



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	1	April	2023	To	31	March	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

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)
1	Jonathan Lawson			
2	Andrea Hayes			
3	Mark Ridyard	Treasurer		
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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)

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Elected from Membership

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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

To advance the Christian religion in Heaton and its immediate surroundings

To promote religious harmony amongst the various Christian congregations of the area and to encourage prayer, fellowship and joint action.

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by working with people in Heaton and its immediate surroundings to prevent people from becoming socially excluded, relieve the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assist their integration into society

Financial year 23-24 is an "off year" for Heaton Churches Together, where we don't run our key Heaton Festival event.

We do however carry out smaller events against our objectives during the year.

- Christmas present events with free mince pies and hot drink
- Community Carol singing at a local cafe
- Sock and Chocs – creation of hundreds of Christmas parcels to be given to the local People's Kitchen
- World Day of Prayer from Palestine
- Joint worship for Lent and Easter
- Christian Aid Week – joint fundraising envelope collection across Heaton
- supporting local food banks and refugee projects
- Caring for our environment
- Places of welcome – 3 of our churches acting as part of a national network that offering an unconditional welcome to local people to connect and contribute for few hours each week. They are places where everyone can go for a friendly face, a cup of tea and a conversation if and when they need it.
- Warm Spaces. Acting as part of a council scheme to help with people struggling with heating costs during the day.
- Offering a Bereavement course (with trained volunteer counsellors from churches

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)

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.

HCT is fully reliant on volunteers and all our events are created and executed by members of our organisation.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Social Inclusion

- Many prescriptions delivered and weekly foodbank donations
- Several Community groups run and coordinated to address the key community needs.

Religious harmony amongst the various Christian congregations

- Regular sharing of events between churches to promote partnership between churches – a combination of virtual and physical events across the year with hundreds of attendees, such as Lent Lunches
- New online services during Easter week that where each member of the clergy shared a reflection to all the other church members

Promoting the Christian Religion

- Continued to use online services to promote interest amongst those inquisitive about faith.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

HCT's major expenditure is with Heaton Festival, where the aim is to make between a £1000 loss and a £3000 surplus so that over multiple festival we will create a small reserve to cover any issues that we may have in a given festival year.

Due to slightly higher reserves from previous Festivals, we will aim to do a little less fundraising in this cycle to bring down the reserve to between £5,000 and £10,0000

At the end of FY23-24 reserves were £17,993 with expectation that the majority of this would be spent on executing Heaton Festival 2024.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F	Other optional information
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Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

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Mark Ridyard

Jack Bauer

Andrea Hayes

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Trustee

Date _____

28 January 2024

Heaton Churches Together – Treasurer’s Report FY 2023-2024

April 1 2023 to March 31 2024

Overall Summary

This is a year when HCT does not run Heaton Festival and so receipts and spending are very limited.

There was £4,525 of early fundraising for Heaton Festival 2024 (which took place in June 2024 and will be fully explained in the 2425 accounts)

The spending we had was for a Good Friday event after a “Walk of Witness” through the streets of Heaton.

Overall summary FY2324			
Grouping	Who	Credits	Debits
Church Contributions	HBC	500	0
	St Georges	500	0
Church Contributions Total		1000	0
Council	Newcastle City Council - Dene and South Gosforth Ward Fun	525	0
	Newcastle City Council - Heaton Ward Funding	1000	0
	Newcastle City Council - Manor Park Ward Funding	1000	0
	Newcastle City Council - Ouseburn Ward Funding	1000	0
Council Total		3525	0
Non Festival	Good Friday - Insurance	0	114.37
	Portable Speaker - Andrea Hayes	0	444
Non Festival Total		0	558.37
Subs	St Gabriels Subs	30	0
Subs Total		30	0
Grand Total		4554.99	558.37

The Account started with a Balance of £13,996 and ended with a balance of £17,993

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