

WHITFIELD TABERNACLE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1175034

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-10-09

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO CONSERVE, PRESERVE AND IMPROVE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT WHITFIELD TABERNACLE AS A BUILDING OF HISTORIC INTEREST AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF THE BUILDING.

Activities: Conservation, preservation and improvement for the public benefit of the Whitfield Tabernacle, Kingswood, South Gloucestershire as a building of historic interest and education of the public about the history and heritage of the building.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Balance Sheet @ 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
Current Assets		
Fixed Assets		-
Debtors		-
Prepayments		-
Current Account	1,927	4,948
Total Assets	1,927	4,948
Reserves B/Fwd	4,948	27,940
I & E	(3,021)	(22,993)
Rounding		1
Members Funds	1,927	4,948

Notes to the Accounts

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Whitfield Tabernacle Trust

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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It is my responsibility to:

- . examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- . to follow the procedures laid down in the general direction
- . given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the
- . Charities Act) and
- . to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiners statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below,

Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

MJ Bowles

MJIB Accounting Ltd

Date: 23rd April 2024

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From January 1st 2023
To December 31st 2023

Charity name: Whitfield Tabernacle Trust CIO

Charity registration number: 1175034

Objectives and Activities

<p>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</p>	<p>The objects of the charity are to conserve, preserve and improve the Whitfield Tabernacle for public benefit as a building of historic interest, and to educate the public about the history and heritage of the building.</p>
<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.</p>	<p>During the period of this report, the charity has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought grant funding from various bodies to fund activities to promote the Tabernacle project and engage with the public to explain the history and future of our building. • Continued to work in co-operation with the local authority in order to develop the Tabernacle as an element in the scheme for the regeneration of the wider area. • Worked with a number of agencies and external consultants regarding the future use of the Tabernacle in order to start work on developing a Business Plan to provide a financially sustainable future for the Tabernacle. • Worked with architects, contractors and consultants to develop the plans for the Phase II development of the Tabernacle. • Organised a range of engagement activities to promote the future use of the Tabernacle and seek feedback from the local community.
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>	<p>The Trustees acknowledge that their project will only succeed with the support of the local community, and our objective is not just to preserve a Grade I listed building, but to engage the local community so as to give them a better understanding and pride in their local area. We have therefore established links with other local groups and taken many opportunities through the local press and various local forums, to explain what we are doing and encouraged others to assist us in the project.</p>

Additional information

Policy on grant making	The charity does not make grants
Policy on social investment including program related investment	The charity does not invest in other projects, and we do not have a specific policy regarding social investment. However, social investment was an important factor in our choice of contractors to carry out the stabilisation work that was completed in 2022, and we selected a contractor who was committed to social investment in other projects in the area.
Contribution made by volunteers	The Trustees and Members are all voluntary. The current condition of the Tabernacle means there is little opportunity for volunteers to be engaged in any practical activity on site. Volunteers and Members take part in engagement activities and are crucial in explaining the aims of our project to the local community.
Other	The Trust regards the development of the Tabernacle building as a key element in the regeneration of the Kingswood area. In the Conservation Area a neighbouring Grade II listed church ruin has now been converted into flats, and the adjacent abandoned graveyard is in the process of being adopted as a small urban park that will complement the development of the Tabernacle.

Achievements and Performance

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>Given the complexity of bringing an ancient building in a very poor condition back into community use; the Trustees recognise that their project is a long term one.</p> <p>The local community would have gained little direct benefit from our 2023 activities other than being able to attend a play performance by local students that we sponsored.</p>

Additional information

Achievements against objectives set	To prepare the Trust for the opening of the Tabernacle, Trustees are aware that they need to strengthen the membership of their Board. Discussions with a number of potential new Trustees were held in 2023. This put the Trust in a position to be able to appoint new Trustees in 2024
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	The charity has raised some funds from Members during 2023, but attempts to raise funds directly from the public have not been successful. The charity is currently reliant on grant funding, but is working on other revenue streams.

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)
Anthony Hick	Chair		
Kim Scudamore	Secretary		
April Begley			
Patricia Rooney	Vice Chair		
Robert Chapman			
Alyson McKeown			

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Does not apply		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name		
Does not apply		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None held
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Does not apply
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Does not apply


Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Business Plan Consultant	John Nicholls	Arts Quarter 35 Berkeley Square, London W1J 5BF

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature		
Full name	Anthony Michael Hick	
Position	Chair	
Date	October 14 th 2024	

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	The charity is Charitable Incorporated Organization managed by a Board of Trustees
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	Founding Trustees volunteered to set up the charity and were reappointed by Members at first Annual General Meeting. At each subsequent AGM, Trustees retire in rotation and can be reappointed in addition to new Trustees. Members and Trustees actively seek to encourage Trustees with particular skills to join the Trust. The Chair of Trustees is appointed by the Trustees appointed at the first meeting following the Annual General Meeting.

