

The Chapel in the Garden, 49 East Street, Bridport DT6 3JX

Charity Number 1173010

Charitable Incorporated Organisation CE009969

The Trustees present their Report and the Financial Statements for the Year ending 31st December 2022.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by a constitution approved by the Trustees on 14th July 2017. Trustees who served during the period were;

Sir Philip John Colfox
Lucy Erikson (resigned 20 October 2022)
David Roger Albert Gregory
John Hinsley (resigned 20 October 2022)
Frances Mollie Jeune
Lucy Angelica Kennard (resigned 20 October 2022)
Jillian Park (resigned 18 April 2023)
Sally Vaughan (appointed 18 April 2023)
Glenda Alice Irwin Willis (appointed 20 October 2022)

From October 2021, the Charity has been managed under a Sociocratic method whereby everyone's views and opinions are taken in to account when making decisions.

Objectives and Activities

The Charity's objective is the promotion of religion in accordance with the principles of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christians and to offer a place of spirituality and peace to the residents of Bridport and the surrounding area. The Chapel welcomes people of all faiths and none to its weekly services and healing groups. Bridport Food Fridge operates from the Chapel and a twice weekly café opens to welcome regulars and newcomers to share companionship and a listening ear.

The Trustees and congregation are committed to supporting the employment of a minister, and to the care and maintenance of this Grade 2* Listed building.

The Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 and have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission including Public Benefit.

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Achievement and Performance

Since the 2022 AGM, the Trustees have met 6 times and put in process some improvements and repairs to the building. The improvements include installing cost efficient storage heaters in the two rooms most often used for hirers and in consideration of the Warm Spaces initiative run by the ministry team during the colder months of the winter which was assisted by a grant from Bridport Town Council. We continue to support a clothing bank for the homeless and the community fridge which operates from our premises to great effect.

Services are conducted every Sunday by one of our ministers with the input of interfaith ministers and volunteers from our own community. Along with a shorter Friday evening event, a monthly Children's service has been introduced. Our congregation is healthy and includes both local people and visitors to the town. We have conducted several rites of passage services including weddings, funerals and naming ceremonies.

Three fund raising concerts have been organised by the volunteer team, realising some £1,800 and providing great entertainment enjoyed by the wider community.

Our bookings administration has been very successfully carried out by a volunteer and we continue to look for creative ways to raise our profile in the community and increase the income from our lovely rooms. Our range of activities include yoga, counselling groups, dancing, choirs, u3a meetings, mindfulness events, art exhibitions and more.

We have continued to open the doors on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, offering tea and cake alongside the second hand bookshop in the gallery. Visitors are warmly welcomed and local people who have not visited the Chapel before are often astonished by the building and the activities that take place. Some become members of the community and join the band of volunteers

Reserves

The chapel had an excess of income over expenditure of £40,185 in the period, largely due to the Minister's absence on maternity leave and the receipt of the last three years gift aid claims. The Trustees have set aside £10,000 as a buildings maintenance fund and fundraising activities are adding to this. The Trustees' intention is to maintain unrestricted reserves of at least £50,000, they currently stand at £77,005.

Approved by the Trustees on 21 September 2023

Signed on their behalf

Sir Philip Colfox

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of
THE CHAPEL IN THE GARDEN, BRIDPORT,

Charitable Incorporated Organisation CEO 009969
Charity Number 1173010

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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:

1. Accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. That accounts do not comply with applicable requirements concerning the form and content set out the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, other than the requirement that accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection to the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Martin Ternouth
24-May-23

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year to 31 December 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Building Fund 2022	Endowment Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
Income from:						
Donations and collections		19,125	3,971	-	23,096	16,856
Gift Aid received		10,514	963	-	11,477	-
Charitable activities	2	27,726	1,614	-	29,340	16,940
Grants received		500	-	-	500	-
Business interruption insurance claim		4,940	-	-	4,940	9,000
Investment income - M&G Charifund		9,527	-	-	9,527	8,533
Interest received		137	39	-	176	-
Total		72,469	6,587	-	79,056	51,329
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	3	38,871	-	-	38,871	43,442
Net income (expenditure)	4	33,598	6,587	-	40,185	7,887
Gains (losses) on revaluation of investments	5	(2,147)	-	(7,802)	(9,949)	20,408
Gains (losses) on sale of investments		-	-	-	-	503
Transfers between funds	6	(10,000)	10,000	-	-	-
Net Movement in funds		21,451	16,587	(7,802)	30,236	28,798
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		55,554	90,000	140,070	285,624	256,826
Total funds carried forward		77,005	106,587	132,268	315,860	285,624

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

**THE CHAPEL IN THE GARDEN, BRIDPORT
Balance sheet as at 31 December 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Building Fund 2022	Endowment Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
Fixed Assets - Freehold Land & Buildings	6	-	90,000	-	90,000	90,000
Investments M&G Charifund	5	36,400	-	132,268	168,668	178,617
Current assets:						
Debtors	7	854	-	-	854	2,633
Cash at bank and in hand		43,256	16,587	-	59,843	17,124
		44,110	16,587	-	60,697	19,757
Creditors: amounts due within one year	8	3,505	-	-	3,505	2,750
Net current assets		40,605	16,587	-	57,192	17,007
Total assets		77,005	106,587	132,268	315,860	285,624

The notes on pages 5 and 6 form part of these financial statements.

Approved on behalf of the Trustees

Sir Philip Colfox

21 September 2023

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. Accounting policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statement have been prepared under the historic cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value. In accordance with FRS102 no statement of cash flow has been prepared.
- b) Donations and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when received except in so far as they are incapable of financial measurement.
- c) Grants are recognised when received.
- d) Rent and other letting incomes generally are recognised when received. Material amounts received in advance are treated as deferred income.
- e) Expenditure is recognised for material amounts once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.
- f) Investments are shown at market value, income is recognised when received.

2. Income from charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Weddings, namings and funerals	3,545	2,190
Room hire & lettings	17,178	12,866
Book and café income	2,990	1,292
Fundraising and other income	5,627	592
	<u>29,340</u>	<u>16,940</u>

3. Expenditure on charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries (National Insurance - Nil, 2021 - Nil) net of SMP recovered	17,246	26,909
Pension contributions	541	1,096
Other ministry costs	2,152	1,536
Premises	13,780	10,915
Administration	3,142	2,986
Food Fridge	2,010	-
Governance	-	-
	<u>38,871</u>	<u>43,442</u>

4. Net incoming (outgoing) resources for the year are after charging:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trustees remuneration and expenses	-	-
Independent Examiners fees and accountancy	304	420

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

5. Investments - M&G Charifund	2022	2021
	£	£
Valuation at the beginning of the year	178,617	162,706
Disposals	-	(4,497)
Increase (decrease) in valuation	(9,949)	20,408
Valuation at the end of the year	<u>168,668</u>	<u>178,617</u>

6. Tangible fixed assets

Freehold land and buildings are included at historic valuation.

7. Debtors	2022	2021
	£	£
Statutory Maternity Pay recoverable	<u>854</u>	<u>2,633</u>

8. Creditors falling due within one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Rent received in advance	2,750	2,750
Accruals	755	-
	<u>3,505</u>	<u>2,750</u>