



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 17th July 2024 **Period start date** **To** 16th July 2025. **Period end date**

Charity name: Penistone Community Church

Charity registration number: 1187540

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The object of the CIO is to advance the Christian faith and to enable the Church to carry out any other charitable purpose which is connected with the work of the Church.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>This will include the advancement of Christian faith; the provision of community facilities, so long as they are all regarded as being connected with the main work of the Church in the area around Penistone. Sunday services including worship, teaching, prayer and children's and youth work have been run weekly.</p> <p>This includes weekly bible and prayer groups at member's homes, online and in the church building.</p> <p>This includes a weekly volunteer run parent / carer and toddler group during term time.</p> <p>The initiative Hill Country Kitchen (HCK) continued to provide a warm space and meals to those in the community who would appreciate company and/or were in need. Meals are provided on a free/pay what you can basis. The church also held a Christmas Wreath Making event which was attended by church members and others from the wider community and all proceeds were donated to Barnsley Foodbank.</p> <p>The trustees have communicated regularly to enable them to fulfil their role.</p> <p>Good safeguarding practices were continued; with volunteers undergoing DBS checks and safeguarding training where required. There were no safeguarding concerns raised during the period under review.</p> <p>Improvements / maintenance work for the church building were continued – see finances section.</p>

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have considered the guidance issued by the commission on public benefit. The work of the church has been in line with its charitable purposes
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All the activities of the church are run by volunteers and there are no paid employees.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Penistone community church provides a space for worship for the fellowship, a hall area for the community to hire for social events.</p> <p>The main achievements of the charity for this time period include the advancement of Christian faith and the provision of community facilities. Sunday services including worship, teaching, prayer and children's and youth work have been run weekly. This includes weekly bible and prayer groups at members' homes, online and in the church building. This also includes a weekly volunteer run parent / carer and toddler group during term time. This group provides a safe space for toddlers to play and their carer / parent opportunity to connect and forge friendships with one another. It also allows the church to make connections with the community.</p>

		<p>This also includes a weekly initiative; Hill Country Kitchen (HCK) which provides a warm space and meals to those in the community who would appreciate company and/or are in need. Meals are provided on a free/pay what you can basis.</p> <p>These activities link directly to the main objectives of the church – to support those who participate to continue to grow in their Christian faith and to worship God and for the church to demonstrate care to those in the community.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period.</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>The total income – listed as receipts - is £23504.</p> <p><u>Receipts (Income)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations – The majority of this is regular giving by church members. Over this period the average monthly giving was approximately £1540. This also includes cash donations to HCK, £1884 and the toddler group - £271. • Room hire – The charity typically charges £10 an hour for use of its premises. Sharon Stacey Music has continued to hold singing lessons in the sanctuary and this raised £875. The church was used as a Polling Station raising, £160. The premises was also used for a local Rainbows group on a temporary basis, raising £145. A private party raised £50. • Refunds – £1168 from Geldard's Solicitors was received. This had been held in an account relating to the purchase of the premises. • Fundraising – This money was raised from the sale of items by church members and also include £135 raised from the Wreath making evening, which was donated to Barnsley Food Bank. <p><u>Payments – costs incurred</u></p> <p>The total expenditure was £22384.</p> <p>Cost of Charitable Activity – Total- £2620.49.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Food and other consumables for HCK - £1558 o Training for volunteers, Ground Level Leaders conference (April 2025) and safeguarding training - £438 o Consumables for Toddler Group - £155 o Miscellaneous items include glow sticks and oranges for the Christingle service, materials for wreath making event and DBS checks for our volunteers and also the annual licensing fee for Christian copyright
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		<p>services (SongPro etc.) - £470.</p> <p>Mortgage cost for this period: £4270. This is slightly less than the previous period due to interest rate changes. The monthly cost fell from £363 at the start of the period to £350 by the end of June.</p> <p>Lighting, Power and Heat – Our Annual utility costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Electricity and Gas: £3743 o Wireless Internet: £90 o We also became responsible for the building's water rates: £894 <p>Cleaning Materials and Domestic Items. Expenditures outside 'everyday' cleaning materials and small kitchen items include a new dehumidifier for the sanctuary- £250.</p> <p>The cost of building maintenance /improvement, though still substantial, was less than the previous year. Aside from miscellaneous items such as paint and insulation this category includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o A new sink for the back room and a new tap for the main kitchen £316 o Service of both boilers and other plumbing work £571 o Electrical work, including a new kitchen extractor fan and purchase and installation of external floodlights £1466 o A new PVC door for the back porch £990 o Joinery work: Cleaning store cupboard and new hall cupboards £2905 o Roof repairs: £1500 o The church enlisted the services of a regular window and gutter cleaner, £290 <p>Safety and Security is our cost in relation to burglar alarm and fire extinguisher service, £187. PAT testing of electrical equipment, £54. This also includes the cutting of more church keys, £49 and a key safe and bolt £21.</p> <p>Memberships – includes our annual subscriptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ground Level Ministries: £450 per annum o Christian Safeguarding Services: £150 per annum (Gold membership), an o The Evangelical Alliance: £80 per annum <p>Penistone Churches Together waived the</p>
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		<p>fee this year</p> <p>Insurance –This is our annual premium.</p> <p>Donations. We made a donation of £135 to Barnsley Food Bank, this money was raised from the wreath making event.</p> <p>The toddler group started this financial year with a cash float of £276.98. Attendees make voluntary cash donations and the total received was £271.38, slightly less than last year. The amount of this cash spent on consumables and other items (e.g. craft, books refreshments etc.) is £154.62 (shown as £155 above). Therefore, there was an increase in their funds of £116.76.</p> <p>This leaves an excess cash float of £393.74 – which is held by the toddler group staff. And reported on Section B of the form in addition to the amount held in our bank account.</p> <p>Hill Country Kitchen (HCK)-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Money spent by the charity on food £1558.42 • Voluntary donations received from participants £1884.33 <p>In this period there was a net income of £325.91. Which is used towards running costs such as energy bills and new equipment. These costs are not itemised above. The HCK Team do not operate a cash float system. Monies received are banked regularly. All items purchased are refunded upon production of suitable receipts.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	At this time there has not been a necessity for a reserves policy – this may be a subject for review in the future.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£40,035
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustee selection is from the fellowship on a voluntary unpaid basis. Selection and election is voted on by the present trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Penistone Community Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1187540
Charity's principal address	Penistone Community Church Sheffield Road Penistone S36 6HF

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	Stewart Andrew	Chair of trustees		
2	Dr Rebecca Meredith	Trustee		
3	Catherine Burnham	Trustee		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Stewart Andrew

Full name(s)

Stewart Andrew

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair of trustees

Date

22/04/2026