



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1 st	April	2024		31 st	March	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Community Church Burton and District

Other names charity is known by

TCC, The Community Church

Registered charity number (if any)

1177675

Charity's principal address

Main Street

Burton on Trent

Staffordshire

Postcode

DE15 9AR

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)
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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

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

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

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

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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)

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We continue to use our community room (No 1 Ferry Street) for community and church groups.

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Apart from the drop-in all of these are Warm Spaces and are open to different people within our local community and are proving very popular. We have Knit night once a month and the youth of the church have met there every week on a Tuesday.

We continue to run Alpha Courses (for people to look at Christianity) and it was very successful.

We have introduced a ‘Foundations’ Course for people to look at the foundations of Christianity and this ran twice throughout the year with good attendance.

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At our church building Young Adults meet every Tuesday, Little Blessings Toddler group on a Wednesday and Shorties Baby group on Thursdays.

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We continue to run the Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre for Burton and the surrounding area, and this remains busy. Once again, Christmas hampers were put together with help from the congregation and all of the CAP clients were given one to bless them.

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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.

All policies in place are made and approved by the trustees.

We currently hold no investments.

We continue to highly value the contribution made by volunteers, so many members of church give their time which enables us to carry out all of our activities to a high level. We could not achieve our impact on the community without our volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In April our safeguarding lead held a course for teenage girls called 'I am Worthy', which was well attended and very useful.

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Connect, our over 60's group were unable to book the restaurant normally used for a Christmas Dinner, but the team members took it upon themselves to organise a meal at No 1 and this was very well attended and enjoyed by our older members of the congregation.

All groups are well attended and making a difference in our community on many different levels.

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Some of our volunteers continued their work with asylum seekers that have been attending our community events and really worked hard at helping them to integrated into society but also allowing them the freedom to celebrate their culture together by helping them to cook traditional meals to share together. Several of these men were baptised as Christians at TCC.

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Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The church holds reserves to cover all of our commitments towards debtors and also employees should we require redundancy. This is reviewed yearly.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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Further financial review details (Optional information)

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We have no investment policy and no investments.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

K Brown

L Charles

Full name(s)

Kirsty Brown

Laurie Charles

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair of Trustees

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Date

25.05.2025



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Signature(s)

K Brown

L. H. Brown

Full name(s)

Kirsty Brown

Laurie Charles

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair of Trustees

Trustee

Date

25.05.2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Community Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1177675

Set out on pages

1 & 2 of schedule CC16a

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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:

6/11/25

Name:

Richard Farmer

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

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Address:

23 Faraday Avenue, Stretton, Burton upon Trent, Staffs, DE13 0FX