

Buttershaw Baptist Church

Charitable Incorporated Organisation, charity number 1168084

**A member of the Yorkshire Baptist Association (YBA), charity number 247173
and the Baptist Union, charity number 1125912**

Annual Report for year ending 31st December 2022

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Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Trustees

Name	Position	Date of Appointment	First or second 3 year term
Gavin Humphries	Minister		Permanent
Louise Innes	Treasurer	7 th October 2020	First to 6 th October 2023
David Bull	Secretary	10 th February 2019	Second to 9 th February 2025
Matthew Law	Trustee	6 th October 2021	Resigned 5 th October 2022
Elizabeth Radice	Trustee	15 th May 2022	First to 14 th May 2025
Helen Thomson	Trustee	15 th May 2022	First to 14 th May 2025

Charity number

The charity was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, number 1168084, on 6th July 2016.

Registered and principal address

Buttershaw Baptist Church

The Crescent

Buttershaw

Bradford

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Bankers

The Co-Operative Bank

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Delf House

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Independent examiner

Lynne Roberts

27 Acre Avenue

Eccleshill

Bradford

BD2 2LL

Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by a constitution adopted on 6th July 2016.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at members' meetings.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.

The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

The Church is committed to the provision, maintenance and improvement of its building, which is a place of religious worship and is open to the public.

These objects are as amended by the draft revised constitution agreed at the Ordinary Church Members Meeting on 3rd December 2020.

The charity's main activities

The activities may include but are not restricted to:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching;
- baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle;
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper which shall normally be observed at least once a month;
- evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally;
- the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people;
- nurture and growth of Christian disciples;
- education and training for Christian and community service;
- giving and encouraging pastoral care;
- supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad;
- encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.

Principle Vision

Through PRAYER communication and relationship with our FATHER and by the GOSPEL of JESUS we are EMPOWERED by the SPIRIT to see people whom God has called, to grow in the personal anointing, maturity and understanding of being a disciple of Jesus Christ and become a disciple maker through prayer, sharing the Good News with and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Achievements and performance

The year of 2022 has been a time of re-establishing and repositioning as lockdowns eased. This has also seen some things come to an end. We have welcomed new trustees, developing new leadership and strategic direction of how we fellowship and relate to each other. We have developed a new partnership approach to our church family.

We have sought to continue to serve and change where needed, pursuing God's vision and blessing for Buttershaw where we can. In it all, we are reminded in all things of the faithfulness of our Lord and Saviour.

Baptisms

We are conscious of the absence of baptisms in the regular life of the Church and this remains a high priority. With the new Partner approach to engagement of our Church Family, on an annual basis, will require asking those who worship with us to intentionally join us as a partner and to intentionally ask about their personal commitment to following Jesus witnessed by the act of baptism by full immersion. We have not had the opportunity to hold a baptism service in the past year.

Mission

We see mission; locally, regionally, nationally and internationally as key to the calling upon the life of Buttershaw Baptist Church.

We have been blessed to hold our Community Choir. It has been great to see our community continue to sing together in voice and song. The Choir performed at our Jubilee celebrations, at a family day at the local youth centre and at our Christmas events.

We also have our community band with the same aims and goals as the choir. Although we would like to see more engaging in this activity, we do have a good range of people attending from different backgrounds and ages.

Our Jubilee celebration included performances by the Community Choir, bouncy castle, obstacle course and rodeo, crafts and food. The day was attended by around 120 of our local community who enjoyed the activities and music. There were families enjoying the activities, good weather and God's blessing for our community. What better place for God's Church to be than providing enjoyment and blessing to the families and children of this place.

We had an incredible Children's Club again this year, it was truly a blessing to be able to share God's word with the young people of Buttershaw over a week of spirit filled entertainment. The Family Sunday was a vision of a community Church in action, multi-generational families eating, worshipping and engaging in celebration of God's blessing.

The relationship's with the organisations and representatives of local schools, council, wardens, councillors, youth centre, churches, children centres and charities continues to grow and help to bring money, resources and help to local people and challenges they face. We continue to work in partnership to help deliver local events, bring help directly to local people in the form of roadshows and consult with police and city-wide organisations.

With ever growing financial pressure and the impact this has on health issues we have set up a warm space to help tackle and connect with local people by providing a space for those who find themselves isolated and worried to join us each week for food, warmth and conversation.

We expect that the cost of living crises will grow as we move into 2023 and we are expecting the need to continue to work hard as a community church alongside our partners is going to be pivotal to address these issues.

