

Charity registration number: 1176720

# The Vine Christian Fellowship

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

# **The Vine Christian Fellowship**

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## **The Vine Christian Fellowship**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Trustees</b>	Mrs Sue Wintle Mr David Gawler Mr Timothy Buttler
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<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1176720
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# **The Vine Christian Fellowship**

## **Trustees' Report**

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### **Objectives and activities**

#### ***Objects and aims***

The objects of the CIO are any charitable purposes either at home or overseas for the benefit of the public in particular the advancement of the Christian Religion

#### ***Activities:***

The principle objectives of the trust continue to be the advancement of the Christian faith and the relief of poverty. The activities outlined below were carried out in pursuit of these objectives.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The Church continued its programme of Sunday morning services, which appeal to people of all ages, with under-eighteens typically representing 25% of the congregation.

Teaching from Sunday services was made available online for those unable to join in person, or those outside the church's known community. Other more informal meetings were held throughout the week, using Poole Christian Fellowship's building in central Poole and other venues, including members' homes.

A varied programme of teaching, events and activities for under-18s was organised by the church's Children, Youth and Families' Worker. Groups were run on Sunday mornings and at other times of the week, attended by those from within the church and from the wider community.

There were opportunities for the secondary age children to attend camps, with some having the opportunity to develop leadership skills by running sessions or activities. Where there were financial constraints, the church was able to support with this, thanks to a fund set up to assist with specific financial needs. The fund is accessible, by referral, to those from the church and wider community, and several grants were awarded in the course of the year.

The church continued to be active in taking the Christian message and ethos beyond the church community through encouraging its members to engage with the local community.

During August, the church met on Sundays in a local park, in order to give volunteers a rest and to have the opportunity to invite people who might feel more comfortable in an open setting.

Other organised social and leisure activities, that were particularly accessible to all, included walks, coffee mornings, breakfast events a curry evening, "bring and share" lunches and a board games day.

The Kintsugi Hope mental health support group was again attended by people from the church and from the wider community. Participants in previous courses were also invited to monthly sessions to continue the mutual support.

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### **Trustees' Report**

Two new monthly initiatives were started, both taking place in the building in the heart of the community, with the aim of offering social and practical support to those who often find themselves isolated. "Connections" is a coffee morning for anyone over fifty, with an activity, information or practical help focus each month. The SEND group aims to be a safe place for those parenting children with additional needs to come for emotional and practical support. Both groups are open to all.

We continued to operate an outreach in our hub in the heart of Turlin Moor, reaching out to the community with a space to come and find support and to socialise.

A Carol Service was held in December with a focus on inviting people outside the membership of the church and being accessible to as many people as possible. We also, for the first time, offered Carols by Candlelight at the church building, with more than 20% of the congregation joining us from nearby homes or by invitation. Wreath-making and a Family Fun event were also well-attended by our local community. As a church community we provided items and packed Christmas hampers to be distributed by other charities to some of the most deprived in our local community.

Easter is a key opportunity for the church to reach into the community with the Christian message and support for those on need. Unusually, neither Easter 2024 nor 2025 fell within this financial year.

#### **Support of Mission**

The church continued to support a number of local and international Christian endeavours both financially and in prayer, including an organisation in Uganda providing education and practical support to some of the most needy in the locality.

10% of general income is allocated to support missions.

#### ***Public benefit***

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

#### **Financial review**

The income of the charity, arising mainly from voluntary giving by the church members amounted to £62,508 (2024: £69,307).

The charity made a surplus in the period of £3,828 (2024: £7,198). At the period end, unrestricted reserves (including designated funds) totalled £50,688 and restricted reserves totalled £4,079.

#### ***Policy on reserves***

Free reserves (general reserves excluding amounts invested in assets for the church's use) are available to meet the costs of normal running and expansion of the church and to ensure the church can meet the costs of normal running and expansion of the church and to ensure the church can meet the commitments that have been entered into. Our policy is to keep 3 months' expenses as a reserve, currently £5,000 per month, so our aim is £15,000 reserves.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### ***Nature of governing document***

The CIO is controlled by its governing document, a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) - Foundation deed dated 18th January 2018

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### **Trustees' Report**

#### ***Recruitment and appointment of trustees***

- (1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of four years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.
- (2) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

#### ***Induction and training of trustees***

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:

- (a) a copy of the current version of this constitution; and
- (b) a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.
- Any necessary training will be provided.

