

Objectives and Activities

- Purposes

The Object of Horsham Unitarians (CIO) is the promotion of religion in accordance with the principles of the General Assembly of Unitarian & Free Christian Churches, namely, to promote a free and inquiring religion through the worship of God and the celebration of life; the service of humanity and respect for all creation; and the upholding of the liberal Christian tradition.

- Main activities in relation to public benefit

The congregation is committed to enabling, without discrimination, as many people as possible in the local community to worship at the church and to feel part of Horsham Unitarians. Working together, the Minister and the Trustees aim to offer a range of services that address contemporary concerns and reach out to people of different spiritual and theological persuasions.

When planning activities for the year, the Minister and Trustees also take heed of the Commission's specific guidance on the advancement of religion. They try to enable the congregation and people in the community to explore, develop, and live out their faith or belief through:-

- worship, meditation, and prayer
- religious education
- pastoral support
- outreach
- social engagement

To facilitate this work, it is important that we have robust processes and procedures in place. It is also important that we maintain our property in good order within the limits of our resources.

Main achievements for 2025

- Successful continuation of the Unity Café open every Wednesday morning to the general public offering a safe, warm, and welcoming space.
- Contributions of grocery provisions to Horsham Matters, a local charity that supports residents across the District providing 'practical support through its network of foodbanks, and a range of holistic services to have a lasting impact on those most in need'.
- Charitable donations to Médecins Sans Frontières, The British Red Cross, Turning Tides (providing accommodation and support for the homeless), and the Horsham Refugee Support Group.
- Supporting a musical concert in February held in the church to raise funds for Ashraya Nepal, a charity whose aim is "to give assistance to lower caste girls in Nepal by supporting their education and providing shelter".
- Continuation of the active Community Recycling Hub located on the church's premises - run by volunteers from Sussex Green Living, a small charity whose work is "creating a wave of change across Sussex by supporting and inspiring people to reduce their environmental impact". Horsham Unitarians also provided assistance with their "*Plant to Plate*" Festival held in the church hall in April.

- Further development of the Wild-Life Haven established in part of the church garden in co-operation with Transition Horsham, part of Transition Network whose mission is “community-led responses to climate change and shrinking supplies of cheap energy, building resilience and happiness”.
- The church and integral Community Hall facilities provide a valuable local hiring venue for regular exercise classes, musical events, self-help groups, and general hire.
- The Publicity Sub-Committee, appointed by the Trustees, has continued to undertake a variety of successful projects to make the church and its work more widely known in the local community, including a new website, redesign of publicity material, local press copy, and social media outreach.
- Installation of a “Peace Pole” in the front garden of the church, located in the town centre, and to which the general public have access.
- A well attended service to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January.

Financial Review

The audited accounts for the year ending 31 December 2025 are attached to this report.

Horsham Unitarians CIO has produced a total loss of receipts over payments of £17,007. This sum is made up of unrestricted funds which show a surplus of £9,326 and a loss of £26,332 in restricted funds which are for the maintenance of the building and provision of the Minister.

The Trustees have a policy to set aside in an interest-bearing account such funds as are considered prudent for the upkeep of, and any emergency repairs to, the fabric and contents of the church building and the maintenance of the grounds. These funds currently stand at £85,000.

The overall funds of the CIO are decreased from last year at £113,095.

Expenses on the building were high this year as the external woodwork of the church was redecorated at a total cost of £2,650 and the hall was redecorated at a cost of £3,770 including repairs to the plasterwork. There was an unexpected cost resulting from the failure of the lead roofing of the church that resulted in water ingress. The lead was replaced along with refixing of the cap tiles at a total cost of £20,092.

Over the year we have benefitted from a grant from the Gravel Pit Fund of £8,000 and a further £1,000 from the Hibbert Trust. We have also obtained a £3,349 VAT refund on the works carried out to the church roof because of the religious purpose and listed status of the building.

The capital trusts held in a Quilter Cheviot charity fund are producing an annual interest of about 3% with a capital increase of about 7.9% over the year. The resulting income from the funds has increased slightly on last year to £16,892.

Over the course of the year our charitable collections have raised £1,634 for Médecins Sans Frontières. We have also raised £125 for the Red Cross and £132 for Turning Tides and Horsham Refugee Support

The Unity Café is covering its costs with donations.

Structure, Governance and Management

Horsham Unitarians, an Association CIO, is governed by a Constitution which sets out its objects, powers, responsibilities, and operation.

No-one is entitled to act as a trustee, whether on election or on any re-election by the Members in General Meeting, until he or she has expressly acknowledged to the Trustees their acceptance of the office of trustee.

At every Annual General Meeting of the Members of the CIO, one third of the elected Trustees shall retire from office, according to the length of time served since their last election or re-election. Trustees may not stand for re-election for a fourth consecutive three-year term.