Our long standing youth mission programme, Eden Buttershaw in partnership with The Message Trust, has come to an end with the resignation of key people and team members.

This has been an incredible and blessed missional field where we saw much of God's blessing being poured out on the estate. We are sincerely grateful for the hard work of the Eden Team over the years and are confident in the anointing God has on them. We hope to work with The Message Trust on future mission initiatives.

People

We have had a number of membership resignations as families have moved into new seasons of their lives. We have also welcomed some new people and families who are regularly worshipping with us.

We would again like to thank and recognise the passion, vision and commitment of our current membership and we are enjoying seeing many of them stepping out into new areas as they put their faith into action.

In the summer we updated our Safeguarding policy and provided training to our church membership and those in regular worship with us.

Life Groups

Our Lifegroups are a place to connect and belong. They are a place where you are known and can grow. We take time to praise and worship God before delving into His word through bible studies or following a teaching series. We have started a series called 'Godspeed', which is about slowing down our busy lives in order to catch up with God. We endeavour to create a safe space, where we can be vulnerable and learn how to minister to each other, and where there is no such thing as a silly question. In essence, Lifegroup is essential in any faith journey. We know that Lifegroups are of key worth, for a few reasons; opportunity to check in with a small group of people mid week, get to know one another better, open up and be praying for one another, worshipping and studying the Bible together. It grows good friendships and is the fibre of our Spirit filled Church family.

We are blessed to have a handful of young people who are connected to us at Buttershaw Baptist Church. We said goodbye to Aurelia and Vickon who left for university, and have established a new young people's group. The new group has 6 young people attending each week and we have followed teaching using resources from the 'rightnowmedia' platform which has been a great resource. Our aim is to develop relationships within the group and set our sights on mission and discipleship.

Trustee changes and activities

It was with regret we accepted the resignation of Matthew Law, in his role as a Trustee.

We however, have welcomed Elizabeth Radice and Helen Thomson as Trustees. Their enthusiasm and gifts are truly blessing us. Their passion to see God's love shared, the Word lived out and proclaimed, for Prayer being at the heart of everything is a great blessing to the trustee team and the health of the Church. With a trustee team of five this is providing us with a stronger group to better serve the Church. We would still welcome the nomination of further

new trustees in the forthcoming year to support the works of the CIO and see God's blessing continue to increase on Buttershaw.

As a group of Trustees, we have been seeking to develop a more inclusive leadership approach. As part of this we held an away day for those providing key inputs, leadership and service to the life of the Church. This was a great day where we were ministered to by an old friend of the Church Ash Harding who challenged us on our hopes and faith for the Church. The day helped us capture our collective vision of our Church and the characteristics that are important to us..

In addition, we recognised the importance of taking time away to understand what God is calling us to. We had an extended elders meeting and away day in October where we shared and sought God's direction. This was a valuable time of reflection, personally and as a body, seeking God's direction. It helped us develop vision and planning further our activities.

Our ministry

At Buttershaw Baptist Church we are wanting to move away from the conventional model of membership and move towards being "PARTNERS " of Buttershaw Baptist Church. We are looking to make the decision to change not because we fundamentally disagreed with the inherited system but because we are wanting to reclaim a more relational basis for commitment within the church community.

We continue to discern the mind of Christ as a church through prayerful discussion amongst those who are Partners (our new name for 'Members') but decision-making within a congregational system of church government is no longer the primary 'point' of membership. Instead, being a Partner of the church reflects those who are a 'part' of the church family, vision and values of Buttershaw Baptist church and most importantly, our relationship with God, each other and those in the wider communities in which we live.

Partnership should become first and foremost about meaningful covenantal relationships. Commitment is no longer a duty so much as a desire to walk together through the ups and downs of life and to encourage each other to become more like Jesus and to fulfill the vision and calling upon us all.

As part of this covenantal principle, the Partnership approach is to each year invite those who worship with us to intentionally consider the vision and values of the Church and intentionally choose to partner, or not. The February AGM will be a regular point at which this covenant is invited and responded to. The approach to a Partnership model of church family has been developed as a standalone document and may be read separately. This identifies the rhythm of Partnership and principles of engagement. At the February AGM, three particular vision objectives will be confirmed following consultation with the Church Family for the year ahead. The covenant and commitment to Partner with the Church will be based on Partnering to support these vision objectives. The church's core activities and the three visions items are described below.

