

# CAMBRIDGE CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1174768

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2017-09-21

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY THE PROPAGATION OF CHRISTIANITY ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE. TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE IN CAMBRIDGE AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS WHO ARE ROUGH SLEEPING, HOMELESS OR VULNERABLY HOUSED, AND IN PARTICULAR (BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING) BY PROVIDING, OR ARRANGING FOR EMERGENCY, TEMPORARY AND LONGER TERM ACCOMMODATION WITHIN A CHRISTIAN ETHOS.

**Activities:** To help individuals and churches to compassionately engage with and support people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness in our city. We provide caring, supportive chaplaincy and lead outreach, groups and activities for the homeless community. We also train volunteers to get involved in our work of addressing the root causes of homelessness: poverty of resources, relationships and identity.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

## Geography

- Cambridgeshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£77,551	£78,745	-	-
2024-09-30	£71,694	£70,341	-	-
2023-09-30	£86,886	£60,235	-	-
2022-09-30	£69,031	£43,623	-	-
2021-09-30	£54,323	£28,879	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>George Andrew Hawker</b>	Chair	2021-10-18
Ank Rigelsford		2023-11-07
Ann-Marie Morgan		2023-05-03
Dr James Ferguson		2024-05-07
Keith Alexander COWLEY		2021-02-09
Sarah Jorgensen		2026-01-14

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# Accounts

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**Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025**

**Charity name: Cambridge Churches Homeless Project**

**Charity registration number: 1174768**

**Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>To help individuals and churches to compassionately engage with and support people experiencing or at risk of homelessness in our city. We provide caring, supportive chaplaincy and lead outreach, groups and activities for the homeless community. We also train volunteers to get involved in our work of addressing the root causes of homelessness: poverty of resources, relationships and identity.</b>
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	<b>1. Support of the Cambridge winter homeless shelter at Crossways by</b> <b>a) provision of evening meals for residents, volunteers and staff,</b> <b>b) provision of volunteers from its volunteer database to undertake provision of those meals and other support activities, and</b> <b>c) provision of a paid part-time project co-ordinator to organise the volunteer input and provide support to the shelter managers.</b>  <b>The charity is planning to end its direct involvement with the homeless shelter in winter 2025-26 as its focus moves to the chaplaincy role set out in 3 &amp; 4 below although it will continue to encourage volunteering there and the Bishop's Officer for the Homeless and Outreach Support</b>

		<p><b>Manager will continue to be involved on a regular basis.</b></p> <p><b>2. Provision of emergency short-term hotel accommodation for rough sleepers referred to the charity by various statutory and voluntary bodies working with the homeless. Usually these are people considered at risk on the street and who have no recourse to public funding or are awaiting statutory provision. This aspect of the charity's work reduced substantially from the previous year and is expected to remain a similar level.</b></p> <p><b>3. Provision of funding for the role of Bishop of Ely's Officer for the Homeless to provide chaplaincy services to the homeless community.</b></p> <p><b>4. Provision of practical support to the Bishop's Officer in undertaking this role, primarily through provision of a part-time paid Outreach Support Manager (from April 2025).</b></p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The trustees have taken due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in the fulfilment of their obligations.</b>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>The charity does not make grants.</b>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<b>To spend our limited resources wisely in delivering the purposes of the charity</b>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p><b>Approximately 60 active volunteers took part in provision of meals and support at the Cambridge winter homeless shelter between November 2024 and March 2025.</b></p> <p><b>In addition the trustees undertook co-ordination with various statutory and</b></p>

		charitable bodies involved in the sector to arrange emergency accommodation for a number of homeless people without recourse to public funds throughout the year.
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><b>CCHP provided evening meals and support at the Cambridge winter homeless shelter for up to 20 guests per night. Over the winter period approximately 50 different individuals were accommodated at the shelter and provided with safe, warm and comfortable accommodation and food and provided with support to move on. In addition it provided a part-time paid co-ordinator for the duration of the winter shelter (to March 2025) to undertake the complex task of organising the volunteer rota and provide support to the shelter managers.</b></p> <p><b>In addition, 3 individuals without recourse to public funds were accommodated for a total of 150 nights in shared houses provided by a partner charitable organisation over the summer period when no accommodation was available in formal shelters. These individuals were awaiting resolution of their residency status and would otherwise have been rough sleeping.</b></p> <p><b>CCHP has also continued to fully finance the role of Bishop of Ely's Officer for the Homeless. This is a full-time honorary position which provides chaplaincy and practical support to the wider homeless community in and around Cambridge but receives no direct funding from the Diocese. In addition to provision of direct pastoral care the Bishop's Officer has developed a lay chaplaincy to the homeless course</b></p>

		<p>with the aim of creating a network of lay chaplains in the network of Cambridge Churches. A pilot course was run during the summer of 2025 and the course is now being fine-tuned before a wider roll-out in 2025-26.</p> <p>CCHP also funded a part-time Outreach Support Manager to provide support to the Bishop's Officer. This role has included direct pastoral care of the homeless as well as development of a number of activities for the homeless including an art group and cookery classes. Further development of this role is planned for 2025-26.</p>
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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

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p><b>Income showed a small increase compared with 2023-24, thanks to a major grant of £25k in support of the role of Bishop's Officer for the Homeless. However, giving generally was significantly down on the previous year. This reflects the general economic climate and also that the charity has not made a major fundraising effort in the year as it transitions to the chaplaincy model. Overall, the year ended with a small deficit of £1,195, although this excludes some £13k of Bishop Officer funding delayed to the 2025-26 financial year. Notwithstanding this, the charity continues to hold healthy reserves, which are sufficient to cover some three years' budgeted expenditure. It is recognised that a significant increase in income will be needed over the coming years if the chaplaincy model is to be developed and sustained over an extended period.</b></p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p><b>Policy is to hold reserves equal to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30% of unrestricted fund expenditure in the previous financial year plus</li> <li>• three months' employment costs plus</li> <li>• three months' funding for the role of Bishop's Officer for the Homeless.</li> </ul> <p><b>It is necessary to maintain this substantial level of reserves to ensure that that we can continue to provide these people-centred services as a sudden termination due to lack of funds would be potentially catastrophic for the beneficiaries.</b></p>
<p>Amount of reserves held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p><b>As at 30 September 2025 the charity held unrestricted cash reserves totalling £154,315.</b></p>
<p>Reasons for holding zero reserves</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p><b>Not applicable.</b></p>
<p>Details of fund materially in deficit</p>	<p>Para 1.24</p>	<p><b>Not applicable.</b></p>

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>Not applicable.</b>
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**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>The charity is wholly dependent on grant funding and charitable giving by individuals, local places of worship and commercial organisations.</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<b>The charity holds no investments. All funds are held in a current account and a bank deposit account.</b>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46 carry it through a short-term	<b>The principal financial risk is a significant reduction in giving. The charity is confident that the current level of cash reserves are sufficient to carry it through a short-term event of this nature.</b>
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>CIO Foundation Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>CIO Foundation</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>Nomination and secondment by Trustees in a Trustee meeting followed by a vote of the full Trustee Board.</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 charity's day-to-day operations are delegated to The Bishop's Officer for the Homeless under the oversight of the Trustee Board as a whole.</b>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<b>The charity works collaboratively with churches across the city of Cambridge and with other charities in the homeless sector including It Takes a City, Wintercomfort, Jimmy's Night Shelter and Cambridge Cyrenians.</b>
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	<b>Cambridge Churches Homeless Project</b>
Other name the charity uses	<b>CCHP</b>
Registered charity number	<b>1174768</b>
Charity's principal address	<b>PO Box 1454 Cambridge CB1 0LG</b>



