



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From January 23 To December 2023

Charity name: St Bede's Community Project
1170762

Charity registration number: Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To further or benefit the residents of Town End Farm estate and the neighbourhood, by associating together, the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. In furtherance of these objects to establish and maintain a community facility in the former church building St. Bede's Church on Blackwood Road.
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 main activities of the trustees are devoted to fundraising to improve the facilities. Maintaining the building with volunteer support. Renting the building spaces for community, private and other local users.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We have had due regard.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The main volunteers consist of the board of Trustees who try to maintain the building, arrange hire of the venue and seek funding.

Other		
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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>The hall continues to be used moderately well by the community. The roof is in some disrepair and there has been some vandalism preventing as much use of the building as hoped.</p> <p>We have not been able to access funding this year and have relied entirely on rental income which has been difficult financially.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>This year has seen a decrease in reserves as expenditure has been greater than income.</p> <p>The majority of the expenditure has been the ongoing costs and maintenance of the building and expenses to John & Angela for the work they do here. £5,000.</p> <p>The next greatest expense is utility bills, over £3,000.</p> <p>For the first year we have not had the benefit of any grant income and have relied entirely on rent income to the building.</p> <p>Year end unrestricted funds are £17,800 and £666 remaining from an Empower grant for the floor cleaner in 2022.</p> <p>The next year has already proven to be challenging financially as we do essential maintenance work to ensure we are compliant with all our responsibilities regarding the safety of the building and having reduced income due to having to close hire of the large hall through the issues with the roof.</p> <p>It may be necessary to waive our reserve policy this year if it means we can do the roof repairs should we need to match fund. The mended roof will pay for itself in term of income longer term. We are really only surviving financially because of the generous covid payments we received in 2020 and I propose we spend that wisely now to secure a longer term future for the building.</p> <p>Thank you as always to Jean for her record keeping and to Angela whose work as bookings & building manager enables the income to be collected and deposited.</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>We aim to hold reserve for the purpose of having running costs in the event of the hall not being able to raise income. To give the trustees time to make arrangements.</p>

Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	5000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	In November the roof of the main hall became so bad that the rain ingress made it not possible to allow hire to community groups. This will have an ongoing impact on the income from the hall, though the smaller hall can still host groups.

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	None this financial year
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The principal risk is disrepair of the roof.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Trustees
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	Election at AGM, the trust expects the trustees to either live in or have a demonstrable concern for the community of Town End Farm, Sunderland. Election of trustees take place annually at the AGM to a 3 year term which is staggered to enable a change in members h ip

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 charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Jean Bramham	Chair		
Jennifer Bradshaw	Treasurer		
Angela Gibson	Hall Manager		
Doris Macknight			
Evelyn Devlin			
Diane Laybourne			

Michelle Sewell			
Barbara Mould			
Susan Graham			
John Devlin			
Allison Chisnall			

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved
none

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity
none

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

none

Additional information (optional)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

Signature	Full name	position
<i>J A Bradshaw</i>	J A Bradshaw	Treasurer

Date	6th September 2023
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ST BEDE'S COMMUNITY PROJECT

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST BEDE'S COMMUNITY PROJECT

I report on the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

As Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that an audit is not required for this period under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the Accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners in Section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Statement


My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commission

An examination includes a review of the accounting records maintained by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It 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 a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on these accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

- Which give me any reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements,
 - (a) To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
 - (b) To prepare accounts which do not accord with those accounting records, have not been met, or
- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

 4th April 2024

J G Farnsworth FCA
15 Noirmont Way
Sunderland SR3 2SS

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	Community Direct plus account	17,848	666	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	17,848	666	-

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

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	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	Utility Costs (Gas/ Electric)	Unrestricted	-	
	December	Unrestricted	270	
	Maintenance Costs - December		-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

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