Buttershaw Baptist Church Core Activities

In our expression and practice of the commission God sets before us the main activities of the Church and CIO are described earlier. These are our core activities and the outworking of them in particular aspects are as follows:

- We are committed to gathering together at Buttershaw Baptist Church, our homes and other locations within the Buttershaw estate
- We are committed to support and celebrate outreach events and Christian festivals such as:
 1. Christmas events and celebrations
 2. Easter Sunday/Maundy Thursday celebrations
 3. Holiday Club week (August time)
 4. Children and young people (Heroes and young people outreach)
 5. Life groups
 6. Men/women's outreach and gatherings
 7. Weekly Gatherings that include worship, word and prayer, and regular communion
 8. Baptism by full immersion.
- At Buttershaw Baptist Church we would encourage our partners to make every effort to participate in the three church meetings each year. These generally take place in February (AGM), June and October.
- From time to time there may be the need for a “special” church meeting. These are often single agenda items that need to be addressed quickly and can not wait for the next planned meeting. Partners are also encouraged to make every effort to attend the meeting.

Three Particular Vision Objectives

In 2022 the Particular Vision Objectives had not previously been established and are being introduced as part of the new approach in 2023.

For 2023 the proposed Particular Vision Objectives to be presented at the February 2023 AGM are:

- Reevy Hill School
- Cost of living crisis
- Family Centre and community

Heroes

Our Heroes children's work has continued to grow and develop. It is with regret that Hannah Law and Kieran Asher have stepped down from leading this work but this has provided a great opportunity to welcome other people and particularly parents of our children to participate in the provision of our children's work. Heroes, targets primary aged school children to learn, discover and experience more about our Christian faith. Leadership and vision being provided by Alex Radice and Teresa Walsh. The Heroes programme follows the same themes and teaching which we are sharing within church as we encourage both adults and children to share with each other what they have learnt with each other.

The resources we are using come from Gavin's 10 years of experience in children's work mixed with the vast resources found on RightNow Media which includes songs, stories, teaching and much more. We also are using the opportunity for the young to share within our service what they have been doing and taking every chance we can to celebrate our children and what they have learnt and think about Christian faith.

Projects

There have been various requirements in response to leaks and weather to continue to undertake repairs on the building's roof. We have had poor service by one of our contractors and have learnt from this engaging with a more reputable contractor. There are two further areas of work to undertake on the building's roof that are planned for the forthcoming year.

We still carry an ambition to improve the kitchen and toilet facilities but these have not been pursued in the year due to financial challenges. In the forthcoming year and aligned with the Family Centre we will be looking to pursue these improvements further.

Financial summary

Account changes

The bank account used for the Eden Youth Mission has been closed in line with this team ending.

In the budget established for 2023 and following review of how finances are managed it has been recognised that some budgets need to be protected, stewarded and managed over multiple years to help fund exceptional requirements. These restricted aspects are most notably for maintenance requirements of the Church building and to the Manse.

Two new bank accounts are in the process of being established, these are for the following items:

- Youth and community works - remaining funds from the Eden account have been transferred to this account.
- Restricted funds maintenance - this fund will be for holding budgeted amounts for specific purposes that have been identified by the Church as needing a specific fund.

Summary of outgoings and incomings

Over the past year with reducing membership and continuing maintenance expenditure on the building and manse has depleted our reserves. The roof repairs in 2022 have required specific expenditure of £6104. There are two further roof repair actions identified to be addressed in 2023. Some money has been donated specifically for addressing these remaining repair works. Reducing giving receipts is adding financial pressure to Church operations and requires ongoing review in 2023 as they are now less than regular outgoings. This is causing the budget to draw on reserves. Avenues for financial assistance are being sought along with growth of the church giving receipts. Without this, and with the limited reserves available the financial sustainability of current operations in their current form is unlikely to be viable. However, in faith we are prayerfully pursuing God's heart for mission in Buttershaw.

Specific actions being developed to help address these problems are as follows

- Preserving specific budgets by the use of protected reserve accounts
- Review of rental income in relation to the Family Centre
- Discussions beginning with other partner organisations and home mission request for funding

For the Buttershaw Baptist Church Accounts;

- Total receipts for the year were £50,791
- Total payments for the year were £53,546.

For the Eden Buttershaw Account - closed on 22nd September 2022;

- Total receipts for the year were £1,027.
- Total payments for the year were £4,197.

Note, remaining funds amounting to £2,087 transferred to the Youth and Community account.

Reserves policy

The charity's free cash reserves at the year end were £25,743.

