

**St. Faith's Church, Gaywood, King's Lynn
Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership
Gayton Road, King's Lynn PE30 4DZ**

Registered Charity Number: 1168610

**Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Church Council
for the year ended 31st December 2023**

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Annual report 2023

Aim and purpose

The Church Council is responsible for co-operating with the Methodist Minister, the Team Rector, the Team Vicar, and the Assistant Curate in the clergy team and in promoting the whole mission of the Church in the parish. This mission is pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and activities

The church council is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our community at St Faith's. It maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament. Everyone is welcome at our regular services.

We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- worship and prayer, learning about the gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- missionary and outreach work

To enable us to carry out this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church building and manage the finances properly.

Achievements and performance

2023 was another year of growth and development at St. Faith's. Now fully emerged from Covid we have continued to build on our events and social gatherings, our timetable for worship is full and varied and we have introduced a few new groups such as the Julian Meeting (contemplative prayer group), a bereavement group and others.

In May we celebrated the official opening of the St. Faith's Community Hub with a special service at which four adults were confirmed into the Anglican and Methodist Faith by Bishop Graham Usher and Methodist Deacon Lynne Tonge. Along with members of the church family, contributors and sponsors who were part of the "Bungalow Project" were invited to an official ceremony at the hub after the service and we all shared a lunch together.

Our diaries remain full with all of the services and events throughout the year – including concerts in the church; our monthly coffee mornings are now a firm and popular regular date in the calendar. This, along with other events such as the Friendship Café and Forget-me-nots Lunch Club, are important and established outreach into our community. St. Faith's continues to play a key role in the civic life of the community. The church is an icon of the town and the number of Life Events that take place in and around the church reflect how respected it is in people's family histories. Thank you to our vergers Robin and Peter, and to Joyce ; they are always willing and available to help out at these services to ensure they go ahead safely.

Remembrance

After much negotiation and planning, we were pleased to be able to have the Remembrance Parade to the Clock memorial reinstated for this year's service. This was made possible by no less than 8 of our local councillors donating a portion of their community fund money to cover the cost of a third-party company handling the now mandatory road closures. It was once again a truly ecumenical civic event for Gaywood, as we partnered with other churches, our uniformed organisations and council representatives and our local Beat Managers were in attendance.

Children and Families Ministry

This year our youth group has continued to run on the first Sunday of every month and is now based in the hub, which gives us all a lot more room. Our age range in the group is 9-17 years old and some of them competed in the Priory Rotary Swimathon – raising over £600. Some of that money was spent on an evening out for the group and some of their friends at the local bowling alley but more notably, some of those funds raised by them have been designated, at their request, to be spent on purchasing toys for our burgeoning 0-5 age group. We are very proud of our young people, who care deeply about others. Our youth group have joined in with the occasional regional youth events held at St. John's Church.

We have not been able to run many events for young people this year, not due to lack of funds (as there is now a small available fund for family ministry), but rather through lack of volunteers.

On the horizon: we have applied for funding to start a stay and play toddler group on the Fairstead Estate to start, we hope, sometime in the New Year, and we are also in discussions with the Detached Youth Work team at the council and with our local Beat Managers to jointly run a weekly youth group again on the Fairstead Estate. This programme is already being run successfully at the Beacon in North Lynn.

We continue to regularly welcome our schools into St. Faith's for services and visits. Revd Karlene has a good relationship with Fairstead School in particular, as a school governor and Revd Kyla is involved with Springwood and Howard Schools.

Despite our uniformed organisations having moved their activities from the church rooms to the purpose-built Scout Hall in Beulah Road, our connection with them remains good and we are working towards finding some other ways to work together and bring support. The Cubs and Beavers enjoyed a great afternoon of games and water sports in the Rectory garden. Revd Kyla is the Chaplain for the 42F Squadron Air Training Corps, which has strong links with Springwood School and our own church youth group.

