



Parson Cross Initiative Projects Annual Report 2024

Registered Charity 1172288



Report from the Chair

Earlier this year I informed Trustees that 2024-5 would be my final year as Chair in order to allow for new leadership to emerge with the Charity and to begin succession planning for my retirement in 2027-8. I expect this report to be my penultimate as Chair and offers a space once again to both reflect on the past year and look forward to the future. It has been seven years since the registration of the charity and we have faced many challenges and seen a number of changes in both our activities and the personnel involved; in all this time though we have tried to remain focussed always on the people and communities we serve and the words from our original vision that called for us to operate with *“love, hope, grace and advocacy”* at the heart of all we do.

As with every year, inevitably things did not always go exactly as we'd planned or expected sometimes in ways that we still would like to address (as with the development of additional allotment sessions for example) at other times that have taken us on exciting new journeys such as the new dodgeball club, the Art For All project and Parson Cross young carers sessions. Once again we've welcomed new faces and developed new relationships and all this has as always been wonderfully positive, and offers us continued hope for the future.

In particular, it's been really good to see new people step forward as both trustees and in active volunteer roles, but our need to recruit and train a more reliable and effective team of volunteers remains an important focus for the coming year if we are to continue to develop successfully.

Our wider support and donor base has always been important to us. We've always been fortunate to have a solid supporter base of people and organisations who understand and will help promote our work, and this continues. We also have small but dedicated donor base that helps sustain the work of the charity. In the coming year we will continue to look at how we might best build and utilise the wide support we have.

The next twelve months are likely to see significant changes to the management of our main office base at Mount Tabor, with discussions already underway between the local Methodist congregation and The Foundry (a building management charity). It seems an appropriate time to thank the congregation at Tabor, and to Alan Bettison in particular for the work they have done to ensure a good quality premises from where we have always been welcomed, where we have found a home, and been able to operate so many of our activities from. We hope the planned changes and developments will offer both new opportunities for partnership working as well as offering ongoing stable relationship with the building as a home base.

No doubt the coming year will throw out new, and based on past experience, sometimes unexpected challenges and opportunities, but I am confident that as an organisation we will remain ready, willing and able to embrace these as they arise.

Nick Waterfield (Chair of Trustees) September 2024

Art For All

Our weekly creative arts group Arts 4 All has proven to be a major success this year, providing a supportive and caring space in which those taking part have been able to take part in creative art activities. Funded by Awards For All, we have commissioned Ignite Imaginations to work alongside us at Mount Tabor to provide these art activities throughout the year. Both the artist and the artistic medium are changed regularly to allow for both variety and in order to maintain interest. So far people have enjoyed everything from photography to clay work, weaving to decoupage and so many others too. The sessions are hosted by PXI session hosts in order to provide stability and continuity and activities are planned each term in advance following input from everyone involved. We have a regular eight to ten participants of mixed needs and abilities each week, which allows for friendships and relationships to take root and support and care to be offered where needed. With funding only currently secured until March 2025 we will be prioritising finding new resources to continue these activities beyond that date.



Social Café & Community Food Hub

Our regular Tuesday sessions at Tabor continue to be based around the Social Cafe and Community Food Hub. Alongside the morning session the informal music group still meets, the group is self supporting and now comprises around 6 – 10 regular participants, the overwhelming majority of these are men over 55, and involve vocals, guitar, drums and piano with a mixture of music drawn mainly from the 1960's and 70's.

The Social Cafe itself remains busy with people dropping in and out throughout the day, many come just to chat, but others come either seeking specific help and support, or to access the Community Food Hub (over the past twelve months we've seen an average of 26 households each week use our Community Food Hub). The Cafe itself is operated by two regular "cafe assistants" and the sessions hosted by a number of PXI "session hosts". A light lunch is provided thanks to two volunteers (Janet & Ben) which usually has around 12 guests each week.



Our Fareshare delivery each week is dealt with by a regular team of helpers who then set up space in the hall for the afternoon Food Hub, special thanks go to Lisa & Nicola for their regular help in this. It's pleasing to still report that the donations we receive each week from those using the food hub consistently provide the means to support the Fareshare subscription and as such pay they own way in this community food provision.

The Cafe & Food Hub, although separate from, also operate very close links (including the sharing of foodstuffs) to the weekly evening community meal operated by Food Cycle.

Community Allotments & Growing Spaces

We've not managed to develop a second session on the community allotments as we'd hoped due to a lack of volunteer "session hosts", the demand and interest remains solid and our links to partners such as NHS Community Mental Health team at Limbrick Road, Hillsborough, remain strong, but we need to find a way of resourcing additional hours to develop the project in this next year in order to move forward. Our regular sessions have seen participant numbers at anywhere from twenty to five depending on variable factors such as weather, with an average around ten to twelve each week.

The support from Sheffield Food Works in growing and supplying a range of small plants including; cabbage, kale, runner beans, courgette, peas and more has proved to be really helpful this year. It has meant that we have not been as reliant on propagating all our own produce and have been able to bring more variety to the planting this year; and the new poly-tunnel has been a great success both in terms of extending our growing season and providing a dry space to work in when the weather has been less than perfect.



Last October we took part for the first time in the Parkwood Springs Lantern Carnival having built "fishy lanterns" with students from Holgate Meadows School and with our regular participants.

