



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From** 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021      **To** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

**Charity name:** The Storehouse Church Dorchester

**Charity registration number:** 1174381

## **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>(a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement and in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time to may think fit;</p> <p>(b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time think fit; and</p> <p>(c) to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.</p>
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	<p><b>Churches were prohibited from all face-to-face meetings and services of worship until August 2021. Prior to this, provision was made for regular, public, Christian religious services through broadcasted recordings or live church meetings by use of the internet. Since public face-to-face meetings were made lawful again, these have been held on church premises but the church has also retained the advantage and benefit of broadcasting services or using audio-visual communication to provide for those unable to attend meetings through ill health or otherwise. The church also supported and continued providing facilities for a local Indian Christian community who meet to</b></p>

		<p>worship and fellowship in their traditional language.</p> <p>The church maintained its levels of regular financial support for other Christian organisations, churches and ministries locally, in the UK and abroad. The church became sponsor of The Boys Brigade in Dorchester to provide activities, education, friendship and support to young people.</p> <p>The church continued to advance efforts to reduce hardship and poverty by active involvement and by helping to raising funds for Community Share and other local charities with similar objectives to our own;</p> <p>The church has begun to deliver recognised training for its volunteers to bring better recognised standards of service delivery and now has a qualified instructor able to provide training to other churches and organisations.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The church trustees have full and due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. We remain true to the lawful and charitable aims of the Charity's governing document and continue to seek to grow our ministry and work for the further benefit of communities near and far.</p>

#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Grants are decided upon on a case by case basis by the Church Council.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Church volunteers make a crucial contribution to the work of the church, supporting and expanding the work of paid staff. The church has a small team of dedicated individual volunteers with various skills and experiences who take on a variety of roles. The church is beginning to invest more in its volunteers through a programme of training with suitable qualifications for specific roles.
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>Despite the severe restrictions imposed upon the church by Covid-19, The Storehouse Church managed to remain actively engaged with all people by continuing to develop the use of visual communications and internet broadcasting.</p> <p>Upon the Covid restrictions being removed in August 2021, all of the pre-Covid congregation eventually returned to church activities in-person. Where some were hesitant or unable to return at first, the church continued its provision of visual communication and broadcasting services and this has now become an important and growing element in sharing the hope of the Christian faith and for engaging with a wider audience. We have received messages from near and far telling us of how individuals and whole families have been helped through this new way to minister in worship, prayer and other types of support.</p> <p>Whilst for much of 2021 the church was prohibited from using its building for worship and ministry it continued to apply its resources in support of local charity, Community Share (previously, Dorchester Community Kitchen), providing an operational base to reach out to thousands of families or individuals around the county of Dorset needing food and hygiene goods during difficult periods of going without care support, income, family contact, etc. This support was given without any direct benefit to the church except in that it allowed us to continue meeting some of our own objectives as a charity. We were pleased to see Community Share become a registered charity in its own right as it continues to grow to meet new needs and to gain a good reputation with local organisations and local authorities and even has the backing of the local MP.</p> <p>The church has begun to re-establish The Boys Brigade in Dorchester for the benefit of local young people.</p> <p>Training in Mental Health First Aid has been received by the church for the purpose of preparing to provide better support and services to growing</p>

		<b>numbers of local people as the repercussions of Lockdown have become apparent.</b>
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**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	
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	<b>The church suffered great hardship from being prohibited from its normal activities and functions but the exercise of financial prudence and the support of committed, regular donors helped the church to continue to meet all of its commitments throughout the year until opportunities arose towards the end of the year that have enabled the church finances to recover greater resilience. Consequently, the position at the close of the financial period gives encouragement for the church to have greater ability to benefit communities in Dorchester and beyond post-Covid.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>The church's policy is to hold in reserve the equivalent of three months' worth of planned expenditure to buffer against change and to provide time to react to such.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£7.9K</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>None.</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>None.</b>

### 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	<b>Principle funding comes from regular donations, hiring out of church facilities and tax benefits through Gift Aid.</b>
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	<b>Trust deed.</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>Trust</b>
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	<b>Trustees are appointed by the Church Council.</b>