Generous Giving

As in many churches, the pandemic and post-pandemic years have had a great toll on our income and we continue to struggle to find the finances to pay our Parish Share and Methodist Assessment. However, with good stewardship and many hours from our Treasurer Andy Hiles and the Finance Team working and planning behind the scenes we have been able to meet our commitments – just. We held a Generous Giving Campaign and we are thankful that this yielded some benefit but in 2024 we will have to find new ways of increasing our income in order to meet our financial obligations and be able to have funds for mission and outreach.

A Goodbye and Thank You to Revd Canon Karlene Kerr

In December we said goodbye to Revd Canon Karlene after 6 years as Team Vicar here as she moved to take up a part-time post at St. John's Church in King's Lynn and to develop the work of From Lament to Action at a Diocesan level. Her last service was the 10th December after which we thanked her for her service with us. She held an open house in the afternoon for people to visit and say goodbye. In 2024 the process will begin the process of finding a new Team Vicar to develop our outreach onto the estates in Gaywood.

Church Services

Our regular service pattern continued throughout 2023 as below:

Sundays: 8am BCP Holy Communion, 9.45am Holy Communion. Sunday evening services at 6.30pm were on the 2nd and last Sundays in the month. Most 9.45am services were livestreamed and our gathered congregation online remains steady. It is a wonderful way to ensure that our members are able to access church even if they are not able to physically get to the service on any particular week. Note: The Methodist Service is not livestreamed. When many churches across the country have now stopped streaming, ours remains an important witness online.

The Wednesday weekday service at 10am continues with a small but dedicated congregation and is often a service where people feel comfortable to drop in when they can. Unfortunately, meeting for tea/ coffee afterwards in the Hub has not really got off the ground, due to the lack of volunteers to do it.

The newly formed Julian Meeting, a twice monthly contemplative prayer group is meeting in the Hub on the 4th Thursdays at 5-6pm and is welcomed by a small group of regulars. It is registered with the Julian Meetings nationally and so is open to anyone, but we have not yet been joined by anyone outside of our own church family.

Our Easter, Harvest and Christmas services were well attended as ever and we were delighted to welcome families – some new and many regulars who visit with us at these special times each year.

Life Events

Also known as Occasional Offices, these services are an important outreach and witness to the community in which we all serve and St. Faith's continues to hold a special place in the hearts of the people in Gaywood. We were pleased to hold 23 baptisms, 4 weddings and a total of 45 funerals during the year. These numbers don't mean much on their own, but if we took an average of 30 guests at a baptism and 50 at both weddings and funerals, then we have welcomed over 3,000 people in the past 12 months just for these events. They remain an important outreach and connection into our community.

Fundraising

Our Fete Committee and our fundraising teams have worked extremely hard this year and our coffee mornings, fairs and social events are now firmly back in the church diary and, as well as raising much needed funds for church, provide us all with the opportunity to come together with each other and to open our doors to the locals to join in with us. Many thanks must go to all those who work so tirelessly behind the scenes to make these events run safely and smoothly.

Bellringing

A special thanks must go to all of our bellringers. We are so very blessed to have such a dedicated team and that the bells of St. Faith's can be heard across the town on a weekly basis. It is an important witness and brings such joy to many, including me.

All in all, St. Faith's continues to seek to be a place of welcome, building on 50 years of sharing and caring for each other.

We look forward to 2024, to joining in with God's plan for Gaywood, and to continue to be flourishing together.

Financial review

Once again St Faith's was able to pay its Parish Share and Circuit Assessment in full by drawing on its reserves.

During the since it opened The Hub generated a surplus of just under £2,300. This has been ring-fenced for the maintenance of the The Hub.

Reserves policy

It is the Church Council's policy to aim to maintain a balance in the free reserves equivalent to at least two months normal running expenses, including Parish Share and the Methodist assessment. This balance will be used to assist with cashflow and to meet any unforeseen expenses as required.

