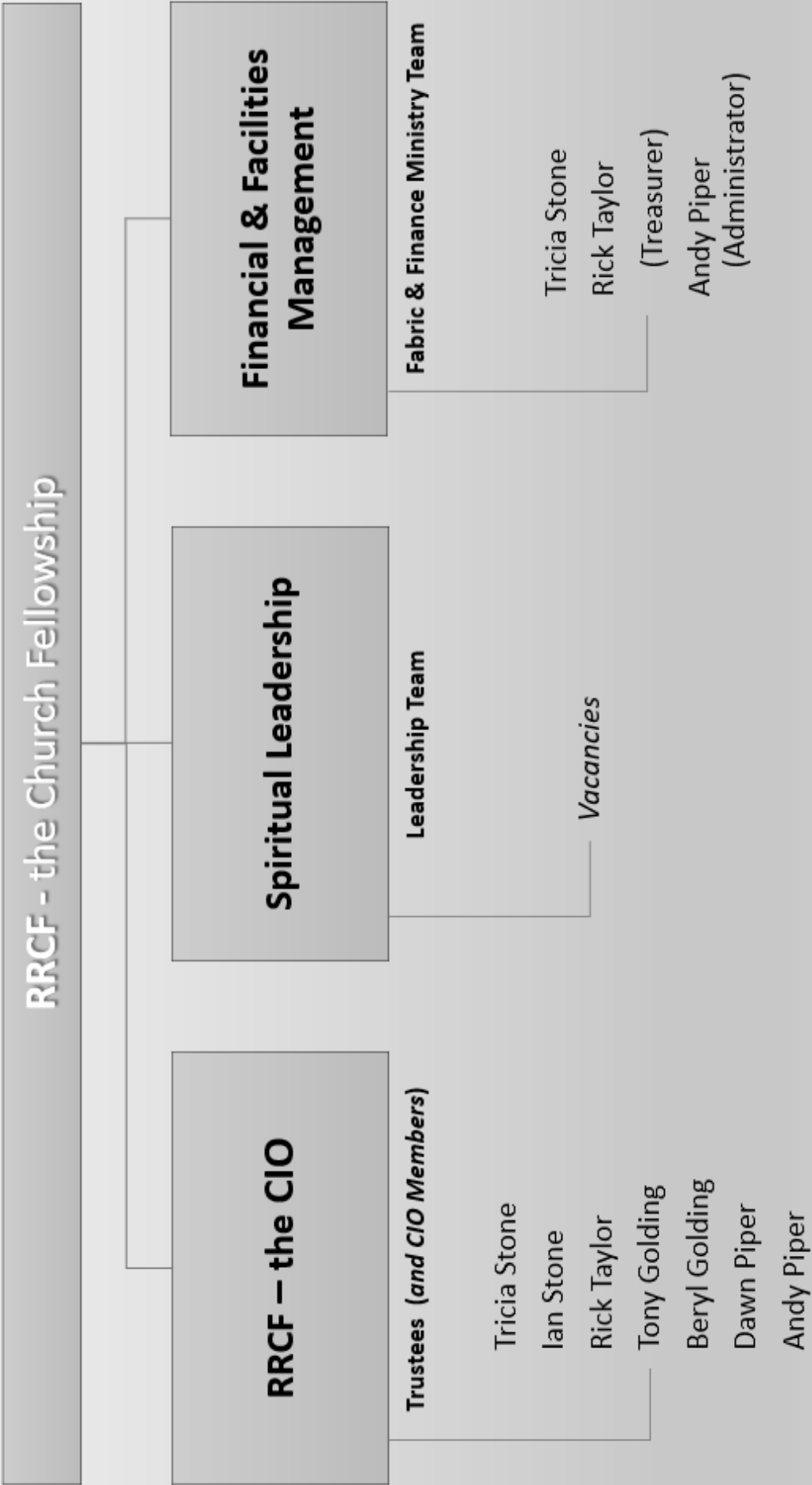
Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	IAN STONIC	ANDREW PIPER
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE	ADMINISTRATOR
Date	20/10/2024	20/10/2024

RRCF – CIO Organisation 2023



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ranelagh Road Christian Fellowship CIO

I report to the Trustees on the accounts of the Ranelagh Road Christian Fellowship CIO (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

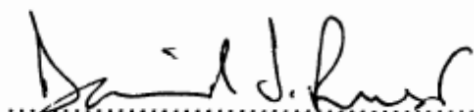
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act, or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



David J Rust
79 Ferry Road
Felixstowe
Suffolk IP11 9LU

Date: 08/12/24



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Ranelagh Road Christian Fellowship

No (if any)
1166763

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2023	To	Period end date 31/12/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	8,952	-	-	8,952	9,030
Special Collections	-	3,885	-	3,885	6,191
Hall Users Donations	883	-	-	883	877
Miscellaneous Income	595	-	-	595	750
Gift Aid Refunds	3,102	-	-	3,102	1,913
Transfer of funds from Old Trust	-	-	-	-	-
Cash float transfer	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,532	3,885	-	17,417	18,761
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,532	3,885	-	17,417	18,761
A3 Payments					
Building & Maintenance	457	-	-	457	2,740
Wages (cleaner)	3,000	-	-	3,000	3,000
Other Running Costs	3,914	-	-	3,914	3,579
Special Collection remitted	874	3,480	-	4,354	7,882
Other Charities Support	3,860	-	-	3,860	3,960
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	12,105	3,480	-	15,585	21,161
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	12,105	3,480	-	15,585	21,161
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,427	405	-	1,832	- 2,400
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,059	-	-	7,059	9,459
Cash funds this year end	8,486	405	-	8,891	7,059

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories

Details

Unrestricted
funds
to nearest £

Restricted
funds
to nearest £

Endowment
funds
to nearest £

B1 Cash funds

Santander Current Account

8,486
-
-
8,486

405
-
-
405

-
-
-
-

Total cash funds

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Unrestricted
funds
to nearest £

Restricted
funds
to nearest £

Endowment
funds
to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details

-
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B3 Investment assets

Details

Fund to which
asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value
(optional)

-
-
-
-
-

-
-
-
-
-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details

Fund to which
asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value
(optional)

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B5 Liabilities

Details

Fund to which
liability relates

Amount due
(optional)

When due
(optional)

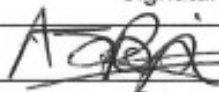

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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of
approval

	A.S. PIPER	25/10/24
	DJ PIPER	25/10/24