



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1 st	Septembe r	2019		31 st	August	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name NORTH DEVON HOUSE OF PRAYER

Other names charity is known by NDHOP

Registered charity number (if any) 1170454

Charity's principal address Church Lane

Barnstaple

Devon

Postcode

EX31 1BH

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 Paul Hopkinson	Chair		
2 Jack Saunders			
3 James Ware	Chief Executive		
4 Michael Rogers			
5 Stephen Bones			
6 Andrew Lynch		Appointed 21/09/2020	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Magnus Proctor	Lindisfarne, Landkey Rd, Barnstaple, Devon, EX32 9BW
Bankers	Barclays Bank CAF Bank Ltd	38 Boutport Street , Barnstaple, Devon EX311HH 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

Solicitors	Brewer Harding & Rowe	1, The Square, Barnstaple, Devon EX32 8LS
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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 dated 29 th November 2016
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	A Foundation, therefore new trustees nominated by any existing trustee, then formally appointed by all trustees at the next meeting.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in North Devon and throughout the world in accordance with the evangelical alliance statement of faith

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)

- (1) Developing and making available a Christian prayer resource centre in North Devon, helping people to explore prayer and the spiritual dimension of life with multiple prayer rooms available for prayer and staffed by a team of volunteers;
- (2) organising activities and special worship services that explore Christian prayer in various dimensions;
- (3) being a resource hub of information about prayer and education about Christian spirituality for local congregations and individuals;
- (4) offering Christian outreach and services for community groups based around exploring spirituality;
- (5) providing a drop-in service for people seeking support or a chat;
- (6) running training courses about prayer and aspects of the Christian faith;
- (7) coordinating conferences for Christians in the wider area;
- (8) offering help in local schools through R.E. classes, assemblies and school visits to our premises;
- (9) running a confidential listening and healing prayer service in a local community building. Our facilities are open on most days and evenings;
- (10) undertaking overseas and UK missions; and
- (11) to make grants to individuals and organisations in line with the above objective.

Much of the above has continued for the second half of the financial year, despite the lock down, by operating virtually where possible via Zoom or Facebook. Where activities have not been possible due to their lack of transferability to online, we have curtailed those activities in accordance with Government requirements.

The trustees have complied with the Charities Act 2011 in regard to the public benefit requirement.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES IN 2019-2020

September 2019 to August 2020 was a year like no other for the North Devon House of Prayer as with many of charities around the UK and beyond.

We started the year with our year 1 interns from the previous year continuing into a 2nd year of training. This followed the same pattern as previous years with weekly training sessions and the opportunity for those interns to grow in their skills they learnt in the previous year.

A number of our interns who had started in 2017 joined our staff team and enabled us to grow the amount of prayer and worship meetings we did.

We did a mission trip in the UK to Watford and Central London in February which was a success both for our team and the places we went to.

In March 2020 we had the privilege of doing a short term mission trip to the island of Ireland. We spent time both in and around Belfast and then travelled to the West of the Republic of Ireland to host a number of meetings there in different locations. One of the highlights for the team was being able to spend a day at Drumcree Parish Church where historically there had been so many issues during 'The Troubles', taking a number of church services that day.

The daily routine in the organisation of prayer and worship meetings continued up to the end of March 2020 when the global pandemic hit and we had to close our doors to the public.

During and initial lock down from end of March to June we moved as many activities on to social media and Zoom as was feasible. We did daily worship sets on Facebook live which reached 10s of thousands of people and enabled us to extend our reach beyond what we would have been able to pre Covid. These sets were done from peoples homes and when the lockdown rules were eased some sets were then done from the House of Prayer building while remaining closed to the public.

In April 2020 we ran an 8-week discipleship training course over zoom that around 50 people from all over the country connected with every Wednesday evening.

The pattern of worship sets and prayer meetings over zoom and social media continued through to the end of August 2020 and enabled us to continue doing what we do but in a safe and covid secure manner.

