



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From January 1st 2022 To December 31st 2022

Charity name: Whitfield Tabernacle Trust CIO

Charity registration number: 1175034

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	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.
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>During the period of this report, the charity has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sought grant funding from various bodies to support the preservation and development of the building that it acquired in 2019.• Continued to work in co-operation with the local authority in order to include the preservation and development of the Tabernacle in schemes for the regeneration of the wider area.• Sought advice from a number of agencies regarding the future use of the Tabernacle building so as to inform the stabilisation phase for which funding was awarded in 2020, and to inform the future full development of the building in 2023.• Worked with architects, contractors and other bodies to complete Phase I of the restoration of the Tabernacle building.• Taken responsibility for the insurance and security of the Tabernacle building when contractors vacated the site in September 2022.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	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 encourage others to assist us in the project.

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, but did use the services of a project Manager in 2022 to assist with grant applications, development plans and Trust development. The condition of the building and the presence of contractors on site, meant there was little opportunity for volunteers to be engaged in any practical activity.
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. In 2022 Trustees sought to strengthen the membership of the Board by appointing two new Trustees with experience of project management and financial administration.</p> <p>The local community would have gained no direct benefit from our 2022 activities other than seeing the evidence that significant progress had been made in a project to improve an area that had become very run down. The progress with the building, and the interest that this has generated locally, demonstrated the commitment of the local Council, the Tabernacle Trust and the West of England Combined Authority to the Kingswood community.</p>

Additional information

Achievements against objectives set	By the end of 2022 the Tabernacle had been restored to being a secure weatherproof building with essential services. The further development to make this into a useful building supported by a sustainable business model is progressing more slowly than the Trustees would like.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	The charity has not attempted to raise funds directly from the public. During 2022, the charity received £13,786 from Historic England as a further part payment of a grant agreed in 2021. A further £3,000 was received from local Councillors as part of the Unitary Authority's Member Awarded Funding scheme.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Expenditure exceeded income in 2022 as a result of payments becoming due that were funded from grants received in 2021. However, the balance remaining at the end of 2022 was not sufficient to meet anticipated expenditure in 2023, although the timing and level of that expenditure was also unknown. The date at which contracts are issued for the next phase of development will have a significant impact on the charity's funding requirement.
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 £4,948
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	Uncertainty surrounds the phasing of future work and the length of time that the charity will be responsible for funding certain matters. Agreeing and applying a sustainable fundraising strategy is a key task that the charity is now undertaking.

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. However, there is a risk that delay to the full development will expose the charity to an extended period where it is financially responsible for aspects of the Tabernacle without the means of generating income from the building.</p>
Other	

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

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		
Amy Curtis			
Kim Scudamore	Secretary		
April Begley			
Patricia Rooney			
Charley Hall			
Robert Chapman		From 21.09.2022	
Alyson Mceown		From 21.09.2022	

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
Project Management Trust Development Grant Applications	Neil McKen	Williamstowe Limited, Clevedale, The Shallows, Saltford BS31 3EX

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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

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

Statement of Account to Year Ended 31st December 2022

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

	2022	2021
Unrestricted Grants		
Historic England	13,786.00	117,180.00
SGC - Awarded Funding Scheme	3,000.00	2,722.00
Kingswood Regeneration	6,041.20	
Total Income	<u>22,827.20</u>	<u>119,902.00</u>

Expenditure

Internet Fees		84.43
Accountancy Software	150.00	175.00
Advertising & Marketing	172.80	-
Audit & Accountancy	200.00	200.00
Consultancy	2,772.00	-
Depreciation Expense		182.99
General Expenses	108.00	28.00
Insurance	6,127.20	1,965.00
IT Software & Consumables	135.23	73.62
Light, Heat & Power	370.15	-
Project Development	34,465.00	-
Repair & Maintenance	19.96	-
Sub Contractors	1,300.00	-
South Gloucester Council		96,501.00
Total Expenses	<u>45,820.34</u>	<u>99,210.04</u>

Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(22,993.14)</u>	<u>20,691.96</u>
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Balance Sheet @ 31st December 2022

	2022	2021
Current Assets		
Fixed Assets	-	-
Debtors	-	-
Prepayments	-	-
Current Account	4,948	27,940
Total Assets	4,948	27,940
Reserves B/Fwd	27,940	7,248
I & E	(22,993)	20,692
Rounding	1	0
Members Funds	4,948	27,940

Notes to the Accounts

1. The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis and no account has been taken of accrued/prepaid income or expenditure

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Whitfield Tabernacle Trust**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the charities act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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 October 2023