### 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	<b>The church is associated with Assemblies of God GB, is a member of Churches Together in Dorchester and is sponsor to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dorchester Company of The Boys Brigade national youth organisation. The church collaborates with the work of local charity Community Share based in Dorchester.</b>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<b>Mark Steven Topp is married to Lydia Jayne Topp.</b>
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Storehouse Church Dorchester
Other name the charity uses	The Storehouse Church, The Storehouse
Registered charity number	1174381
Charity's principal address	3 Cambridge Road Dorchester Dorset DT1 2LR

### 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	Mark Steven Topp	Chairman		
2	Steven Paul Cain	Treasurer	From 01/09/2021	
3	Robert Martin Fitzgerald	Secretary		
4	Lydia Jayne Topp			
5	Sandra Rose Miller			
6	Ernest Raymond Shapcott			
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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	
Mark Steven Topp		
Robert Martin Fitzgerald		
Sandra Rose Miller		
Ernest Raymond Shapcott		
Ronald Richard Dunkley		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	The Boys Brigade – cash Community Share - cash
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	The Boys Brigade – the advancement of Christ's kingdom and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self-respect and all that tends towards true Christian character. Community Share – bringing communities together to provide fair and accessible support to those in need, either with supplies of goods or by collaborative projects.
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	These cash funds are held in the church's own bank account. They are subject to the same financial safeguards as the church's own funds but are accounted for separately within the church's own records (as can be seen in the annual accounts summary). Regular and on-demand reports of the activity of each fund are provided to those persons responsible for the management of each of these organisations. The Boys Brigade's assets are held on trust as part of the church's sponsorship, in accordance with The Boys Brigade's national regulations for the management of its companies. Community Share's assets are held on trust until such time that the charity has provided its own banking facilities.

### 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

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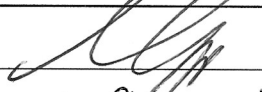
### Other optional information

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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)	Mark Steven Toop	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	30-8-2022	

## Accounts 2021 - Balance Sheet

	<i>The Storehouse Church</i>	<i>The Boys Brigade</i>	<i>Community Share</i>	All Accts
<b>Carried Over (C/O) 2020</b>	<b>7,481.73</b>		10,777.08	18,258.81
<b>INCOME</b>				
Cash (Bag) Offerings	3,038.52			3,038.52
Givt (net income)	244.05			244.05
Bank Rec'ts/Cheques (non-G/Aided)	9,153.00			9,153.00
Bank Rec'ts/Cheques (G/Aided)	19,072.00			19,072.00
Gift Aid/GASD (tax refunds)	6,909.15			6,909.15
Other Gifts	1,005.00			1,005.00
Fundraising (general)				-
Church Hire	975.00			975.00
Gas/Elec (refunds)	-			-
Missions/Outreach/Community (general)	2.58			2.58
Lunch Club	-			-
Star of Hope	-			-
Stay & Play	-			-
Help the Vulnerable	-			-
Boys Brigade		1,493.36		1,493.36
Community Share			6,717.68	6,717.68
Bank Interest; Deposit Acct.	0.60			0.60
sub total (Income - C/O 2020)	<b>40,399.90</b>	1,493.36	6,717.68	48,610.94
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>47,881.63</b>	<b>1,493.36</b>	<b>17,494.76</b>	<b>66,869.75</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Employee costs	21,536.29			21,536.29
Gifts out 7% (see Church Giving)	1,263.50			1,263.50
AOG 3% Contribution	895.44			895.44
Insurance Prem	1,389.13			1,389.13
Annual Fees	495.00			495.00
Annual Services	181.80			181.80
Gas/Elec (rev. Sep)	1,269.07			1,269.07
Phone/internet	331.47			331.47
Website	343.00			343.00
Zoom	146.76			146.76
Visiting Speakers	60.00			60.00
Missions/Outreach/Community	-			-
Lunch Club	-			-
Star of Hope	-			-
Stay & Play (* B/Fd 2020)	-			-
Help the Vuln (* B/Fd 2020)	-			-
Boys Brigade		40.00		40.00
Community Share			7,641.69	7,641.69
Building upkeep (inc. roof repair)	795.14			795.14
Other	230.19			230.19
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>28,936.79</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>7,641.69</b>	<b>36,618.48</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>18,944.84</b>	<b>1,453.36</b>	<b>9,853.07</b>	<b>30,251.27</b>
Nett Income 2021	<b>11,463.11</b>	1,453.36	-924.01	11,992.46

Bank Reconciliation			
Lloyds Bank Balances as at:			
31 December 2020			18,258.81
31 December 2021			30,251.27
Nett difference			11,992.46
Church Account 2021			
Receipts			48,610.94
Payments		-	36,618.48
Nett Receipts/Payments:			11,992.46



# 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

The Storehouse Church Dorchester

On accounts for the year  
ended

2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1174381

Set out on pages

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

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").