In 2025 we are also exploring a new approach by allocating small beds to individuals who are interested, some of whom have given up previously held allotments because of the workload. In this way we can hopefully increase the growing potential on the plots by opening new beds, without the constant need to juggle volunteers around the various tasks on all four plots.

Dodgeball Club

In May 2024 we agreed to provide a charitable home to a newly developing dodgeball club in the area based at Yewlands Academy initially we have agreed to do this for three years (up to May 2027)

with a review built in in 2026. The overall purpose of the club is to bring a new sports opportunity to local children & young people that has otherwise been unavailable to them, in addition it hopes to build up positive social networks and peer groups for the children and young people. Julie Edwards who is a key driving force behind the club has also been brought into the wider trustee board of PXI to create both direct reporting and accountability but also to encourage links beyond the school and into our wider remit of social inclusion.

Autism Hope & Young Carers Group

This year has been another busy year for Autism Hope. Our weekly coffee mornings are as popular as ever and we are pleased to be welcoming new members too.

We had our annual Cleethorpes trip for our families which was a fantastic day enjoyed by everyone. Another special day was an event we hosted for Young Carers. This was an afternoon for them to meet other young carers, create art to represent the love they felt for the people they care for and they had some wonderful therapy animals join them. It was a chance for the young carers to be acknowledged for such an amazing job they do.



It's also a great honour that one of our Trustees, Carlie Brough, has been made one of the Lord Mayors Community Champions to highlight the role of carers in our community. We were joined by the Lord Mayor at one of our Autism Hope Coffee Mornings and she was very gracious and listened to our members who shared their experiences of being parent carers and the challenges it can bring. It was a very special morning that we were all very grateful for.

Safeguarding

At the present time we have no outstanding safeguarding matters of significance that require ongoing monitoring and awareness from session hosts. In October 2025 we will be reviewing and updating all our Safeguarding policies and procedures. Carlton Reeve remains our nominated Safeguarding Trustee.

Forward Strategy

In March 2024, Trustees gave consideration to a paper that looked at the changing needs around trustees, volunteers, staffing and the ongoing question marks around the management of our base at Mount Tabor.

In the immediate short term we are still likely to continue with our current strategy of relying on volunteer support and input from those involved in our activities as we continue to build on existing activities and explore new opportunities.

It is looking increasingly likely that we will need to turn to more session based staff (as we have with the artist input via Ignite Imaginations) and even re-consider longer term appointments in light of the many changes facing our volunteer base. In particular we need

to consider these options for both the continuation of the art for all sessions and also to more fully develop our options on the allotments.

Financially, although we will largely remain grant dependent for activities, we hope to expand our donor and supporter base to allow us some flexibility around budgets.

Appendices:

1. Trustees 2023-24

Nick Waterfield (Chairperson)	Iain Cloke
Alison Charlesworth (Treasurer)	Carlton Reeve (Safeguarding Officer from October 2023)
Jonathan Buckley (Secretary)	Janet Shepherd (resigned October 2023)
Carlie Brough	Julie Edwards (joined May 2024)
Teresa Buckley	

(non voting members)

Alan Bettison

Jane Offord (Safeguarding Officer resigned October 2023)

2. Thanks to the following Funders & Donations 2022-23

We also have a significant number of regular individual donors totalling £XXX of giving every month to support food and projects within PXI – once again we give thanks to all our supporters.

3. PXI Volunteer Session Hosts

Carlie Brough. Jonathan Buckley. Teresa Buckley. Charlie Cloke. Jo Edwards.

Annabel Terry. Nick Waterfield. Jules Wood. Alan Sayer.

4. Social Media Links

Follow us on Twitter: **@pxiprojects**

Or on Facebook: **PXI – Parson Cross Initiative Projects**

Visit our website: <https://pxiprojects.wordpress.com/>



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name PXI PARSON CROSS INITIATIVE (PROJECTS) No 1172288

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1st September 2023	To	Period end date 31st August 2024
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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					
Income from donations, legacies and grants	3,919	47,154	-	51,073	26,679
Charitable Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading Income	172	1,000	-	1,172	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,091	48,154	-	52,245	26,679
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,091	48,154	-	52,245	26,679
A3 Payments					
Costs of charitable activities	901	30,991	-	31,892	17,658
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Others	2,857	-	-	2,857	3,924
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,758	30,991	-	34,749	21,582
Net of receipts/(payments)	333	17,163	-	17,496	5,097
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	26,543	18,324	-	44,867	-
Cash funds this year end	26,876	35,487	-	62,363	5,097

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	Cash at bank	26,876	35,487	-
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		-	-	-
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	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


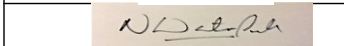
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B2 Other monetary assets	Food stock held at 31st Aug 2024	-	32	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Alison Charlesworth	13.10.2024
	Nick Waterfield	13.10.2024



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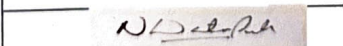
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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

PXI PARSON CROSS INITIATIVE (PROJECTS)

On accounts for the year
ended

31 AUGUST 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1172288

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2024

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation
of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act
2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with
the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection
with the examination to which 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:

20/02/25

Name:

DAVID HENRY GEE

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

F.C.A.

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.