



CHARITY
COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND
WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2024 Period start date

To 31st December 2024 Period end date

Charity name: The Storehouse Church Dorchester

10150061

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 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</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</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>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.</p> <p>The church supports a local Indian Christian community, the local authority and other organisations by sharing facilities for their own use.</p> <p>The church provides regular financial support for other Christian organisations, churches and ministries locally, in the UK and abroad that have similar objectives.</p> <p>The church is sponsor of The Boys Brigade in Dorchester providing fun</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. 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 communities</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	Grants are decided upon on a case by case basis as agreed 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 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.
Other		

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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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 Storehouse Church remains actively engaged with all people by providing regular church meetings to worship, pray and study the Bible. 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. 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. Over 10'000 Kilograms of supplies were redistributed in this way during 2024.</p> <p>The church sponsors a Company of The Boys Brigade in Dorchester for the benefit of local young people .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, signposting 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:

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	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.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	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.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£13.5k
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

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	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.
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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 structure		
Type of governing document deed, rova; chatâec	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
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	Trustees are appointed by the trustees comprising the Church Council

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	
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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	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.
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 ear	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Sandra Rose Miller	Chairman	From 08/02/2024	
Steven Paul Cain	Treasurer		

Robert Martin Fitzgerald	Secretary		
Lydia Jayne Topp			
Raymond Ernest Shapcott			

Corporate trustees — names of the directors at the date the report

Approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging

Sandra Rose Miller		
Robert Martin Fitzgerald		
Raymond Ernest Shapcott		
Ronald Richard Dunkly		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	The Boys Brigade — cash and equipment.
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 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.

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of Name Address adviser

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

The Boys Brigade — Philip Cain, Hon. Captain;



Exemptions from

<p>Exemptions from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (section 447) and the Companies (Accounts) Regulations 2008 (regulation 12) are as follows:</p> <p>The Boys Brigade is exempt from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (section 447) and the Companies (Accounts) Regulations 2008 (regulation 12) in relation to the preparation and audit of accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2018.</p>

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	
SANDRA MILLER.	ROSE FITZGERALD
C q	SECRETARY

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Date 21/10/2025

This is the Annual Return of accounts that is to be submitted to The Charity Commission. It follows the same format that was included in last year's AGM report to church members so that it's easier to compare, although, in my usual way, I'll also follow this with some graphs for you.

The Charity Commission - CC16a information					
	From	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024	
Section A Receipts and payments	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
A1 Receipts					
Donations and grants	34,977	5,149		40,126	54,476
Gift Aid	6,114	-		6,114	7,080
Hire of facilities	4,595			4,595	5,410
The Boys Brigade (2nd Dorchester Co.)	-	371		371	456
Community Share & Wellness CIC	-	220		220	3,810
Other	-	1,711		1,711	85
Interest on deposit accts	164			164	77
Sub total (Gross income)	45,849	7,452	-	53,301	71,393
A2 Asset and investment sales					
				-	
				-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	45,849	7,452	-	53,301	71,393
A3 Payments					
Costs of employment	25,798	-		25,798	23,981
Annual insurance, fees and services	5,435	-		5,435	4,841
Utilities	4,162	-		4,162	4,313
Printing, stationery & supplies	1,652	-		1,652	980
Building maintenance	5,637	2,300		7,937	3,169
Donations, gifts and grants made	2,636	100		2,736	3,310
Church ministries & community projects	742	7,779		8,522	7,593
The Boys Brigade (2nd Dorchester Co.)	-	575		575	991
Community Share & Wellness CIC	-	1,471		1,471	9,695
Miscellaneous and other	-	1,628		1,628	203
Bank charges	30	-		30	30
Sub total (Gross income)	46,093	13,853	-	59,945	59,107
A4 Asset and investment purchases					
Church equipment	570	-		570	5,567
Sub total	570	-	-	570	5,567
Total payments	46,663	13,853	-	60,515	64,674
Net of receipts/payments	813	6,401	-	7,214	6,719
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	28,811	9,732		38,543	31,824
Cash funds this year end	27,997	3,331	-	31,328	38,543



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

The Storehouse Church Dorchester

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2024

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's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

10/10/2025

Name:

Mark Chamberlain ACA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

ICAEW

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

N/A