Volunteers

Nearly all activities are facilitated by volunteers without whose active support very few of our Church activities would be able to take place.

Structure, governance and management

The Church Council operates in accordance with its approved constitution. It acts as the Parochial Church Council or the Methodist Church Council when necessary. It is made up of elected members and ex officio members who are elected in accordance with the constitution.

It meets a number of times each year and assumes all the pastoral, evangelistic, social, financial and ecumenical responsibilities.

The following are its appointed committees:

- Finance Committee
- Buildings and Fabric Committee
- Outreach Committee
- Children and Youth Committee
- Fund Raising Committee
- Pastoral Committee
- Worship Consultation Committee
- Magazine Committee
- Office Management Committee.

The Management Group has a co-ordinating role and makes recommendations to the Church Council on the management of church affairs. This includes the oversight of the various committees.

The Standing Committee meets to plan the agenda before each church council meeting.

Administrative information

St Faith's Church is a local ecumenical partnership of Anglicans and Methodists, and is in the Diocese of Norwich and the West Norfolk Methodist Circuit of the East Anglia District. The correspondence address is St Faith's Church Office, Gayton Road, King's Lynn, PE30 4DZ

Church Council Trustees 2023

Clergy

Team Rector	Revd Kyla Sørensen
Methodist Minister	Revd Robert Roberts
Team Vicar	Revd Karlene Kerr

Elected Officers

Churchwarden	Susie Cranko-Page
Churchwarden	Chris Ballard
Methodist Steward	Joan Greening
Circuit Steward (Co-opted)	Rachel Vyse
Church Treasurer	Andy Hiles

Elected Trustees

	Joyce Banham
	Robin Banham
	Sue Benstead
	Ruth Flint
Deanery Synod Rep	David Greening
	Gillian Hiles
	Richard Hooke
Deanery Synod Rep	Liz James
	Evelyn Nadar
	Richard Parr
	Joyce Stevens
	Matthew Stevenson
	Sarah Stevenson
Co-opted	Liz Mbuthia
Co-opted	Tiffany Ridd

Signed.....

Signed.....

Date

Date

Church Council of St. Faith's, Gaywood

Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating Income & Expenditure Account)

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restrict ed Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>	2a	80,567	0	80,567	76,565
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>	2b	15,292	583	15,876	110,473
<i>Incoming resources from operating activities:</i>					
<i>- to further the Council's objects</i>	2c	16,633	0	16,633	8,526
<i>- to generate funds</i>	2d	5,543	0	5,543	6,054
<i>Income from investment</i>	2e	593	471	1,063	1,232
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		118,629	1,054	119,683	202,850
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
<i>Activities directly relating to the work of The Church</i>	3a	116,049	6,510	122,559	115,873
<i>Church management and administration</i>	3b	12,217	1,146	13,363	4,963
<i>Costs of generating funds</i>	3c	13	0	13	19
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		128,280	7,656	135,935	120,855
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS					0
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		(9,650)	(6,602)	(16,252)	81,996
GAIN ON INVESTMENT ASSETS	4b	566	0	566	(811)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(9,084)	(6,602)	(15,686)	81,185
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2023		406,474	48,900	455,374	372,058
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2023		397,390	42,298	439,688	453,243

Church Council of St. Faith, Gaywood

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	4a	387,305	366,676
Investment assets	4b	6,727	6,161
Gift Aid claimed		<u>394,032</u>	<u>372,837</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	15,015	16,519
Short term deposits (CBF funds)		15,356	39,288
Cash at bank and in hand		16,561	41,116
		<u>46,932</u>	<u>96,923</u>
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	6	1,277	16,517
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>45,656</u>	<u>80,407</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>439,688</u>	<u>453,244</u>
FUNDS	7/8		
Unrestricted		419,988	404,344
Restricted		19,700	48,900
		<u>439,688</u>	<u>453,244</u>

Approved by the church council on
and signed on its behalf by:

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Mr. Andrew Hiles MAAT
Treasurer

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Date.....