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	<b>Not applicable.</b>
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	<b>Not applicable</b>
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	<b>Not applicable</b>

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

**Type of adviser**      **Name**      **Address**

Independent Examiner of Accounts	Prentis & Co LLP	115c Milton Road, Cambridge CB4 1XE

#### 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

<b>Not applicable</b>
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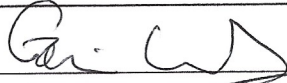
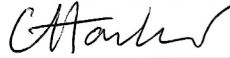
## Other optional information

<b>During the year the trustees were reimbursed expenses amounting to £159 (£600 in 2022-23)</b>
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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)	GAVIN KOWALO	GEORGE HAWKER
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TRUSTEE
Date	25/3/26	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**Cambridge Churches Homeless Project**

No (if any)  
1174768

**Receipts and payments accounts**

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For the period from	Period start date 01/10/2024	To	Period end date 30/09/2025
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants	1,196	27,500	-	28,696	5,000
Income from Charitable Activities (fundraising events)	-	-	-	-	895
Income from Donations and Legacies	41,627	3,847	-	45,474	61,940
Investment Income	3,380	-	-	3,380	3,859
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>46,203</b>	<b>31,347</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77,551</b>	<b>71,694</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>46,203</b>	<b>31,347</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77,551</b>	<b>71,694</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charity Management & Administration	7,232	-	-	7,232	3,349
Employee Costs	24,650	-	-	24,650	17,656
Homeless Support	5,548	-	-	5,548	41,081
Winter Shelter	1,382	6	-	1,388	1,990
Support of Bishop's Officer for the Homeless)	6,832	33,096	-	39,928	5,555
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>45,643</b>	<b>33,102</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>78,745</b>	<b>69,631</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Office equipment and telephones	-	-	-	-	710
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>710</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>45,643</b>	<b>33,102</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>78,745</b>	<b>70,341</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>1,353</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>153,814</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>155,569</b>	<b>154,216</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>154,374</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>154,374</b>	<b>155,569</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>	Current Account	22,536	-	-
	Deposit Account	131,779	-	-
	Credit due from HMRC	59	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>154,374</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

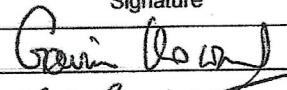
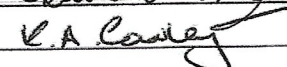
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

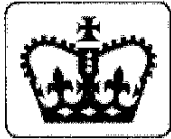
Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Laptop computers	Unrestricted	265	212
	Laptop computers	Bishop's Officer for the Homeless	133	106
	Smartphones	Unrestricted	200	160
	Printer/scanner	Bishop's Officer for the Homeless	112	90
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	See B1 above		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Gavin Howard (Chair)	25/3/26
	Keith Cowley (Treasurer)	23/03/26



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
CAMBRIDGE CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECT

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025  
Charity no (if any) 1174768

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

**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").


**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 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 Charities Act; or
- the accounts do 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Name: Ian W Shipley FCCA

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

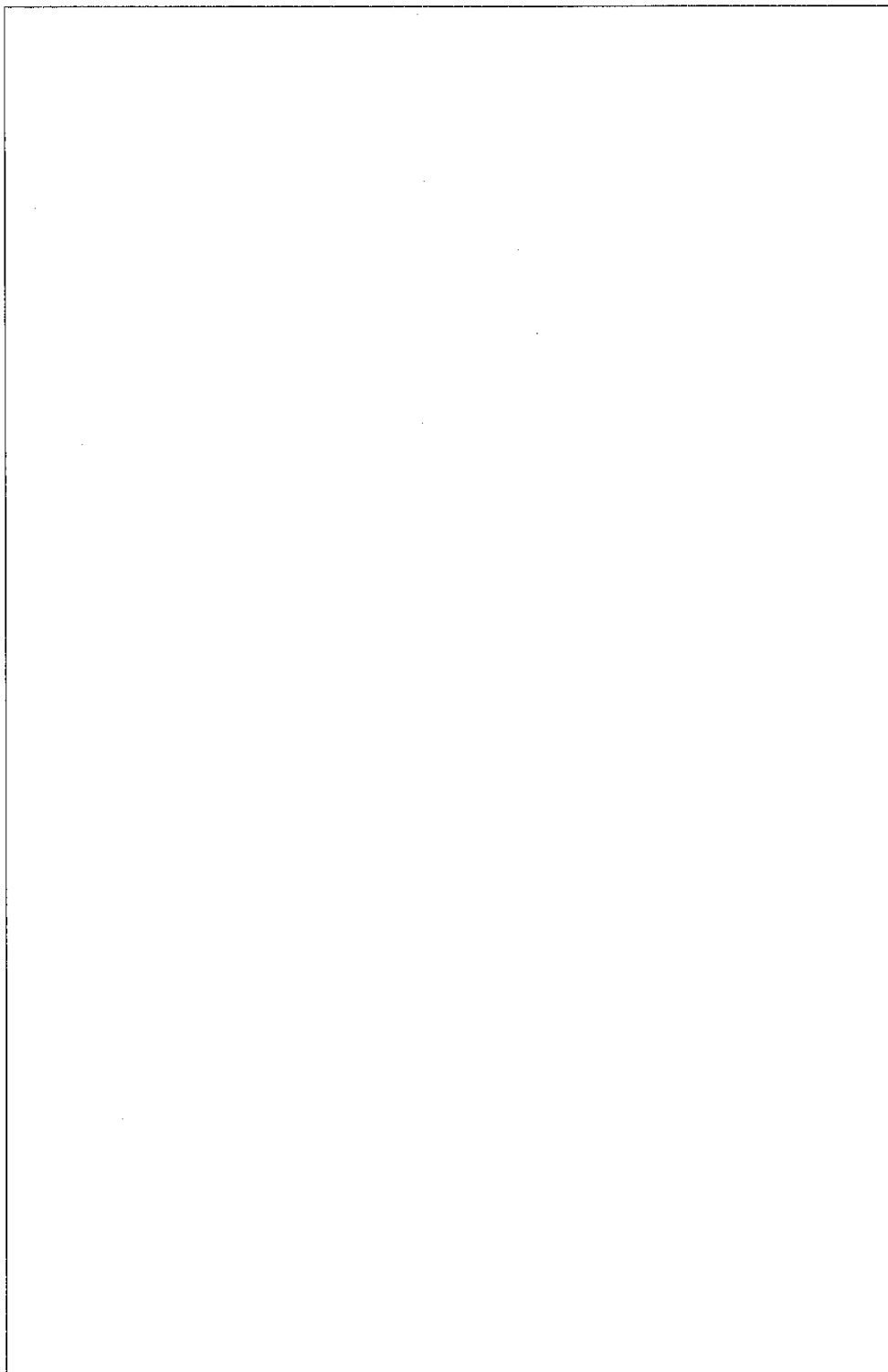
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**Address:**

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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.**



**CAMBRIDGE CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1174768

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 October 2023 To 30 September 2024

Charity name: Cambridge Churches Homeless Project

Charity registration number: 1174768

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>To relieve the needs of people in and around Cambridge who are rough sleeping, homeless or vulnerably housed by provision of warm secure shelter and food during the winter months, by provision of emergency, temporary and longer term accommodation for those unable to access statutory provision and by provision of pastoral and practical support to the wider homeless community.</b>
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Support of the Cambridge winter homeless shelter at Crossways by</b><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>a) provision of evening meals for residents, volunteers and staff,</b></li><li><b>b) provision of volunteers from its volunteer database to undertake provision of those meals and other support activities, and</b></li><li><b>c) provision of a paid project co-ordinator to organise the volunteer input and provide support to the shelter managers.</b></li></ol></li> <li><b>2. Provision of emergency short-term hotel accommodation for rough sleepers referred to the charity by various statutory and voluntary bodies working with the homeless. Usually these are people considered at risk on the street and who have no recourse to public funding or are awaiting</b></li></ol>

