



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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

**From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 Period start date**

**To 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 Period end date**

**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><b>(a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith of Assemblies of God GB 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; and</b></p> <p><b>(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</b></p> <p><b>(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.</b></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>Provision is made for regular, public Christian religious services, with the added provision of broadcasted recordings or live church meetings by use of the internet for those unable to attend meetings through ill health or otherwise.</b></p> <p><b>The church supports a local Indian Christian community, the local authority and other organisations by sharing facilities for their own use.</b></p> <p><b>The church provides regular financial support for other Christian organisations, churches and ministries locally, in the UK and abroad that have similar objectives.</b></p> <p><b>The church is sponsor of The Boys Brigade in Dorchester providing fun activities, education, friendship and</b></p>

		<p>support to young people.</p> <p>The church continues to advance efforts to reduce hardship and poverty by active involvement providing direct relief and by helping to support and raise funds for local charities that have similar objectives.</p> <p>The church works with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) to help people with household budgeting and to be free of debt.</p> <p>The church looks to deliver recognised training for its volunteers to bring better recognised standards of service delivery and has a qualified instructor also able to provide such training to benefit other churches and community 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 continually look to grow or support ministries and projects that further these objects for the 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	<b>Grants are decided upon on a case by case basis as agreed by the Church Council.</b>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<b>Church volunteers make a crucial contribution to the work of the church, supporting and increasing the capability of paid staff. The church has a small team of dedicated individual volunteers, each bringing their various skills and experiences and who take on a variety of roles. The church has been investing more in its volunteers through a programme of certified training for specific roles.</b>
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>The Storehouse Church remains actively engaged with all people by providing regular church meetings to worship, pray and study the Bible. Average attendance at Sunday morning services grew by 41% during 2023. The church continues to develop the use of visual communications and internet broadcasting as an important and growing element in sharing the hope of the Christian faith and for engaging with a wider audience. The church's Youtube channel has also seen growth in viewers and subscribers and we have received messages from near and far reporting that individuals and whole families have been helped through this.</p> <p>In partnership with a local charity, the church has continued to reach out to give aid to families or individuals with food and hygiene goods during times of hardship. Between 2,000 and 3,000 Kilograms of supplies were redistributed in this way during 2023.</p> <p>During the Winter of 2022/23 the church took part in the Warm Welcome scheme to provide shelter for local people affected by the energy crisis. The numbers attending weekly grew by 70% over this time and many of those coming sought additional support from the church.</p> <p>The church sponsors a Company of The Boys Brigade in Dorchester for the benefit of local young people and member numbers are steadily increasing. The church provided First Aid in Mental Health training to other church's and organisations during the year and we have received very positive feedback from those trained. This feedback has ranged from being able to prevent suicide, avert mental health crises, sign-posting individuals to access professional help and simply by being better equipped to offer understanding, support and reassurance.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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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 has exercised financial prudence and, with the support of regular and new donors, has continued to meet all of its commitments throughout the year. We have seen an increase in restricted donations from people wanting to support specific activities or projects to strengthen the positive impact that the church is having locally. Consequently, the position at the close of the financial period gives encouragement for the church to continue to work to the benefit communities in Dorchester and beyond.</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 with time to adjust budget plans.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£13K</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 services and from claiming Gift Aid on qualifying donations. Our growing fundraising efforts also attracts further income from donations and grants from the local authority, other charities and Christian organisations.</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 trustees comprising 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 in membership with Assemblies of God GB, is a member of Churches Together in Dorchester and with the Evangelical Alliance. The church is sponsor to the 2nd 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	
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	To 08/02/2023	
2	Sandra Rose Miller	Chairman	From 08/02/2023	
3	Steven Paul Cain	Treasurer		
4	Robert Martin Fitzgerald	Secretary		
5	Lydia Jayne Topp			
6	Raymond Ernest 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	
<b>Robert Martin Fitzgerald</b>		
<b>Sandra Rose Miller</b>		
<b>Raymond Ernest Shapcott</b>		
<b>Ronald Richard Dunkley</b>		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	The Boys Brigade – cash and equipment Community Share and Wellness CIC - 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 and Wellness CIC – 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 checks and controls as the church's own funds but are accounted for separately (sub accounts) within the church's own records, as shown in the submitted annual accounts. 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 have been held on trust with the church awaiting transfer into their own banking facilities acquired in 2023. All responsibility for their funds will transfer to them once this has been completed.

### 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)

The Boys Brigade –Philip Cain, Hon. Captain;  
Community Share and Wellness CIC – Marcus Frith, CEO

## Exemptions from disclosure

### Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

## Other optional information

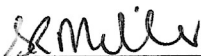
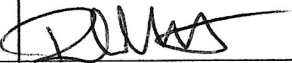
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	SANDRA MILLER.	Robert Fitzgerald
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR.	SECRETARY.
Date	29/9/2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
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Charity Name  
The Storehouse Church Dorchester

No (if any)  
1174381

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/01/2023

To

Period end date  
31/12/2023

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations & Grants	34,558	19,918	-	54,476	33,701
Gift Aid	7,080	-	-	7,080	6,379
Hire of Church Facilities	5,410	-	-	5,410	3,775
The Boys Brigade		456	-	456	833
Community Share		3,810	-	3,810	7,280
Miscellaneous	10	75	-	85	18
Bank Interest on Deposit Accounts	77		-	77	3
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>47,135</b>	<b>24,258</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>71,393</b>	<b>51,989</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>47,135</b>	<b>24,258</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>71,393</b>	<b>51,989</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Costs of employment	23,981	-	-	23,981	23,417
Annual Insurance, Fees & Services	4,841	-	-	4,841	4,664
Utilities	4,313	-	-	4,313	2,802
Printing, Stationery & Supplies	980	-	-	980	1,173
Building Maintenance	3,084	85	-	3,169	789
Donations, Grants and Gifts Made	2,781	528	-	3,310	5,134
Church Ministries & Community Projects					
	270	7,322		7,593	71
The Boys Brigade		991	-	991	1,388
Community Share		9,695	-	9,695	9,996
Miscellaneous	53	150		203	138
Bank Fees	30	-	-	30	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>40,335</b>	<b>18,772</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,107</b>	<b>49,571</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Church Fixed Assets	49	5,518	-	5,567	845
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>5,518</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,567</b>	<b>845</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>40,384</b>	<b>24,290</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64,674</b>	<b>50,416</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>6,751</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,719</b>	<b>1,573</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>22,060</b>	<b>9,764</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,824</b>	<b>30,251</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>28,811</b>	<b>9,732</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,543</b>	<b>31,824</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account	19,732	9,732	-
	Lloyds Bank Deposit Account 1	-		-
	Lloyds Bank Deposit Account 2	9,078		-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>28,811</b>	<b>9,732</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

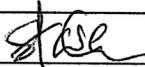
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Balance of Boys Brigade accts	Restricted	363	
	Balance of Community Share accts	Restricted	1,251	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	STEVE CAIN	30/6/24



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name

The Storehouse Church Dorchester

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1174381

**Set out on pages**

(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 31/12/2023.

**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:**

18/8/24

**Name:**

SAJI DEVASSIA

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

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**Address:**

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SOMERLEIGH ROAD

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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.