The notes on pages 13 to 16 form part of these financial statements

Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with the applicable accounting standards, the Charities SORP 2005 and in accordance with the relevant requirements of FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the church council that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the church council. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the church council are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that may only be spent on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the year end must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The purpose and details of these funds are provided in note 8.

Incoming resources***Voluntary income and capital resources***

Collections are recognized when received by or on behalf of the church council.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognized only when received.

Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognized when the donation is recognized.

Grants and legacies to the church council are accounted for as soon as the church council is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the church council is reasonably certain. Funds raised by any fete, garden party and similar event are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognized when the rent is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable, and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognized in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realized gains or losses are recognized when investments are sold.

Unrealized gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Resources used

Outgoing resources are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the church council to pay put resource.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the church council.

Activities relating directly to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share and Methodist contribution are accounted for when paid. Any parish share or Methodist contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Fixed assets***Consecrated property and movable church furnishings***

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the church council and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalized and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis, starting in the first complete year after their acquisition.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 10 years. Individual items with a purchase price of £1000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Church Bungalow / The St Faith's Community Hub

Most of the cost of converting the former Church Bungalow into the The St Faith's Community Hub has been capitalised in two sections.

1. The cost of the building works have been shown in the accounts as an Addition to the value of the building. At some point The Hub will be revalued professionally and any change in the valuation will be taken to the SOFA to reflect the revaluation.
2. The cost of installing new doors, refurbishing the kitchen and utility room, installing the new toilets, and the electrical works carried out are shown as Fixtures and Fittings. These items will be depreciated on a straight line basis over 25 years.

The remainder of the costs have been treated as revenue items.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the church council at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year

Amounts owed by the church council at 31 December in respect of fees, clergy expenses or other expenditure are shown as creditors.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

description	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	
	£	£	2023 £	2022 £
2 INCOMING RESOURCES				
2a Incoming resources from donors				
Planned giving	61,103	0	61,103	57,821
Gift Aid claimed	14,795	0	14,795	14,793
Baptisms, weddings and funerals	403	0	403	482
General collections	4,265	0	4,265	3,470
	<u>80,567</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>80,567</u>	<u>76,565</u>
2b Other voluntary incoming resources				
Donations and general bequests	3,633	54	3,688	31,652
Grants received	11,659	529	12,188	78,821
Bungalow	0	0	0	0
Legacies	0	0	0	0
	<u>15,292</u>	<u>583</u>	<u>15,876</u>	<u>110,473</u>
2c Incoming resources from operating activities: - to further the Council's objects				
Fees	5,176	0	5,176	8,526
Hub hirers	6,756	0	6,756	0
Other income	4,702	0	4,702	2,566
	<u>16,633</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,633</u>	<u>11,092</u>
2d Incoming resources from operating activities: - to generate funds				
Church office printing	103	0	103	40
Church office miscellaneous income	0	0	0	0
Fund-raising	5,440	0	5,440	3,448
	<u>5,543</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,543</u>	<u>3,488</u>
2e Income from investment				
CBF Deposit Fund and bank interest	455	471	925	1,048
Charities Investment Fund dividends	138	0	138	184
	<u>593</u>	<u>471</u>	<u>1,063</u>	<u>1,232</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>118,629</u>	<u>1,054</u>	<u>119,683</u>	<u>202,851</u>