		<p>statutory provision. A total of 19 homeless people were accommodated for a total of 205 nights during the year.</p> <p>3. Provision of longer-term accommodation in shared houses for 3 vulnerable individuals with no recourse to public funding over the summer period when no shelter provision was available.</p> <p>4. Provision of funding for the role of Bishop of Ely's Officer for the Homeless to provide chaplaincy services to the homeless community and practical support to the Bishop's Officer in undertaking this role, including provision of a part-time paid chaplaincy assistant. The Bishop's Officer role was sadly vacant for most of the year but a new full-time appointee took up post from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024. In the absence of an incumbent our chaplaincy assistant continued to provide support where needed and practicable.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have taken due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in the fulfilment of their obligations.

**Additional information (optional)**

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Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	To spend our limited resources wisely in delivering the purposes of the charity
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	106 active volunteers took part in provision of meals and support at the Cambridge winter homeless shelter between November 2023 and March 2024.

		<b>In addition the trustees undertook co-ordination with various statutory and charitable bodies involved in the sector to arrange emergency accommodation for a number of homeless people without recourse to public funds throughout the year.</b>
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

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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><b>CCHP provided evening meals and support at the Cambridge winter homeless shelter for up to 20 guests per night. Over the winter period 48 different individuals were accommodated at the shelter and provided with safe, warm and comfortable accommodation and food and provided with support to move on. In addition it provided a part-time paid co-ordinator for the duration of the winter shelter to undertake the complex task of organising the volunteer rota and provide support to the shelter managers.</b></p> <p><b>Emergency accommodation in hotels and supported housing was provided for a total of 205 nights for 19 rough sleepers considered vulnerable. These were people awaiting local authority provision and/or were without recourse to public funds. This accommodation was often organised at short notice over weekends when statutory provision was inaccessible and maintained until longer-term provision could be arranged.</b></p> <p><b>In addition, 3 individuals without recourse to public funds were accommodated for a total of 826 nights in shared houses provided by a partner charitable organisation over the summer period when no accommodation was available in formal shelters. These individuals were awaiting resolution of</b></p>

		<p>their residency status and would otherwise have been rough sleeping.</p> <p>CCHP has also continued to support the role of Bishop of Ely's Officer for the Homeless. This is an honorary position which provides chaplaincy and practical support to the wider homeless community in and around Cambridge but receives no direct funding from the Diocese. Unfortunately, the previous part-time incumbent relinquished the role just before the end of the previous reporting period and the replacement was not able to take up the role until 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024. However, the new incumbent is appointed full-time to the role and will be fully funded by CCHP for the duration of the appointment. CCHP is also funding a part-time chaplaincy assistant, who was in place over the summer and was able to provide support to the homeless in the absence of the incumbent.</p>
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Other		

## Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p><b>Income showed a significantly decrease compared with 2022-23, partly due to the lack of an appointee to the role of Bishop's Officer for the Homeless which had attracted significant dedicated support in the previous year. Individual giving and support from local churches remained strong but grant funding was significantly down. However, due to the reduced need for funding for the Bishop's Officer for the Homeless the year ended with a small surplus of £1,353 and the charity continues to hold healthy reserves, which are sufficient to cover some three years' budgeted expenditure. Notwithstanding this, it is recognised that the funding of a full-time Bishop's Officer for the Homeless will require a significant increase in income over the coming years and this will need to be addressed during 2024-25.</b></p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p><b>Policy is to hold reserves equal to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% of unrestricted fund expenditure in the previous financial year plus</li> <li>• three months' employment costs plus</li> <li>• three months' funding for the role of Bishop's Officer for the Homeless.</li> </ul> <p><b>It is necessary to maintain this substantial level of reserves to ensure that that we can continue to provide these people centred services through a full winter season as a sudden termination due to lack of funds would be potentially catastrophic for the beneficiaries.</b></p>
<p>Amount of reserves held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p><b>As at 30 September 2024 the charity held unrestricted cash reserves totalling £153,814.</b></p>
<p>Reasons for holding zero reserves</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p><b>Not applicable.</b></p>
<p>Details of fund materially in deficit</p>	<p>Para 1.24</p>	<p><b>Not applicable.</b></p>

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>Not applicable.</b>
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**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>Apart from a small number of local fundraising events (realising approx. £900 in 2023-24) and grant funding (£5,000 in 2023-24) the charity is wholly dependent on charitable giving by individuals, local places of worship and commercial organisations.</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<b>The charity holds no investments. All funds are held in a current account and a bank deposit account.</b>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46 carry it through a short-term	<b>The principal financial risk is a significant reduction in giving. The charity is confident that the current level of cash reserves are sufficient to carry it through a short-term event of this nature.</b>
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## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>CIO Foundation Constitution</b>
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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<b>The charity is divided into the operational running of activities at the winter shelter at Crossways by a delegated Operations Group, supported by a seasonal paid part-time project co-ordinator, and the administration and housing activities and oversight of the chaplaincy role which are undertaken by the Trustee Board as a whole.</b>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<b>The charity works jointly with <i>It Takes a City</i> in the running of the winter shelter at Crossways. It also works collaboratively with other charities in the homeless sector including Wintercomfort, Jimmy's Night Shelter and Cambridge Cyrenians.</b>
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### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	<b>Cambridge Churches Homeless Project</b>
Other name the charity uses	<b>CCHP</b>
Registered charity number	<b>1174768</b>
Charity's principal address	<b>PO Box 1454 Cambridge CB1 0LG</b>

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Gavin Howard	Chair		
2	Keith Cowley	Treasurer		
3	George Hawker	Operations Lead		
4	Ank Rigelsford		From 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	
5	Robert Mackley			
6	Ann-Marie Morgan			
7	James Ferguson		From 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	

### Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	<b>Not applicable.</b>
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	<b>Not applicable</b>
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	<b>Not applicable</b>

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner of Accounts	Prentis & Co LLP	115c Milton Road, Cambridge CB4 1XE

#### 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

<b>Not applicable</b>
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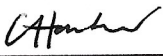
### Other optional information

<b>During the year the trustees were reimbursed expenses amounting to £600 (£5,496 in 2022-23)</b>
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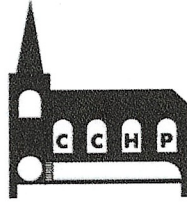
## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	GAVIN HOWARD	GEORGE HAWKER
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	OPERATIONS LEAD

Date 8/4/2025



## Cambridge Churches' Homeless Project

November 2024

Dear Sir or Madam

Thank you for your interest in delving deeper into our accounts. We appreciate your interest and the fact that you are taking care over whether you might consider giving us money.

I am very proud of this charity and excited about its future, while being very grateful for our forebears who saw the need in this great city and galvanised the churches to respond.

We are in a very exciting phase; a month before these accounts closed, on 1st September 2024, the Bishop of Ely appointed Revd. Kristian Hewett as the new Bishop's Officer for the Homeless. This is a full-time appointment with a remit to provide practical and chaplaincy support to the homeless community in the Cambridge area. Kristian has made a great start in the role, which is wholly funded by CCHP and the Cambridge South Deanery, and he works very closely with us. His support team are also employed by and wholly funded by CCHP.

