



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
From Day 01 Month April Year 2024 **To** Day 31 Month March Year 2025 **Period end date**

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Darent Valley Community Church

Other names charity is known by DVCC

Registered charity number (if any) 1183655

Charity's principal address Aranda

Station Road

Eynsford, Kent

Postcode DA4 0EJ

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	Adrian Elms	Trustee / Pastor		
2	Colin Fogwill	Trustee / Treasurer		
3	Marion White	Trustee		
4	Colin Rohard	Trustee		
5	Christine Young	Trustee	07/10/24 – 31/03/25	
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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
Independent Examiner	Hedley Dunk Ltd	Trinity House, 3 Bullace Lane, Dartford, DA1 1BB

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

Type of governing document	Constitution
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods	<p>(1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>(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.</p>

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.

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

The object of the CIO is, for the public benefit, for the advancement of the Christian faith in the Darent Valley, Kent and such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the charity trustees may from time to time decide.

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)

- Weekly church services held at Anthony Roper School, Eynsford, Kent
- Holding of weddings, baptisms and funerals as requested by Members of the congregation
- Small group meetings held in homes of people from the congregation With the purpose of worship, bible study, discipleship and encouragement, prayer
- Community Outreach into
 - Anthony Roper school assemblies
 - Social events
 - Eynsford Village Society events
 - Prayer walking within the Darent Valley area
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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.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

DVCC – Charity Commissioners report 2024/2025

The year 2024/25 has been an exciting one for DVCC. Our regular Sunday services and monthly café services have been maintained with good attendance and new folk joining the fellowship.

We continue a model of “Hybrid Church” using Zoom as well, allowing those from home to join, be seen and participate. The “Open Mic” continues to be popular with a lot of participation.

Prayer walking took place in Eynsford on Tuesday afternoon and West Kingsdown and Horton Kirby/ South Darenth on Thursday morning. Many new people are being met and helped along life’s way.

For the fifth year running, and due to popular demand, we moved our services into the open-air during July and August taking advantage of the beautiful setting of Anthony Roper School Fields. Our theme was the “I Am’s” of Christ. This all culminated in a community barbecue on the last Sunday in August

Our warm space and community hub “The Space” continued throughout the year. Taking place on Wednesday mornings from 9.00am to 1.00pm in the Riverside Club. A light breakfast. Tea, coffee and cakes served throughout the morning with soup and roll (winter) or ploughman’s lunch (summer) from 12.00 noon. Various activities are provided: Jigsaws, snooker, darts, craftwork etc and some folk just like to sit and chat. There is a dedicated area for young children and parents. IT Support is available with the provision of 2 computers with internet access. CAB make a monthly visit, our local community police officer and the local community warden also make regular visits. To date we have an average attendance of over 73 people per week. Several grants have been gratefully received from the local council to support the activity.

From our work with people at “The Space” we identified a very real need within the community for the provision of transport, particularly for medical and key social inclusion appointments. In April we were awarded a grant from Kent County Council enabling the purchase of a wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV). We then established “Community Car” a hybrid scheme with volunteer drivers using both their own vehicles and the WAV. The scheme was officially launched in October by our local MP, Luara Trott, and senior member of the community, 95 year old Di Grant. To date we have 65 users, 20 volunteer drivers and are performing between 35 and 45 journeys per month.

Another good year for DVCC where we have experienced growth in numbers, activity and personal character. We look forward to continuing to serve our community by practically showing the love of God in the year ahead.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity will endeavour to retain a minimum of three months (mean based on the previous 12 months expenditure) as a reserve,

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

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.

Darent Valley Community Church does not engage in fundraising activities but is reliant on voluntary donations from church members.

Our fixed cost expenditure includes rent paid to a local primary school where meetings are held. The church also has one employee who pastors the church on a full time basis.

The Space community hub is financed by grants from local authorities and businesses and by voluntary donations from folk using the facilities

As a charity we support a number of organisations on a regular basis who minister both to young people and the underprivileged in the Sevenoaks area and further afield.

We invite guest speakers to the church and contribute to the charitable work they are involved in.

The church does not hold any investments. Any funds not immediately needed are transferred to a deposit account.

Section F


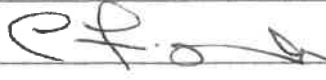
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	A. R. Elms	Colin Fogwill
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	PASTOR / TRUSTEE	TREASURER
Date	07 / 12 / 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

DARENT VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

1183655

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2024


To

31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offerings	47,491	2,354	-	49,845	46,690
Interest	1,488	-	-	1,488	1,244
Legacy	-	-	-	-	11,732
Grants	-	-	-	-	6,330
The Space income	-	14,097	-	14,097	5,942
Transport income	-	45,430	-	45,430	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	48,979	61,881	-	110,860	70,938
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	48,979	61,881	-	110,860	70,938
A3 Payments					
Salaries and pension costs	40,216	-	-	40,216	37,935
Donations	4,586	2,672	-	7,468	7,380
Youth work	150	-	-	150	160
Rent	4,174	4,160	-	8,334	7,235
Bank charges	80	41	-	121	116
Other expenditure	3,428	5,804	-	9,232	7,701
Motor expenses	-	3,727	-	3,727	-
Equipment	1,180	34,065	-	35,235	4,896
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	53,814	50,659	-	104,473	65,421
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	53,814	50,659	-	104,473	65,421
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,835	11,222	-	6,387	5,517
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	64,446	4,265	-	68,711	63,194
Cash funds this year end	59,611	15,487	-	75,098	68,711

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	1,739	15,487	-
	Deposit account	57,849	-	-
	Cash	23	-	-
	Total cash funds	59,611	15,487	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			A. ELMD	7/12/25

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Darent Valley Community Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Darent Valley Community Church (the Trust) for the period ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

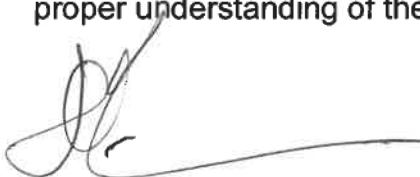
As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



Signed:

Name: Jason Outram FCA DChA
Hedley Dunk Limited
Trinity House
3 Bullace Lane
Dartford
17 December 2025