The number of Trustees, as defined by the Constitution, is a minimum of three and a maximum of twelve. Members of the CIO in General Meeting or the Trustees may, at any time appoint a new Trustee, whether in place of a Trustee who has retired or who has been removed in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

Reference and Administrative details

The charity's name is Horsham Unitarians, registration number 1180813.

The principal address is:
Horsham Unitarian Church
Worthing Road
HORSHAM
West Sussex RH12 1SL

Trustees:

Name	Office	Date Appointed
Patrick Wynne-Jones	Chairman	1/1/2019
Andrew Ramsden	Treasurer	1/1/2019
Catherine Andrews		1/1/2019
Carol Chambers-Byrne		1/1/2019
Teresa Ramsden		1/1/2019
Andrew Wickens		1/1/2019
Ann Malloch		23/1/2020

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

None

Declarations

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature		
Full Name	Patrick Wynne-Jones	Andrew Ramsden
Position	Chairman	Treasurer
Date		

HORSHAM UNITARIANS - CIO No. 1180813

HORSHAM UNITARIANS RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JANUARY 2025 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
Trust Income for the year		16,894	16,894	16,749
Offertory & Donations	9,767	8,000	17,767	16,880
Rents Received	5,600		5,600	5,974
Charity Fund Raising Activities		1,307	1,307	970
Gift Aid	1,318	588	1,906	1,540
Weddings and Rites of Passage	0		0	0
Investment (bank) Income	3,852		3,852	4,333
Publication sales	40		40	56
Unity Café donations (net)	259		259	101
Total Receipts	20,835	26,788	47,624	46,604
<u>PAYMENTS</u>				
Minister's Stipend		23,174	23,174	23,092
Ministerial Expenses		548	548	199
Visiting Ministers		1,499	1,499	837
Visiting Musicians	374		374	210
Organ & Piano Maintenance	58		58	7
Church Music Licence	203		203	196
Weddings and Rites of Passage Expenses	0		0	0
Publications, Printing, Postage & Stationery	178		178	68
Subscriptions	151		151	286
Conference Fees & Expenses	0		0	0
Travel	0		0	16
Legal Fees	0		0	0
GA Quota	0		0	1,785
Water Rates	612		612	388
Light & Heat	2,223		2,223	2,713
Insurance	2,179		2,179	2,044
Repairs & Renewals		25,606	25,606	5,055
Premises Cleaning	2,650		2,650	2,172
Garden Expenses	1,281		1,281	943
Telephone & Website charges	367		367	328
Administration costs	439		439	1,208
Payroll Bureau	180		180	240
Publicity	283		283	356
Catering	45		45	96

Charity Donations		2,294	2,294	1,587
Bank Charges	60		60	60
Gifts & Appeals	227		227	211
Unaccounted 2022 expense	0		0	0
Total Payments	11,510	53,121	64,630	44,096

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	9,326	-26,332	-17,007	2,508
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Details		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL
Cash Funds	CAF & NatWest Current and Cash A/C		31,492	-25,812	5,679
	CAF & NatWest Deposit A/C			22,416	22,416
	Redwood 95 day account			85,000	85,000
			<u>£31,492</u>	<u>£81,604</u>	<u>£113,096</u>
Other Monetary Assets			<u>NIL</u>		<u>NIL</u>
Assets retained for Charity's own use	Church building and freehold land	Notes 2 4	£81,604	Restricted	
	Fixtures and fittings	(
	Church Organ	(Unrestricted		
	Office Equipment	(
Liabilities	Funds due to Charities*	3	£1,634	Restricted	
Investment Assets	Value at 31st Dec 2024	1	Quilter Cheviot Inc & Growth		<u>£556,733</u>
			Capital growth over the year		<u>£43,901</u>
	Value at 31st Dec 2025		Quilter Cheviot Inc & Growth		<u>£600,634</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS:

1 **INVESTMENT INCOME:** Income received from the Hayler Trust is restricted to the upkeep and running of the premises and provision of ministry.

2 **RESTRICTED FUNDS** carried forward are designated as follows:

Reserve Funds	£85,000	Held in: Redwood 95 day A/C,
Contingency Reserve	-£21,923	NatWest 95 day, CAF & NatWest
Building Trust Funds	£16,894	Current A/C's & CAF Deposit Account
Balance due to charities*	£1,634	Held in:
		CAF & NatWest Current Accounts
	<u>£81,604</u>	

3 Charity Funds

* Charity funds raised:	Medicine Sans Frontiers	£1,307
	Red Cross Food for Africa	£100
	St Catherine's Hospice	£106
	Gift aid for above	£378
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4 GA Subscriptions

2024/25 year
Subscriptions were paid in
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Patrick Wynne-Jones

9th March 2026



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity name
HORSHAM UNITARIAN - CIO.

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1180813.

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signed:

Barbara

Date:

19.2.26.

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