Our approach to the work is shifting somewhat and we are pleased to be able to develop a chaplaincy course in association with Ridley Hall in Cambridge. The emphasis is on helping church members to minister to the homeless and vulnerable in our city and equipping them to serve. We are not doing this to be the churches' response to homelessness, we are seeking to galvanise and improve the way in which the churches serve.

Please be in touch with us to find out more. I can guarantee you that this is a very worthwhile organisation to get behind (well, I would say that, wouldn't I?) and a little money goes a long way.

Please email me ([gavin@cchp.org.uk](mailto:gavin@cchp.org.uk)) if you want to find out more about our approach.

In Him

**Registered Charity 1174768**



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**Cambridge Churches Homeless Project**

No (if any)  
1174768

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from **01/10/2023** To **30/09/2024**

### 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>					
Grants	-	5,000	-	5,000	14,500
Income from Charitable Activities (fundraising events)	895	-	-	895	1,703
Income from Donations and Legacies	61,911	30	-	61,941	57,218
Investment Income	3,859	-	-	3,859	2,065
Other Incoming Resources (funding for Bishop's Officer for the Homeless)	-	-	-	-	11,400
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>66,664</b>	<b>5,030</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>71,694</b>	<b>86,886</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>66,664</b>	<b>5,030</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>71,694</b>	<b>86,886</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charity Management & Administration	3,349	-	-	3,349	2,947
Cost of Fundraising Events	-	-	-	-	181
Employee Costs	15,156	2,500	-	17,656	10,168
Homeless Support	40,687	393	-	41,081	29,163
Winter Shelter	1,990	-	-	1,990	2,177
Support of Bishop's Officer for the Homeless)	650	4,905	-	5,555	15,599
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>61,832</b>	<b>7,799</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,631</b>	<b>60,235</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
Office equipment and telephones	465	245	-	710	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>62,298</b>	<b>8,043</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70,341</b>	<b>60,235</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4,366</b>	<b>- 3,013</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,353</b>	<b>26,651</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>149,448</b>	<b>4,768</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>154,216</b>	<b>127,565</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>153,814</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>155,569</b>	<b>154,216</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>	Current Account	3,820	-	-
	Deposit Account	150,241	1,755	-
	Payroll costs outstanding	247	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>153,814</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

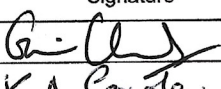
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Laptop computers	Unrestricted	265	-
	Laptop computers	Bishop's Officer for the Homeless	133	-
	Smartphones	Unrestricted	200	-
	Printer/scanner	Bishop's Officer for the Homeless	112	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	See B1 above		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Gavin Howard (Chair)	8/4/25
K.A. Cowley	Keith Cowley (Treasurer)	08/04/25



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

CAMBRIDGE CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECT

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1174768

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

**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**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

**Signed:**

*Ian W Shiple*

**Date:**

16<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Name:**

Ian W Shiple FCCA

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body**

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Prentis & Co LLP

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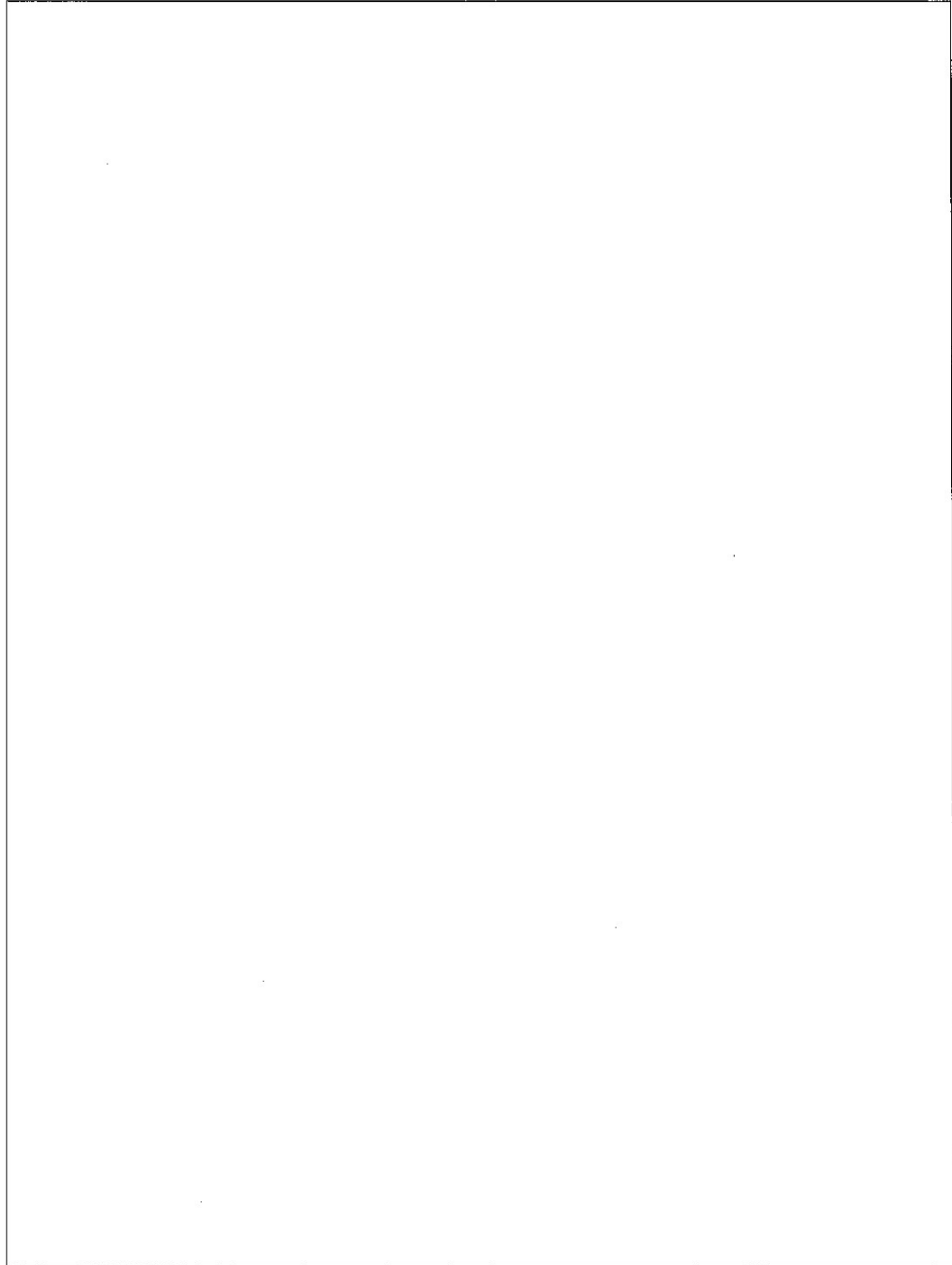
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**Section B**

**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.**



**CAMBRIDGE CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1174768

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# Accounts

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**Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1 October 2022 To 30 September 2023**

**Charity name: Cambridge Churches Homeless Project**

**Charity registration number: 1174768**

**Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>To relieve the needs of people in and around Cambridge who are rough sleeping, homeless or vulnerably housed by provision of warm secure shelter and food during the winter months, by provision of emergency, temporary and longer term accommodation for those unable to access statutory provision and by provision of pastoral and practical support to the wider homeless community.</b>
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 1.18	<b>1. Support of the Cambridge winter homeless shelter at Crossways by</b> <b>a) provision of evening meals for residents, volunteers and staff,</b> <b>b) provision of volunteers from its volunteer database to undertake provision of those meals and other support activities, and</b> <b>c) provision of a paid project coordinator to organise the volunteer input and provide support to the shelter managers.</b>  <b>2. Provision of emergency short-term hotel accommodation for rough sleepers referred to the charity by various statutory and voluntary bodies working with the homeless. Usually these are people considered at risk on the street and who have no recourse to public funding or are awaiting</b>

		<p>statutory provision. A total of 11 homeless people were accommodated for a total of 124 nights during the year.</p> <p>3. Provision of longer-term accommodation in shared houses for 3 vulnerable individuals with no recourse to public funding over the summer period when no shelter provision was available.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have taken due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in the fulfilment of their obligations.