The Church has a policy to always keep £15,000 in reserve to allow for the charity to be closed down in an orderly fashion if necessary.

Unfortunately due to the heating being replaced and many roof repairs we have needed to take £5,000 from our protected reserves to allow us to continue as a functioning and community blessing church. This will come into our general account by the end of January 2023 and will deplete the protected reserves to £10,000.

Buttershaw Baptist Church

Annual Financial Report 2022

General Receipts and Payments Account

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
Receipts					
Offerings		30,527	0	30,527	39,371
Donations	1	20	833	853	2,500
Other Income	2	0	0	0	83
Income Tax Recovered on Gifts		6,907	0	6,907	7,287
Interest	3	294	0	294	71
Rent - Family Centre		9,000	0	9,000	9,000
Received for Other Causes	4	0	1,000	1,000	350
Home Mission Grant and Other Ministerial Income	5	0	18	18	30
Balance from Eden account		0	2,087	2,087	0
Youth and Community	6	0	105	105	0
Total Receipts:		46,748	4,043	50,791	58,692
Payments					
Ministry	7	31,746	18	31,764	31,585
Mission	8	435	1,014	1,449	1,568
Church Premises	9	10,781	0	10,781	26,123
Gifts to Other Causes	10	5,900	771	6,671	10,113
Administration	11	2,372	0	2,372	2,305
Other Expenditure	12	431	0	431	196
Youth and Community	13	0	78	78	0
Total Payments:		51,665	1,881	53,546	71,890
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		-4,917	2,162	-2,755	-13,198
Balance Brought Forward				22,304	35,502
Balance Carried Forward				19,549	22,304

Overseas Mission Account

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
Receipts					
Donations		0	0	0	0
Loan repaid		0	0	0	0
Total Receipts		0	0	0	0
Payments					
Towards Costs of Trip		0	0	0	0
Loan		0	0	0	0
Donations		0	0	0	0
Total Payments		0	0	0	0
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		0	0	0	0
Balance Brought Forward				2,755	2,755
Balance Carried Forward				2,755	2,755

Legacy Account

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
Receipts					
Legacy		0	0	0	0
Total Receipts		0	0	0	0
Payments					
Equipment		0	0	0	0
Book-keeping Costs		0	2,329	2,329	2,131
Total Payments		0	2,329	2,329	2,131
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		0	-2,329	-2,329	-2,131
Balance Brought Forward				5,768	7,899
Balance Carried Forward				3,439	5,768

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets			
Property, Fixtures and Fittings	14	290,000	290,000
Tangible Current Assets			
Bank and Other Cash Balances	15 16	25,743	30,827
Representing Balances on the Following Accounts:			
General Account		19,549	22,304
Mission Account		2,755	2,755
Legacy Account		3,439	5,768
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities		0	0
Non-Current Liabilities		0	0

Buttershaw Baptist Church

Notes to the Accounts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
1) Donations				
General Donations	20	0	20	2500
Outreach	0	20	20	0
Elders Weekend Away	0	383	383	0
Premises	0	400	400	0
Warm Space	0	30	30	0
	20	833	853	2500
2) Other Income				
Holiday Club Fun Day: For Outreach	0	0	0	83
	0	0	0	83
3) Interest				
Current Account	0	0	0	0
H/I YBA Account	17	0	17	1
BOC Deposit Account	277	0	277	70
	294	0	294	71
4) Received for Other Causes				
Warm Space Grant	0	1000	1000	0
Buttershaw Partnership Fund	0	0	0	350
	0	1000	1000	350
5) Home Mission Grant and Other Ministerial Income				
Dovesdale Fund	0	18	18	30
	0	18	18	30
6) Youth and Community				
Donations	0	105	105	0
	0	105	105	0
7) Ministry				
Minister				
Stipend and On-Costs	28506	18	28524	28200
Minister's Expenses	937	0	937	92
Manse Expenses	2303	0	2303	3293
	31746	18	31764	31585
8) Mission				
Children & Young People's Work	12	0	12	624
Outreach	0	631	631	800
Resources	144	0	144	144
Special Events/Elders weekend	279	383	662	0
	435	1014	1449	1568