#### ***Organisational structure***

The Church is governed and regulated by its Trustees and the Eldership team.

Two of the current Trustees are also on the Eldership team.

Over this financial period, the church continued to meet jointly with Poole Christian Fellowship. The two churches began meeting together in January 2024, with the aim of exploring a formal merger. The elders of the two churches also met jointly. The two trustee boards met together collaboratively, while maintaining separate records and voting independently on all decisions.

During this process, members of both churches were kept fully-informed of the reasons for considering it, and were included in the decision-making process, with opportunities given to give feedback.

A risk assessment was undertaken to consider any additional risks (financial, governance and compliance, operational or external) to the charity through merging with Poole Christian Fellowship, and, where necessary mitigations were put in place.

By April 2024, the trustees and elders of Vine Church Poole, having satisfied themselves that both their charitable purposes and vision for their outworking were aligned with those of Poole Christian Fellowship, a recommendation was put to the church members that the two churches should merge. Individual consultations with all members endorsed this recommendation and, in May 2024, the decision was taken to merge, and for the two churches together to be known as Harbour Church Poole. (Poole Christian Fellowship, Charity no. 1176975, effected its name change to Harbour Church Poole in June 2025. Vine Church Poole will remain as a Registered Charity until the merger is agreed by the Charity Commission, whereupon it will be dissolved and merge into Harbour Church Poole.)

For the rest of the financial year, all church activities were carried out jointly, pursuant to decisions having first been agreed separately by the trustees of Vine Church Poole.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 21/12/25 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr David Gawler  
Trustee

## **The Vine Christian Fellowship**

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

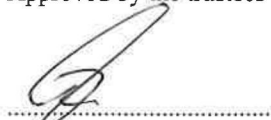
The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 21/12/25 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr David Gawler  
Trustee

## **The Vine Christian Fellowship**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Vine Christian Fellowship**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 16.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees of The Vine Christian Fellowship 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 The Vine Christian Fellowship'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Vine Christian Fellowship as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting 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.



.....  
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## The Vine Christian Fellowship

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies		57,166	3,148	60,314	68,640
Other trading activities		1,732	-	1,732	377
Investment income	4	438	24	462	290
Total Income		<u>59,336</u>	<u>3,172</u>	<u>62,508</u>	<u>69,307</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities		<u>(54,895)</u>	<u>(3,785)</u>	<u>(58,680)</u>	<u>(62,115)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(54,895)</u>	<u>(3,785)</u>	<u>(58,680)</u>	<u>(62,115)</u>
Net movement in funds		4,441	(613)	3,828	7,192
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>46,247</u>	<u>4,692</u>	<u>50,939</u>	<u>43,748</u>
Total funds carried forward	13	<u>50,688</u>	<u>4,079</u>	<u>54,767</u>	<u>50,940</u>


All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 13.

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**(Registration number: 1176720)**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	10	10,746	11,988
Cash at bank and in hand	11	<u>46,092</u>	<u>42,521</u>
		56,838	54,509
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	<u>(2,071)</u>	<u>(3,569)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>54,767</u>	<u>50,940</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Restricted income funds</b>			
Restricted funds	13	4,079	4,692
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>50,688</u>	<u>46,248</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	13	<u>54,767</u>	<u>50,940</u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 16 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 21/12/25.... and signed on their behalf by:

  
 .....  
 Mr David Gawler  
 Trustee

## **The Vine Christian Fellowship**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

##### **Basis of preparation**

The Vine Christian Fellowship meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

##### **Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement**

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

##### **Depreciation and amortisation**

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

<b>Asset class</b>	<b>Depreciation method and rate</b>
Computer equipment	3 years straight line

##### **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

#### Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

#### 2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds
	Designated £	General £	£	£
Donations and legacies;				
Donations from individuals	720	46,697	-	47,417
Gift aid reclaimed	180	9,569	523	10,272
Regular giving and capital donations	-	-	2,625	2,625
<b>Total for 2025</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>56,266</b>	<b>3,148</b>	<b>60,314</b>
<b>Total for 2024</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>62,748</b>	<b>4,992</b>	<b>68,640</b>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 3 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Events income;		
Other events income	1,488	1,488
Property rental income	244	244
<b>Total for 2025</b>	<b>1,732</b>	<b>1,732</b>
<b>Total for 2024</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>377</b>