The research and planning process for the renovation of the building continued during this time.

Section D Achievements and performance

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Due to Covid-19 pandemic, the building has been closed to the general public since March 2020, resulting in unrestricted income dropping by one third from £30,006 to £20,411, though general expenditure only fell by £1,332 to £17,245. Consequently our cash general funds at 31 August 2020 were £701, which is approximately two weeks general expenditure, down from £4,021 or two months at the end of the previous financial year.

With the appointment of a part-time employee during 2020, the trustees plan to determine during 2021 what is a reasonable range for general funds.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Section F Other optional information

As we move towards 2021 we are looking forward to lockdown being lifted and us being able to formally reopen to the public. We look forward to seeing people returning to the prayer room, recommencing training and internships as well as supporting our local community.

We are currently working with local architects to move the building renovation programme forward, and expect to gain planning consent in the next few months and then to commence renovations.

Section G Declaration

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


Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	PAUL HOPKINSON	JAMES WARE
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Full name(s)	Paul Hopkinson	James Ware
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Position	Chair	Chief Executive
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Date	26 April 2021
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 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	NORTH DEVON HOUSE OF PRAYER		1170454	
	Receipts and payments accounts			
	For the period from	1st September 2019	To	31st August 2020

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds		Total funds	2019
	£	£		£	£
A1 Receipts					
Donations	12,781	1,703		14,484	40,885
Stewardship	4,286	-		4,286	8,146
Offering box	2,842	-		2,842	5,603
Use of building	- 0	-		-	500
Internships & training income	- 0	1,175		1,175	8,161
Sale of merchandise	500	-		500	315
Bank interest received	2	-		2	-
Gift to full-time worker	- 0	-		-	1,050
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	20,411	2,878		23,289	64,660
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0		-	
Sub total	- 0	- 0		-	- 0
Total receipts	20,411	2,878		23,289	64,660
A3 Payments					
Ministry gifts	256	-		256	1,592
Internships & training costs:					
* accommodation and subsistence	1,489	1,175		2,664	3,955
* food & hospitality	652	-		652	2,843
* travel	4,554	-		4,554	8,510
Safeguarding	125	-		125	120
Telephone	1,072	-		1,072	303
Computer costs	115	-		115	14
Internet costs	380	-		380	566
Insurance	1,436	-		1,436	767
Utilities	2,901	-		2,901	2,649
Office costs	709	-		709	1,071
Maintenance	1,004	-		1,004	982
Rent	- 0	-		-	1,088
Trade waste	121	-		121	161
Merchandise for sale	342	-		342	-
Advertising/promotional	324	-		324	1,036
Printing, postage and stationery	8	-		8	182
Leadership/trustees meetings	110	-		110	301
Legal costs	31	-		31	2,021
Accounting	150	-		150	160
Salaries	1,424	-		1,424	-
Sundries	42	-		42	63
Payment to full-time worker	- 0	-		-	1,050
Sub total	17,245	1,175		18,420	29,434
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Worship equipment	766	- 0		766	1,422
Building	- 0	1,550		1,550	79,900
Fixture & fittings	5,720	153		5,873	-
Sub total	6,486	1,703		8,189	81,322
Total payments	23,731	2,878		26,609	110,756

Net of receipts/(payments)	(3,320)	0		(3,320)	(46,096)
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-		-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,021	-		4,021	50,117
Cash funds this year end	701	-		701	4,021

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	31-Aug-19
B1 Cash funds	Deposit account	215	-	215	2,895
	Tithe account	249	-	249	286
	Current account	237	-	237	840
Total cash funds		701	0	701	4,021
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK	
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs		Cost	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Worship equipment	General		2,867	2,101
	Building	Restricted		81,450	79,900
	Fixtures & fittings	General		5,873	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval	
	J WARE	Jim Ware		Monday, April 26, 2021	
	S R BONES	Stephen Bones		Monday, April 26, 2021	