



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

To 31st October 2023
Period end date

Period start date 1st November 2022

Charity name: **ROMAN ROAD INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH**

Charity registration number: **1169728**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The principle object of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith and Practice of the Independent Methodist Connexion. The Charity may also carry out other charitable purposes in the uk and/or other parts of the world.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The focus of our activities are: Worship, Prayer and Bible studies held every week at the Church premises and virtual meetings of the congregation online. Weekly children's groups, involving activities, music, bible stories and art and craft work. We welcome all young people regardless of personal background, gender or personal circumstances Summer Activity Mornings were held and were well received and attended by the community. We are holding seasonal events, coffee mornings for adults and evening quizzes and meals with speakers at various times over the year.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The Trustees met 3 times during the year in person.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
	Para 1.38	

Policy on grant making		The Charity does not currently make any grants.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Any surplus funds, which are not likely to be needed to pay for our day to day activities and maintenance costs are placed on deposit to earn interest. These funds are available to further expand our outreach into the local community and beyond.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	A great contribution is made by our volunteers, without whom we would not be able to hold our weekly activities. This year, again they have spent many hours keeping in touch, not only with our member but in the wider community via social media, zoom, speaker boxes and posting out information.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>We reviewed our risk assessments and policies in line with government guidance on Covid 19. We make available hand sanitiser and paper towels. We continue to sanitise and clean down equipment used by the various groups. Our toddler groups continue to thrive with 45 children and carers attending weekly. In the summer we held 3 activity mornings, which were very well attended, with 120 children participating in the sessions. We hold monthly Messy Church sessions, which approx. 20 children attend regularly. We hold monthly Café~ Church services one Sunday monthly, which is all age and provides an opportunity for all to worship together in a more relaxed atmosphere. These services are very well received and have proved very popular.</p> <p>The Whatsapp group continues to support and inform and the zoom evening services, with speakers continue..</p> <p>The uniformed groups of Guides, Brownies and Rainbows bring a new group of youngsters into our building, developing our links with the wider community.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Because our membership is elderly we are at times struggling to attract volunteers to help with events, but the Leadership is hopeful encouraging new people Donations to other Charitable organisations during the year totalled £2570
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising has been improving over the year, as more events are held on a regular basis.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	In January 2023 £32061 was transferred from the Investment account to the current account to cover expected expenses. At the end of the period funds increased by £4994
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Any surplus funds, which are not needed to pay for our day to day activities and maintenance costs are placed on deposit to earn interest.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£50040
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	We hold sales and coffee mornings during the year. We hire out our Church Hall to gain extra income. Our main income for this period has been freewill offerings by the congregation and donations from the community
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution agreed 20th march 2016
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Governing Document approved by Church Members meeting. 6 Church members meetings were held during the period.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed by the Annual General Meeting held in January each year, by approval of Church Members. All Trustees are holding Trustees of the Church building in accordance with the Trust Deed.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	The Independent Methodist Connexion provides professional training to all Trustees. Webinar training was undertaken by 2 trustees
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Church is a member of the Independent Methodist Connexion. The Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain. The church is member of the Evangelical Alliance.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	See above
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	ROMAN ROAD INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH
Other name the charity uses	ROMAN RD IM CHURCH
Registered charity number	1169728

Charity's principal address	38 Hedges Street FAILSWORTH M35 9JR GREATER MANCHESTER
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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	PHILIP DAVIES	CHAIR -TRUSTEES		CHURCH MEMBERS
2	LILA ADAMS			CHURCH MEMBERS
3	PAUL LAMBERT	MINISTER		CHURCH MEMBERS
4	DOROTHY KENDRICK	ELDER – MINISTER		CHURCH MEMBERS
5	JEAN TAVENER	MINISTER		CHURCH MEMBERS
6	DEREK BARRON	MINISTER		CHURCH MEMBERS
7	CHRISTINE BELL	LEADER		CHURCH MEMBERS
8	ELIZABETH BARRON	CHURCH SECRETARY		CHURCH MEMBERS
9	ALEC BELL			CHURCH MEMBERS
10	ALISON TIPPING	LEADER/ TREASURER		CHURCH MEMBERS
11	VALERIE COCKCROFT	TREASURER		CHURCH MEMBERS
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
ALL TRUSTEES ARE		
HOLDING TRUSTEES OF		
THE CHURCH BUILDING		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

NONE

Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	PHILIP R DAVIES	VALERIE A COCKCROFT
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR TRUSTEES	SECR
Date		



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ROMAN ROAD INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH

No (if any)
1169728

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/11/2022	To	Period end date 31/10/2023
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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					
VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS	15,153	-	-	15,153	14,660
HIRE OF HALL	6,568	-	-	6,568	5,687
FUNDRAISING EVENTS	2,425	-	-	2,425	1,007
DONATIONS	5,551	-	-	5,551	5,130
OTHER RECEIPTS	7,421	-	-	7,421	5,208
SHAWBROOK BANK INTEREST	41	-	-	41	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	37,159	-	-	37,159	31,692
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
SHAWBROOK BANK	82,061	-	-	82,061	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	82,061	-	-	82,061	-
Total receipts	119,220	-	-	119,220	31,692
A3 Payments					
WAGES/NI/TAX	2,177	-	-	2,177	10,822
COST OF FUNDRAISING	846	-	-	846	307
MAINTENANCE	17,068	-	-	17,068	13,395
UTILITIES	2,704	-	-	2,704	2,045
TELEPHONE/BROADBAND	930	-	-	930	-
MEMBERSHIP	1,689	-	-	1,689	1,504
DONATIONS	2,570	-	-	2,570	2,210
INSURANCE	1,690	-	-	1,690	1,610
SUNDRIES	2,450	-	-	2,450	3,586
Sub total	32,124	-	-	32,124	35,479
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
SHAWBROOK BANK	50,000	-	-	50,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	50,000	-	-	50,000	-
Total payments	82,124	-	-	82,124	35,479
Net of receipts/(payments)	37,096	-	-	37,096	- 3,787
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	37,096	-	-	37,096	- 3,787

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	CO-OPERATIVE BANK	62,256	-	25,201
	SHAWBROOK BANK	50,041	-	82,051
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	112,297	-	107,252
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	Agreement Error

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

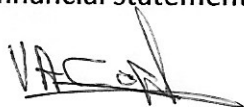
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

I have prepared the financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2023

Signed By Treasurer



Date: 10 January 2024

Name of Treasurer: Valerie A Cockcroft

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the financial statements of Roman Road Independent Methodist Church Failsworth for the year ended 31 October 2023.

Respective responsibilities

The church is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, and considers that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions of the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination of the church funds, nothing came to my attention which gave me cause to believe otherwise than that the financial statements accord with the accounting records of the church, and that those records satisfied the requirements of the Act. I am not aware of any matter to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed by the Independent Examiner:



Date: 10 January 2024

Name of the Independent Examiner: Judith Haughton B.E.M.