#### 4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds Designated £	General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	-	438	24	462
<b>Total for 2025</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>462</b>
<b>Total for 2024</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>290</b>

#### 5 Analysis of support costs

##### Charitable activities expenditure

	Unrestricted Designated £	General £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Staffing	-	36,316	-	36,316	35,032
Venue costs	-	7,926	-	7,926	9,195
Communications	-	624	-	624	954
Fixed costs	-	1,587	-	1,587	1,843
Vision costs	-	4,155	-	4,155	1,314
Training & development	-	508	-	508	921
Ministry costs	1,994	1,785	90	3,869	7,995
Sri Lanka Sponsorship	-	-	3,695	3,695	4,452
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	406
	<b>1,994</b>	<b>52,901</b>	<b>3,785</b>	<b>58,680</b>	<b>62,112</b>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 6 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	-	406

#### 7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

##### Mr Timothy Buttler

Mr Timothy Buttler received remuneration of £26,353 (2024: £24,849) and £494 (2024: £1,123) of expenses were reimbursed to Mr Timothy Buttler during the year.

Expenses paid were re-imbursements of payments made on behalf of the church, all for charitable purposes.

It was agreed, in a trustee meeting on 9th September 2021, when he was appointed, that it would be very beneficial to the church to appoint Tim as a trustee, for operational purposes, the remuneration has not in any way increased due to his appointment as trustee.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

#### 8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Staff costs during the year were:</b>		
Wages and salaries	36,316	35,009
Pension costs	-	23
	<u>36,316</u>	<u>35,032</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Average number of employees	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

#### 9 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 10 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments	475	614
Other debtors	10,271	11,374
	<u>10,746</u>	<u>11,988</u>

#### 11 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank	46,092	42,521

#### 12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security	874	836
Other creditors	283	491
Accruals	914	2,242
	<u>2,071</u>	<u>3,569</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

13 Funds					
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	19,920	58,434	(52,900)	(4,671)	20,783
<i>Designated</i>					
Growth fund	15,605	901	-	-	16,506
Hub Refurbishment fund	3,109	-	-	-	3,109
Mission fund	7,614	-	(1,995)	4,671	10,290
	26,328	901	(1,995)	4,671	29,905
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>46,248</b>	<b>59,335</b>	<b>(54,895)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,688</b>
<i>Restricted funds</i>					
Sri Lanka Sponsorship fund	2,657	3,173	(3,695)	-	2,135
Church Family Giving fund	2,035	-	(91)	-	1,944
	4,692	3,173	(3,786)	-	4,079
<b>Total restricted funds</b>					
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>50,940</b>	<b>62,508</b>	<b>(58,681)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,767</b>



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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	14,636	63,398	(52,719)	(5,396)	19,919
<i>Designated</i>					
Growth fund	15,111	900	(406)	-	15,605
Hub Refurbishment fund	3,109	-	-	-	3,109
Mission fund	6,054	-	(3,660)	5,221	7,615
	24,274	900	(4,066)	5,221	26,329
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	38,910	64,298	(56,785)	(175)	46,248
<b>Restricted</b>					
Sri Lanka Sponsorship fund	2,675	4,434	(4,452)	-	2,657
Church Family Giving fund	2,163	-	(128)	-	2,035
New Life Kids fund	-	575	(750)	175	-
	4,838	5,009	(5,330)	175	4,692
<b>Total restricted funds</b>					
	43,748	69,307	(62,115)	-	50,940

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

## 14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Total funds at 31 March 2025			
	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	
	General	Designated	General	Designated
	£	£	£	£
Current assets	22,854	29,905	4,079	-
Current liabilities	(2,071)	-	-	(2,071)
Total net assets	20,783	29,905	4,079	54,767
	Total funds at 31 March 2024			
	General	Designated	Restricted funds	£
	£	£	£	£
Current assets	31,103	18,714	4,692	54,509
Current liabilities	(3,569)	-	-	(3,569)
Total net assets	27,534	18,714	4,692	50,940