Church office miscellaneous income (Note 2d) has been re-classified as Other income (Note 2c). The comparison amount for 2022 has therefore been transferred from Church office miscellaneous income to Other income.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	
		£	£	2023 £	2022 £
3	RESOURCES EXPENDED				
3a	<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</i>				
	Diocesan parish share	66,477	0	66,477	63,920
	Methodist circuit contribution	27,026	0	27,026	22,914
	Parish expenses	1,040	0	1,040	1,183
	Upkeep of services	1,814	0	1,814	557
	Church running expenses	7,998	0	7,998	8,717
	Appointment of Team Rector	0	0	0	1,052
	Church maintenance	5,939	849	6,788	3,410
	Childrens' work	333	0	333	0
	Subscriptions	825	0	825	562
	Catering	402	0	402	341
	Donations	0	0	0	0
	Mission and outreach	206	0	206	251
	Christmas Day meal	93	0	93	0
	Friendship café	1,397	0	1,397	891
	Depreciation	1,969	0	1,969	0
	Bungalow council tax	0	0	0	2,440
	Bungalow project	0	5,661	5,661	9,166
	Bank charges	529	0	529	470
	Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0
		116,049	6,510	122,559	115,873
3b	<i>Church management and administration</i>				
	Church office equipment and supplies	5,366	1,146	6,512	4,963
	Church office running costs	1,994	0	1,994	0
	Hub running costs	4,857	0	4,857	0
		12,217	1,146	13,363	4,963
3c	<i>Costs of generating funds</i>				
	Fund-raising	13	0	13	19
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	128,280	7,656	135,936	120,855

The church has no paid employees

Church Council of St. Faith, Gaywood

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

4 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

4a *Tangible fixed assets*

		Bungalow	Bungalow fixtures and fittings	Total
		£		£
Actual/deemed cost at 1 January 2023		317,451	49,225	366,676
Additions		10,419	12,179	22,598
At 31 December 2023		327,870	61,404	389,274
DEPRECIATION				0
Charge for the year		0	1,969	1,969
At 31 December 2023		0	1,969	1,969
NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2023	327,870	59,435	387,305
	At 31 December 2022	317,451	49,225	366,676

In addition to assets with a purchase price of £1,000 or less, which are written off when the asset is acquired, all assets deemed to have been written down to Nil by 31 December 2023 have been excluded from the above Actual/Deemed Cost and Depreciation figures.

4b *Investment assets*

	£
Movements in the year:	
Market value - 1 January 2023	6,161
Net gain on disposals and annual revaluation	566
Market value - 31 December 2023	<u>6,727</u>

Holdings at 31 December 2022: 339 shares in the COIF Charities Investment Fund - historical cost at 31 December 2022 £339 (2015: £339)

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£			£
Gift Aid claimed	14,400	0	14,400	14,817
Other debtors	615	0	615	1,702
	<u>15,015</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,015</u>	<u>16,519</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

6	LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2023	2022
		£	£
	Accruals and deferred income	1,277	16,517
	Other creditors		
		<u>1,277</u>	<u>16,517</u>

7 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Fixed assets for Church use	387,305	0	387,305
Fixed asset investments	6,727	0	6,727
Current assets	27,232	19,700	46,932
Current liabilities	(1,277)	0	(1,277)
Fund balance	<u>419,988</u>	<u>19,700</u>	<u>439,688</u>

8 FUND DETAILS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fund balances at the Balance Sheet date are as follows:		
Unrestricted funds		
Unrestricted general funds	415,707	400,095
Designated funds:		
Rector & Warden's Fund	929	920
Catering Fund	812	982
J Collison donation	280	280
Christmas Day Meal	445	338
After school club	232	232
Friendship café	1,084	1,347
Youth fund	500	150
	<u>419,988</u>	<u>404,344</u>
Restricted funds		
Organ Fund	2,174	2,106
Church Repairs Fund	6,087	6,721
Radcliffe Centenary Fund	6,005	5,819
Bungalow project (CBF fund)	41	40
Bungalow project (community account)	4,493	33,212
Bungalow project (R&W account)	0	0
Training fund	899	899
Restricted fund gift aid (Bungalow)	0	103
	<u>19,700</u>	<u>48,900</u>

St Faith's Church Gaywood, Kings Lynn Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Faith's Church Gaywood, Kings Lynn Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of St Faith's Church Gaywood, Kings Lynn Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership

('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 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.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.

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