Independent  
examiner's statement

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.

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:

13/06/2022

Name:

SAJI VELLAPPILLIYIL DEVASSIA

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

ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN

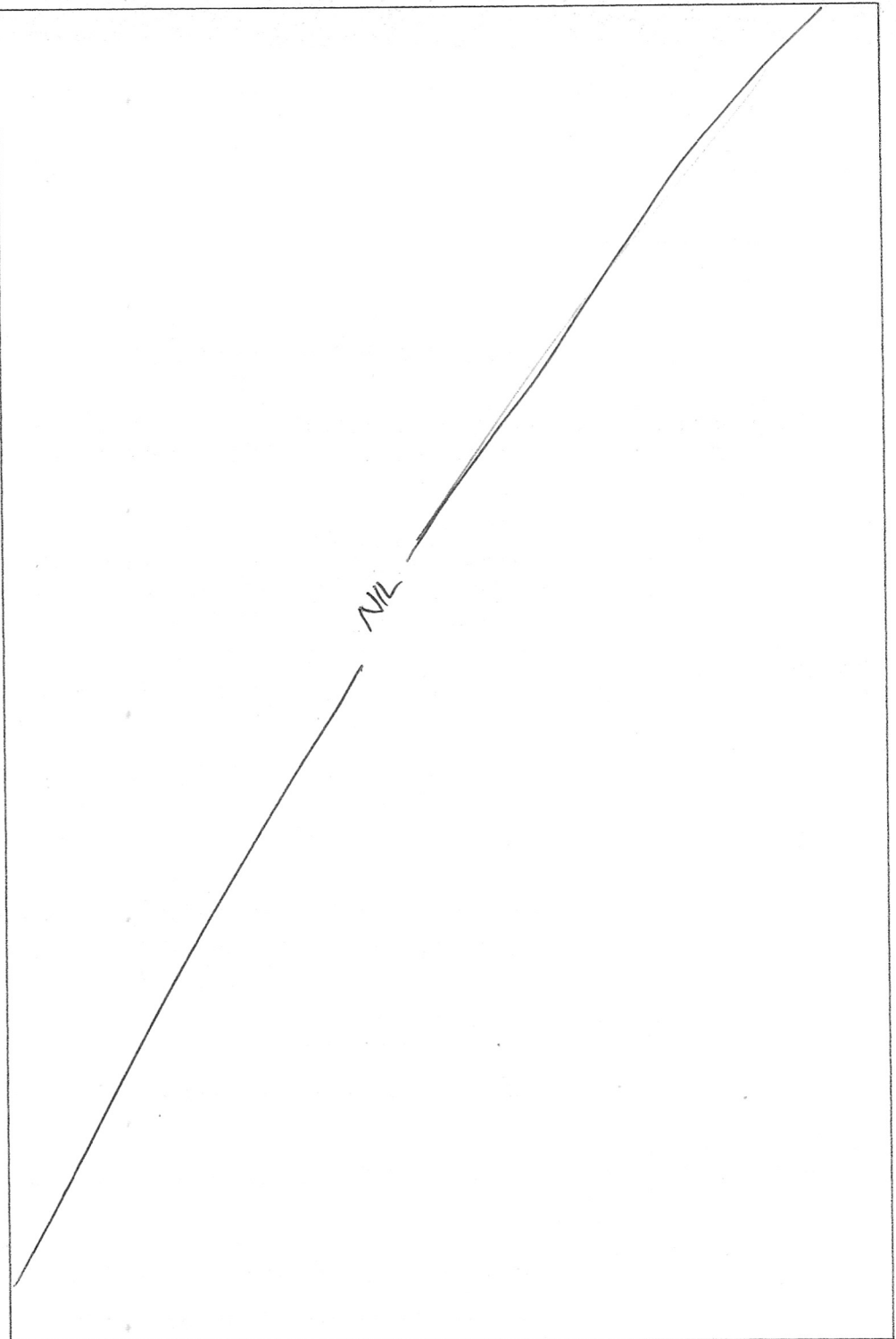
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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



NIL