9) Church Premises				
Building fees	0	0	0	2318
Equipment	0	0	0	15741
Insurance	1939	0	1939	1826
Repairs/General Maintenance	6490	0	6490	5191
Utilities	1792	0	1792	1047
Rent	560	0	560	0
	10781	0	10781	26123
10) Gifts to Other Causes				
BMS	2000	0	2000	2000
Buttershaw Partnership Fund	0	656	656	763
Eden Buttershaw	300	0	300	3600
Home Mission	2400	0	2400	2400
Hope Housing	600	0	600	600
Warm Space	0	115	115	0
Zephaniah Trust	600	0	600	600
Other	0	0	0	150
	5900	771	6671	10113
11) Administration				
General Administration	1429	0	1429	1542
Subs/Fees	943	0	943	763
	2372	0	2372	2305
12) Other Expenditure				
Miscellaneous Expenditure	431	0	431	196
	431	0	431	196
13) Youth and Community				
Heroes	0	42	42	0
Holiday Club	0	36	36	0
	0	78	78	0
14) Tangible Fixed Assets				
Property	200000			
Fixtures & Fittings	90000			
Total Tangible Fixed Assets	290000			
15) Bank and Other Cash Balances				
Current Account	10114			
BOC Deposit Account	15629			
Total Tangible Current Assets	25743			
16) Bank Account Unrestricted/restricted funds split				
General Fund	-352	15000	14648	18737
Legacy Account	0	3439	3439	5768
Mission Account	0	2755	2755	2755
Youth and Community Account	0	2114	2114	0
Baby Bank	0	16	16	804
Buttershaw Partnership Fund	0	949	949	1604
Outreach Fund	0	507	507	1159
Premises Donation	0	400	400	0
Warm Space Fund	0	915	915	0
Total Bank Account Unrestricted/restricted funds	-352	26095	25743	30827

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out above relating to the year ending 31st December 2022 are as approved by the church meeting held on 12th February 2023

Signed:



Church Treasurer

Signed:



Church Secretary

12 February 2023

Eden Buttershaw

Annual Financial Report 01/01/22 to 22/09/22

General Receipts and Payments Account

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds to 22.09.22	Total Funds 2021
Receipts					
Grants Salary	1	0	0	0	6,325
Donations	2	519	0	519	5,135
Other Income		69	0	69	443
Balance received from previous account		439	0	439	0
Total Receipts:		1,027	0	1,027	11,903
Payments					
Team Leader salary and on costs		0	0	0	13,782
Activities		14	0	14	294
Baby Bank		0	788	788	196
Equipment		20	0	20	71
Events		841	0	841	299
Gardening Project	3	848	151	999	16,349
Children's work	4	1,019	0	1,019	0
Other Expenditure		18	0	18	125
Resources		78	0	78	25
Rent		420	0	420	520
Total Payments:		3,258	939	4,197	31,661
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		-2,231	-939	-3,170	-19,758
Balance Brought Forward				5,257	25,015
Balance Carried Forward				2,087	5,257

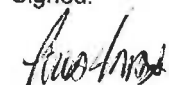
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 22nd September 2022

	2022	2021
Assets		
Tangible Fixed Assets		
Property, Fixtures and Fittings	0	0
Tangible Current Assets		
Bank and Other Cash Balances		
Bank a/c restricted	5	16
Bank a/c unrestricted		955
Cash a/c		2,071
		4,301
		0
TOTAL	2,087	5,257

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Signed:

Signed:




Church Treasurer

Church Secretary

12 February 2022

Notes to the Accounts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds to 22.09.22	Total Funds 2021
1) Grants Salary				
HMRC Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	0		0	6325
	0	0	0	6325
2) Donations				
Church Donations	300	0	300	3600
General Donations	219	0	219	535
Baby Bank	0	0	0	1000
	519	0	519	5135
3) Gardening Project				
Garden Equipment	848	151	999	3277
Other Expenditure	0	0	0	1061
Team Leader Salary and on costs	0	0	0	4140
Grant returned to National Lottery	0	0	0	7871
	848	151	999	16349
4) Children's work				
Heroes	223	0	223	0
Holiday Club	796	0	796	0
	1019	0	1019	0
5) Bank Account Restricted Funds				
Baby Bank	0	16	16	0
The Message Trust	0	0	0	2977
National Lottery - Eden Gardening Project	0	0	0	16500
Total Bank Account Restricted Funds	0	16	16	19477

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Butershaw Baptist Church

On accounts for the year ended

31st Dec 2022

Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages 1 to 4

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 statement below.

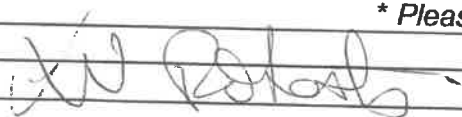
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met ; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:



Date:

30/01/23

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