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>The charity does not make grants.</b>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<b>To spend our limited resources wisely in delivering the purposes of the charity</b>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p><b>163 active volunteers took part in provision of meals and support at the Cambridge winter homeless shelter between November 2022 and March 2023.</b></p> <p><b>In addition the trustees undertook co-ordination with various statutory and charitable bodies involved in the sector to arrange emergency accommodation for a number of homeless people without recourse to public funds throughout the year.</b></p>
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p><b>Provision of evening meals at the Cambridge winter homeless shelter for up to 20 guests per night. Over the winter period some 50 different individuals were accommodated at the shelter and provided with safe, warm and comfortable accommodation and food and provided with support to move on.</b></p> <p><b>We also provided a part-time paid coordinator for the duration of the winter shelter to undertake the complex task of organising the volunteer rota and provide support to the shelter managers.</b></p> <p><b>Outside the winter period we provided emergency hotel accommodation totalling 124 nights for 11 rough sleepers considered vulnerable, awaiting local authority provision and/or without recourse to public funds. This was often organised at short notice over weekends when statutory provision was inaccessible and maintained until longer-term provision could be arranged.</b></p> <p><b>In addition, following closure of the winter shelter, we funded longer-term housing in shared houses provided by a partner charitable organisation for 3 individuals without recourse to public funds while awaiting resolution of their residency status.</b></p> <p><b>The charity has also continued to fund the role of Bishop of Ely's Officer for the Homeless. This is an honorary part-time position with no direct funding from the Diocese which is considered essential in providing pastoral and practical support to the wider homeless community in Cambridge. Unfortunately the incumbent has been on long-term sick leave since March 2023 and reluctantly decided to relinquish the role just before the end of the reporting period. It is hoped that the Diocese will be in a position to appoint a replacement before the winter shelter opens in November 2023.</b></p>

**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	Income significantly increased on 2021-22 thanks to generous giving by a combination of individuals, places of worship and various commercial and grant making organisations, resulting in a surplus on the year. The charity currently holds healthy reserves, which are sufficient to cover some two years' expenditure at 2022-23 levels, although this these are expected to reduce in 2023-24 due to anticipated increases in expenditure, particularly in expansion of the chaplaincy role.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>Policy is to hold reserves equal to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% of unrestricted fund expenditure in the previous financial year plus</li> <li>• one month's employment costs plus</li> <li>• three months' funding for the role of Bishop's Officer for the Homeless.</li> </ul> <p>It is necessary to maintain this substantial level of reserves to ensure that that we can continue to provide these people centred services through a full winter season as a sudden termination due to lack of funds would be potentially catastrophic for the beneficiaries.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	As at 30 September 2023 the charity held unrestricted cash reserves totalling £149,356.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable.

**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	Apart from a small number of local fundraising events (realising approx. £1,500 in 2022-23) and grant funding (£14,500) in 2022-23 the charity is wholly dependent on charitable giving by individuals, local places of worship and commercial organisations.
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Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<b>The charity works jointly with <i>It Takes a City</i> in the running of the winter shelter at Crossways. It also works collaboratively with other charities in the homeless sector including Wintercomfort, Jimmy's Night Shelter and Cambridge Cyrenians.</b>
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	<b>Cambridge Churches Homeless Project</b>
Other name the charity uses	<b>CCHP</b>
Registered charity number	<b>1174768</b>
Charity's principal address	<b>PO Box 1454 Cambridge CB1 0LG</b>

**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	Heather Simmons	Chair	To January 2023	
2	Gavin Howard	Chair	From January 2023	
3	Keith Cowley	Treasurer		
4	George Hawker	Operations Lead		
5	Judith Barwise		To January 2023	
6	Robert Mackley			
7	Ann-Marie Morgan		From May 2023	
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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	

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

**Additional information (optional)****Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner of Accounts	Prentis & Co LLP	115c Milton Road, Cambridge CB4 1XE

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

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**Exemptions from disclosure**

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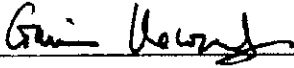
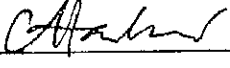
**Other optional information**

During the year the trustees were reimbursed expenses amounting to £5496 (2022: £4667).
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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)	GAVIN EDUARD OLIVER EDWARDS	GEORGE ANDREW HAWKER
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TRUSTEE

Date 12/3/24



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Cambridge Churches Homeless Project

Project  
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**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from	01/10/2022	To	30/09/2023
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants	12,000	2,500	-	14,500	14,260
Income from Charitable Activities (fundraising events)	1,703	-	-	1,703	1,288
Income from Donations and Legacies	57,218	-	-	57,218	48,442
Investment Income	2,051	14	-	2,065	201
Other Incoming Resources (funding for Bishop's Officer for the Homeless)	-	11,400	-	11,400	6,870
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>72,972</b>	<b>13,914</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>86,886</b>	<b>69,031</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>72,972</b>	<b>13,914</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>86,886</b>	<b>69,031</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charity Management & Administration	2,887	80	-	2,967	3,444
Cost of Fundraising Events	181	-	-	181	-
Employee Costs	9,473	698	-	10,168	7,778
Homeless Support	28,093	3,670	-	29,163	20,278
Winter Shelter	2,177	-	-	2,177	12,124
Support of Bishop's Officer for the Homeless)	-	15,599	-	15,599	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>40,811</b>	<b>19,424</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,235</b>	<b>43,624</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>40,811</b>	<b>19,424</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,235</b>	<b>43,624</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>32,161</b>	<b>5,510</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,651</b>	<b>25,407</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>117,287</b>	<b>10,278</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>127,565</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>149,448</b>	<b>4,768</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>154,216</b>	<b>25,407</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>	Current Account	7,399	2,268	-
	Deposit Account	141,987	2,600	-
	Monies held by HMRC (net balance owing)	92	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>149,448</b>	<b>4,768</b>	<b>-</b>

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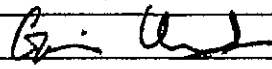
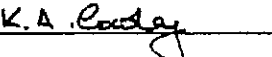
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Gavin Howard (Chair)	12/13/24
	Keith Cowley (Treasurer)	12/03/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

CAMBRIDGE CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECT

On accounts for the year  
ended

30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1174768

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

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

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Signed:

*Ian W Shiple*

Date:

15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024

Name:

