

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

# **Statement of Account to Year Ended 31st December 2023**

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**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Historic England	6,893.00	13,786.00
SGC - Awarded Funding Scheme		3,000.00
Kingswood Regeneration	3,100.00	6,041.20
Grants Other	4,360.00	
Members & Supporters Donations	145.00	
Trustee Donations	1,100.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>15,598.00</b>	<b>22,827.20</b>

## **Expenditure**

Internet Fees	343.00	
Accountancy Software	153.00	150.00
Advertising & Marketing		172.80
Audit & Accountancy	216.00	200.00
Consultancy	1,625.00	2,772.00
Event Fees	3,019.06	
General Expenses	1.00	108.00
Insurance	4,686.00	6,127.20
IT Software & Consumables	308.51	135.23
Light, Heat & Power	383.68	370.15
Project Development		34,465.00
Repair & Maintenance	34.80	19.96
Sub Contractors	0.00	1,300.00
Stabilisation	6,893.00	
Security	849.24	
Room Hire	71.25	
Printing & Stationary	35.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>18,618.54</b>	<b>45,820.34</b>

<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(3,020.54)</b>	<b>(22,993.14)</b>
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**Balance Sheet @ 31st December 2023**

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

**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 April 2024

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023  
To December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023

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"><li>• 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.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• Worked with architects, contractors and consultants to develop the plans for the Phase II development of the Tabernacle.</li><li>• Organised a range of engagement activities to promote the future use of the Tabernacle and seek feedback from the local community.</li></ul>
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 encouraged 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. 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.

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Expenditure exceeded income in 2023 as a result of payments becoming due that were funded from grants received in 2022. The balance remaining at the end of 2023 was thought to be insufficient to meet anticipated expenditure in 2024, although the timing and level of that expenditure was also unknown. Delays in issuing contracts for the Phase II work led to the Trust not knowing the financial obligations that it would have in 2024.
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 £1927
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.

## 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> <p>Cost increases since our major grant support was approved have led to risk that the Tabernacle will not be able to open with the degree of internal fit-out to allow for a full range of activities to take place.</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 2023 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		
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**

<b>Director name</b>		
<b>Does not apply</b>		

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

<b>Trustee name</b>		
<b>Does not apply</b>		

**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 <sup>th</sup> 2024	