Additional information

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	The Secretary has the responsibility for ensuring that new Trustees have the information they need to carry out their duties.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	<p>In 2022 the charity was managed by a Board of 8 Trustees assisted by a Project Manager. The Chair of Trustees is appointed by the Trustees at the first meeting after the AGM. Other functional posts such as Secretary and Treasurer are appointed by the Trustees.</p> <p>The charity works closely with South Gloucestershire Council, and is a Member organisation of CVS South Gloucestershire.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Only informally

Reference and Administrative details


Charity name	Whitfield Tabernacle Trust CIO
Other name the charity uses	None used
Registered charity number	1175034
Charity's principal address	20 Verwood Drive Bitton Bristol BS30 6JP

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Signature

	
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Full name

Anthony Michael Hick	
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Position

Chair	
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Date

October 20 th 2023

Policy on social investment including program related investment	The charity does not invest in other projects, and we do not have a specific policy regarding social investment. However, social investment was an important factor in our choice of contractors to carry out the stabilisation work, and we selected a contractor who was committed to social investment in other projects in the area.
Contribution made by volunteers	The Trustees and members are all voluntary, but do use the services of a project Manager to assist with grant applications, development plans and Trust development
Other	The Trust regards the development of the Tabernacle building as a key element in the regeneration of the Kingswood area. In the Conservation Area a neighbouring Grade I listed church ruin has now been converted into flats, and the adjacent abandoned graveyard is in the process of being adopted as a small urban park that will complement the development of the Tabernacle.

Achievements and Performance

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>Given the complexity of bringing an ancient building in a very poor condition back into community use; the Trustees recognise that their project is a long term one. In 2021 Trustees sought to strengthen the membership of the Board with a particular emphasis on community communications.</p> <p>The local community would have gained no direct benefit from our 2021 activities other than seeing the evidence that a group was determined to improve an area that had become very run down, and had secured the financial support of the local council and the West of England Combined Authority to make this possible.</p>

Additional information

Achievements against objectives set	By the end of 2021 the Tabernacle had a roof reinstated and essential services connected. The Trust membership had been increased, and a successful presentation event to show Members and supporters the progress that had been made.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	The charity has not attempted to raise funds directly from the public.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	The Trust did develop an Induction Package for new Trustees, and this is now in the process of being revised and updated. The Secretary has the responsibility for ensuring that new Trustees have the information they need to carry out their duties.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	The charity is managed by a Board of 6 Trustees assisted by a Project Manager. The Chair of Trustees is appointed by the Trustees at the first meeting after the AGM. Other functional posts such as Secretary and Treasurer are appointed by the Trustees. Although working with other groups, the charity does not formally belong to any other network or group
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Amy Curtis		From 20.09.21	
Kim Scudamore	Secretary		
April Begley			
Patricia Rooney			
Charley Hall		From 20.09.21	

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Director name		
Does not apply		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Does not apply		

Whitfield Tabernacle Trust Community Interest Company
Registered Charity 1175034
Registered Company CEO11517

Statement of Account to Year Ended 31st December 2021

The following accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) issued by the Charity Commission to comply with the Executive Committee's obligations as the trustees of the Charity for keeping accounting records

Income

	2020/2021	2019/2020
	£	£
Charities Aid Foundation - Donation		200.00
Unrestricted Grants		5,628.00
Architectual Heritage Fund		
Historic England	20,679.00	
SGC - Awarded Funding Scheme	2,722.00	
Restricted Grant		
Historic England Repair Grant	96,501.00	
Total Income	<u>119,902.00</u>	<u>5,828.00</u>

Expenditure

Internet Fees	84.43	205.08
Accountancy Software	175.00	110.00
Audit & Accountancy	200.00	150.00
Depreciation Expense	182.99	183.00
General Expenses	28.00	18.00
Insurance	1,965.00	1,856.00
IT Software & Consumables	73.62	
Printing & Stationary	-	45.00
Project Development	-	6,350.00
South Gloucester Council Tfr of Grant	96,501.00	-
Total Expenses	<u>99,210.04</u>	<u>8,917.08</u>

Surplus/Deficit	<u>20,691.96</u>	<u>(3,089.08)</u>
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Balance Sheet @ 31st December 2021

	2020/2021	2019/2020
Current Assets		
Fixed Assets	-	182.99
Debtors	-	-
Prepayments	-	-
Current Account	27,939.83	7,064.88
Reserves Account		
Total Assets	<u>27,939.83</u>	<u>7,247.87</u>
Reserves B/Fwd	7,247.87	10,337.95
I & E	20,691.96	(3,089.08)
Rounding	-	(1.00)
Members Funds	<u>27,939.83</u>	<u>7,247.87</u>

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Signed: Michael J Bowles

Date: 26th October 2022

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Other	

Achievements and Performance

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>Given the complexity of bringing an ancient building in a very poor condition back into community use; the Trustees recognise that their project is a long term one. Having been part of a successful bid to secure funding for extensive stabilisation work, much of the 2020 activity was concerned with agreeing the details of this work, and appointing contractors to start work in 2021</p> <p>The local community would have gained no direct benefit from our 2020 activities other than knowing that a group was determined to improve an area that had become very dilapidated, and had secured the financial and political backing to help the project succeed.</p>

Additional information

Achievements against objectives set	In early 2020, funding was confirmed for urgent works and stabilisation of the Tabernacle as part of the Council's bid for Love Our High Streets funding through the West of England Combined Authority.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	The charity has not attempted to raise funds directly from the public.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Expenditure exceeded income in 2020, but the balance at year end was sufficient to meet anticipated expenditure for 2021.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The charity's Trustees have approved financial standing orders that specify funds sufficient to cover three month's operating costs are maintained as a reserve.
Amount of reserves held	Held within balance of £7,263
Reasons for holding zero reserves	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	No concerns, but an acceptance that the business model will have to change as the Tabernacle becomes available for public use.

Additional information

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	<p>Until the development of the Tabernacle has been completed, the charity will rely on grant funding and public donations to support its activities. When the building is in a suitable condition, the charity's activities will be partially funded by income from events held at the Tabernacle.</p> <p>There is little current financial risk to the charity as funds have been secured for the work that will take place over the next year.</p>
Other	

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MJB Accounting
September 2021