Ian W Shiple FCCA

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

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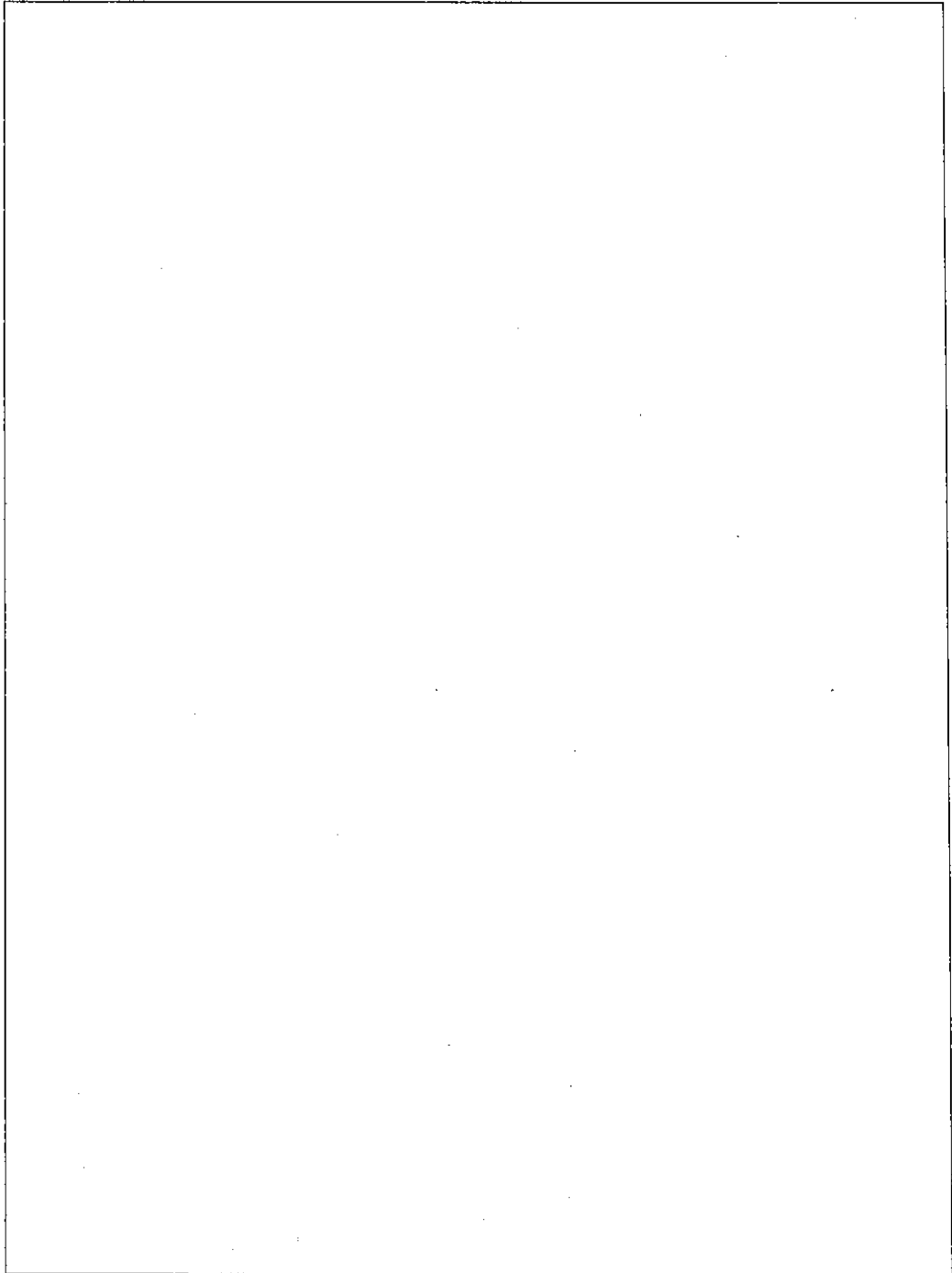
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**CAMBRIDGE CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1174768

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
01	10	2021	30	09	2022

From To

### Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Cambridge Churches Homeless Project
Other names charity is known by	CCHP
Registered charity number (if any)	1174768
Charity's principal address	PO Box 1454
	Cambridge
	Postcode CB1 0LG

#### 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	Heather Simmons	Chair		
2	Keith Cowley	Treasurer		
3	Petra Tucker	Safeguarding Officer		
4	Vera Schuster-Beesley		To April 2022	
5	Judith Barwise			
6	Robert Mackley			
7	George Hawker	Operations Lead	From April 2022	
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#### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
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**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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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	CIO Foundation Constitution
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Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Nominated and seconded by a current Trustee in a Trustee meeting and voted for by the Trustee board.

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**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY THE PROPAGATION OF CHRISTIANITY ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE. TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE IN CAMBRIDGE AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS WHO ARE ROUGH SLEEPING, HOMELESS OR VULNERABLY HOUSED, AND IN PARTICULAR (BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING) BY PROVIDING, OR ARRANGING FOR EMERGENCY, TEMPORARY AND LONGER-TERM ACCOMMODATION WITHIN A CHRISTIAN ETHOS.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The primary purpose of CCHP has been to run a Winter Night Shelter from December until the end of March, working in collaboration with the local statutory authorities, other charities and individuals to bring in homeless guests and offer services to aid them in gaining employment and longer-term housing. We offer a warm welcome, a hot meal, a bed for the night and a hot drink in the morning. This is all made possible through a database of over 400 different volunteers provided by more than ten Churches and one Synagogue. Due to government restrictions during and after the Covid-19 pandemic it has not been possible to maintain the initial concept of a shelter hosted in a different church or synagogue each night; this had led to change in 2021-22 to provision of meals and hosting services within a city-wide winter shelter run by the local authority in collaborations with various homeless charities and it is anticipated that this model will continue going forward.

In addition, CCHP facilitates and funds short-term Bed & Breakfast or hotel accommodation for vulnerable homeless people while the statutory services arrange long-term accommodation and for those with no recourse to public funds.

For the winter of 2022-23 CCHP will be employing a project co-ordinator to enhance delivery of these services.

In addition, during 2021-22 the charity employed a part time Chaplain to the Homeless/Bishop of Ely's Office for the Homeless. During 2022-23 this role will transfer to the Diocese of Ely but, in the absence of Diocesan funding, will continue to be wholly funded by the charity.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

CCHP has historically also provided small grants to individuals if needed to buy such things as equipment essential for employment or for electronic devices (e.g., a mobile phone to keep in touch with statutory authorities, the benefit offices or an individual's project worker). These grants are only given with a reference from one of our partner agencies. None were made in 2021-22 but this remains a potential activity in future.

CCHP activities are heavily dependent upon volunteers, although for winter 2022-23 a part-time project co-ordinator will be employed to co-ordinate and manage the volunteer input.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

There are many reasons why someone becomes homeless. CCHP offers anyone with a little time and compassion a way to offer practical support to the local homeless community. Many of our homeless guests face difficulties that include addiction, poor mental and physical health, debt problems and exposure to abuse including domestic violence. For some, English is not their first language, and some, who have no access to public funds, have limited housing options available to them.

The CCHP model is simple – to provide a warm welcome, a hot cooked meal and a clean, warm bed in a safe and welcoming environment. Together our guests and volunteers create a relaxed and friendly atmosphere each evening. CCHP provides a listening ear where volunteers and guests alike can each be a blessing to the other. Guests and volunteers talk over a meal, sharing as much or as little as they want, without expectation or agenda. These conversations – often banter, sometimes touching or profound – can be a catalyst for change.

CCHP is clear about the role it plays within the homeless sector and does not offer counselling or therapy. Rather we signpost guests to appropriate services, such as those offered by Winter Comfort, CGL Drug & Alcohol Service or to their GP. All volunteers undertake safeguarding training and CCHP works within Ely Diocese Safeguarding guidelines.

CCHP gained the Housing Justice quality mark accreditation in 2020 and works with other agencies from the homeless sector to support those known to be rough sleeping on the streets of Cambridge.

With the consent of our guests, CCHP provides vital information for other services and contributes to the 'Inform' database used by the city's homeless sector and provides anonymous data for the national winter night shelter network and the MHCLG.

Unfortunately, since the start of the Covid pandemic, the charity has been unable to operate its usual church-based night shelters to comply with government guidelines, under which all winter shelter provision was provided by local authorities. However, in 2021-22 CCHP provided essential support in the form of meals, volunteer hosts and funding for the central winter shelter run by It Takes a City and Cambridge City Council at Crossways. This will continue in 2022-23.

Furthermore, there remained homeless people with no recourse to public funds (NRPFs) who were ineligible for local authority support and those who were for various reasons, often of personal safety, unable to use the local authority provision. For these people, the charity was able to continue to provide support in the form of emergency accommodation in hotels or bed and breakfast accommodation and, for three individuals, continuing accommodation after the winter shelter closed in shared houses. In addition, it was able to provide short-term emergency accommodation for those awaiting local authority provision.

From July 2021 CCHP has also employed the Bishop of Ely's Officer for the Homeless. This is an honorary part-time position with no direct funding from the Diocese but is considered an essential role in providing pastoral support as Chaplain to the homeless community in Cambridge. By undertaking to employ the incumbent CCHP is providing physical and administrative resources to enable her to undertake her vital role.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

It is the policy of CCHP to hold reserves equivalent to

- 50% of unrestricted expenditure in the previous financial year, plus
- Three months funding for the Bishop's Officer for the Homeless, plus
- One month's cost of any other employee(s).
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These reserves are held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to provide for emergencies.

Funding for the Bishop's Office for the Homeless is held separately in a ring-fenced restricted fund.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

CCHP fundraises in the community, and at many churches and other places of worship in Cambridge and the surrounding area.

We also received a number of small grants from various commercial and charitable organisations.

Expenditure in 2021-22 was predominantly on the provision of services for the winter shelter, funding of accommodation for NRPFs and temporary emergency accommodation for those awaiting statutory provision or unable to use the statutory provision for reasons of safety.

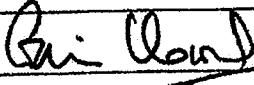
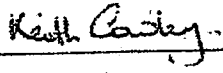
**Section F****Other optional information**

During the year the trustees were reimbursed expenses amounting to £4,667 (2021 £3,042).

**Section G****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gavin Howard	Keith Cowley
Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	8/3/23	



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Cambridge Churches Homeless Project 1174766

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**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from 01/10/2021 To 30/09/2022

**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>					
Grants	12,500	1,750	-	14,250	7,825
Fundraising events	1,288	-	-	1,288	-
Donations	46,222	220	-	46,442	39,704
Interest	198	3	-	201	7
Funding for Bishop's Officer for the Homeless	-	6,870	-	6,870	6,787
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>60,188</b>	<b>8,843</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,031</b>	<b>54,323</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
None	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>60,188</b>	<b>8,843</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,031</b>	<b>54,323</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Management & Administration	3,225	219	-	3,444	3,616
Employment (Bishop's Officer for the Homeless)	288	7,490	-	7,778	2,107
Housing support/accommodation for the homeless	20,249	28	-	20,277	21,259
Funeral expenses	-	-	-	-	43
Winter shelter	12,032	92	-	12,124	1,854
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>35,794</b>	<b>7,829</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,623</b>	<b>28,879</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
None	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>35,794</b>	<b>7,829</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,623</b>	<b>28,879</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>24,394</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,408</b>	<b>25,444</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	92,893	9,264	-	102,157	76,713
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>117,287</b>	<b>10,278</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>127,565</b>	<b>102,157</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>	General Account	8,175	-	-
	Pastoral Account (Bishop's Officer for the Homeless)	-	6,764	-
	Savings account	109,112	3,514	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>117,287</b>	<b>10,278</b>	<b>-</b>
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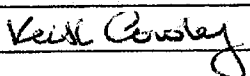
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<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Keith Cowley	08/03/23



Section A

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CAMBRIDGE CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECT

On accounts for the year  
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Signed:

*Ian W Shipley*

Date:

9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023

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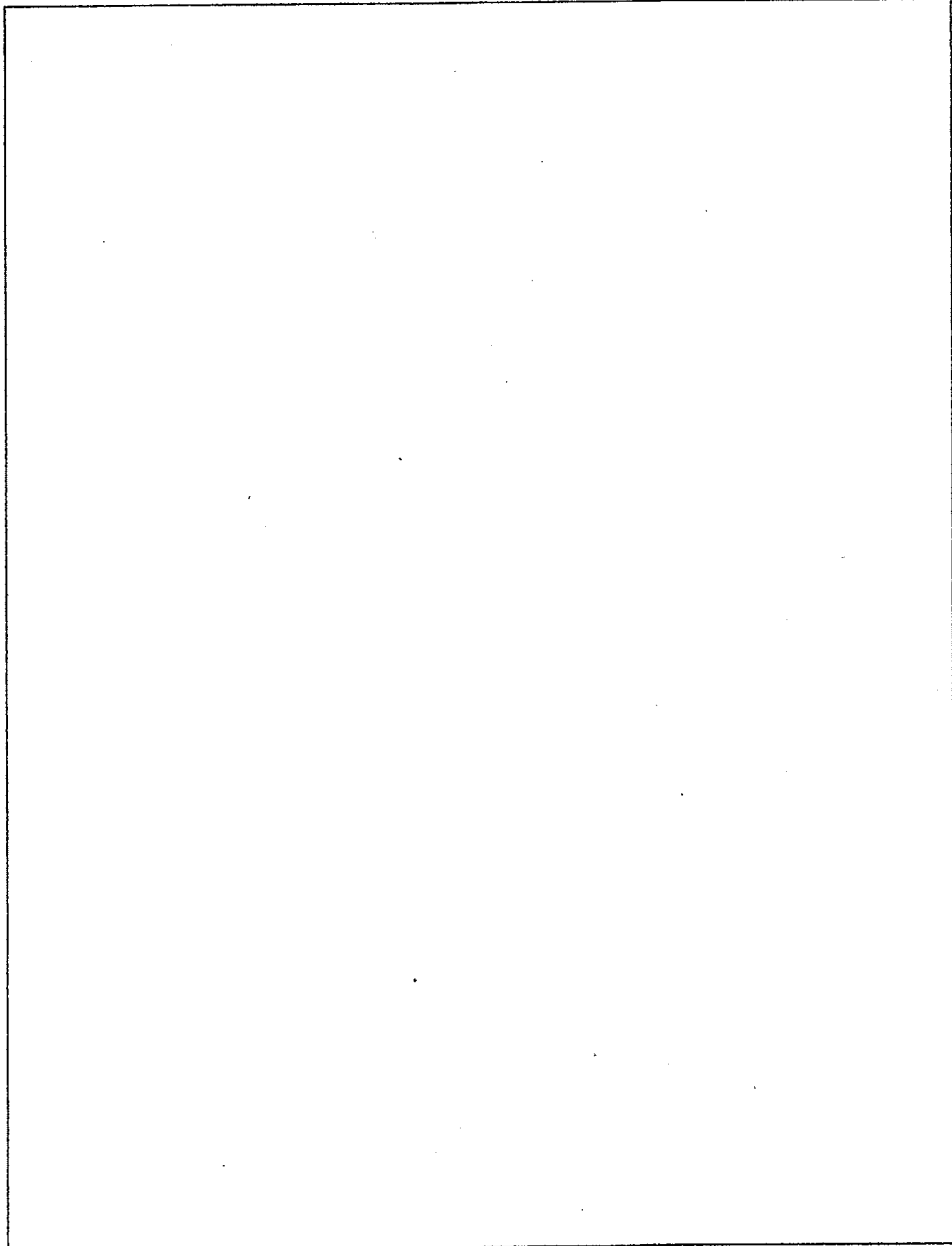
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**CAMBRIDGE CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1174768

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# Accounts

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Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
01	10	2020	30	09	2021
From			To		

**Section A Reference and administration details**

**Charity name** Cambridge Churches Homeless Project

**Other names charity is known by** CCHP

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1174768

**Charity's principal address**

PO Box 1454  
 Cambridge  
 Postcode CB1 0LG

**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	Heather Simmons	Chair (from June 2021)		
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4	Vera Schuster-Beesley			
5	Keith Cowley	Treasurer (from February 2021)		
6	Robert Mackley		From July 2021	
7	Marie Bull	Secretary	To February 2021	
8	Kevin Appleby		To March 2021	
9	Jonathan Canessa	Chair	To June 2021	
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Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

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**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY THE PROPAGATION OF CHRISTIANITY ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE. TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE IN CAMBRIDGE AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS WHO ARE ROUGH SLEEPING, HOMELESS OR VULNERABLY HOUSED, AND IN PARTICULAR (BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING) BY PROVIDING, OR ARRANGING FOR EMERGENCY, TEMPORARY AND LONGER-TERM ACCOMMODATION WITHIN A CHRISTIAN ETHOS.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The primary purpose of the charity has been to run a Winter Night Shelter for up to 17 Homeless Guests (the capacity of our smallest venue) from December until the end of March, working in collaboration with the local statutory authorities, other Charities and individuals to bring in homeless guests and offer services to aid them in gaining employment and longer-term housing. We offer a warm welcome, a hot meal, a bed for the night and a hot drink in the morning. This is all made possible through a database of over 400 different volunteers provided by more than ten Churches and one Synagogue involved in hosting the Winter Night Shelter, with the shelter hosted at a different location each night.

In addition, in the case of a particularly vulnerable Guests, we aim to facilitate short-term Bed & Breakfast accommodation while the statutory services arrange long-term accommodation.

We have also provided small grants to individuals if needed to buy such things as equipment essential for employment or for electronic devices (e.g., a mobile phone to keep in touch with statutory authorities, the benefit offices or an individual's project worker). These grants are only given with a reference from one of our partner agencies.

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

There are many reasons why someone becomes homeless. The Cambridge Churches Homeless Project (CCHP) offers anyone with a little time and compassion a way to offer practical support to the local homeless community. Many of our guests face difficulties that include addiction, poor mental and physical health, debt problems and exposure to abuse including domestic violence. For some of our guests, English is not their first language, and some have no access to public funds so have fewer housing options available to them.

The CCHP model is simple – a warm welcome, a hot cooked meal and a clean, warm bed in a safe and welcoming environment. Together our guests and volunteers create a relaxed and friendly atmosphere each evening. CCHP provides a listening ear where volunteers and guests alike can each be a blessing to the other. Guests and volunteers talk over a meal, sharing as much or as little as they want, without expectation or agenda. These conversations – often banter, sometimes touching or profound – can be a catalyst for change.

CCHP is clear about the role it plays within the homeless sector and does not offer counselling or therapy. Rather we signpost guests to appropriate services, such as those offered by Winter Comfort, CGL Drug & Alcohol Service or to their GP. All volunteers undertake safeguarding training and CCHP works within Ely Diocese Safeguarding guidelines.

CCHP gained the Housing Justice quality mark accreditation in 2020 and works with other agencies from the homeless sector to support those known to be rough sleeping on the streets of Cambridge.

With the consent of our guests, CCHP provides vital information for other services and contributes to the 'Inform' database used by the city's homeless sector and provides anonymous data for the national winter night shelter network and the MHCLG.

Unfortunately, since the start of the Covid pandemic, the charity has been unable to operate its usual church-based night shelters to comply with government guidelines, under which all winter shelter provision was provided by local authorities. However, a few of the charity's volunteers were able to provide some limited support to the local authority shelter over the winter of 2020-21, where permitted to do so in a personal capacity.

However, there remained homeless people with no recourse to public funds (NRPFs) and therefore ineligible for local authority support and those who were for various reasons, often of personal safety, unable to use the local authority provision. For these people, the charity was able to continue to provide support in the form of emergency accommodation in hotels or bed and breakfast accommodation. In addition, it was able to provide short-term emergency accommodation for those awaiting local authority provision.

From July 2021 CCHP has also employed the Bishop of Ely's Officer for the Homeless. This is an honorary part-time position with no direct funding from the Diocese but is considered an essential role in providing pastoral support to the homeless community in Cambridge. By undertaking to employ the incumbent CCHP is providing physical and administrative resources to enable her to undertake her vital role.

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

It is the policy of CCHP to hold reserves equivalent to the amount needed to operate for a full winter should donations falter. This is currently a minimum of £60,000. These reserves are held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to provide for emergencies.

Funding for the Bishop's Office for the Homeless is held separately in a ring-fenced restricted fund.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

CCHP fundraises in the community, and at many churches and other places of worship in Cambridge and the surrounding area. Churches and Synagogue. We also received a number of small grants from various commercial and charitable organisations.

Expenditure in 2020-21 was predominantly on the funding of accommodation for NRPFs and also temporary emergency accommodation for those awaiting statutory provision or unable to use the statutory provision for reasons of safety.

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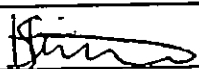
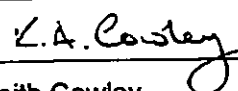
**Other optional information**

In winter 2021-22 the charity's activities have reverted to the more traditional split of provision of food and pastoral support, albeit through partnership with the local authority and other charitable organisations in a central shelter rather than church-based shelters.

In addition, provision of emergency accommodation has continued where necessary, as has provision of pastoral support through the Bishop's Officer for the Homeless. .

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Heather Simmons	Keith Cowley
Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date 19.07.2022



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES


Charity Name	Cambridge Churches Homeless Project	Charity No	1174768
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>			
For the period from	01/10/2020	To	30/09/2021

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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants	7,825	-	-	7,825	24,184
Donations	39,704	-	-	39,704	53,547
Charitable Activities	-	-	-	-	1,997
Other	7	6,787	-	6,794	181
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>47,536</b>	<b>6,787</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,323</b>	<b>79,909</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>47,536</b>	<b>6,787</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,323</b>	<b>79,909</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Winter Shelter for Homeless	774	1,080	-	1,854	30,272
Housing Provision	12,261	9,465	-	21,726	-
Homeless Support Activity	-	1,649	-	1,649	13,984
Charity Administration & Governance	3,598	8	-	3,606	5,487
Other	43	-	-	43	197
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>16,676</b>	<b>12,202</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,878</b>	<b>49,940</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>16,676</b>	<b>12,202</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,878</b>	<b>49,940</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>30,860</b>	<b>- 5,415</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,445</b>	<b>29,969</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-876	876	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	62,909	13,803	-	76,712	46,743
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>92,893</b>	<b>9,264</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>102,157</b>	<b>76,712</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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	92,893	9,264	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>92,893</b>	<b>9,264</b>	<b>-</b>
	<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details None	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details None	-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details None	-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Heather Simmons	19.07.22	
	K.A. Casley	Keith Cowley	19/07/22	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

CAMBRIDGE CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECT

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1174768

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**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**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

**Signed:**



**Date:**

20<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Name:**

Ian W Shipley FCCA

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body**

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**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.**

