

Trustees' annual return 2024

**The Parochial Church Council
of the ecclesiastical parish
of All Saints, Nettleham**

Charity Number: 1187862

Financial year end: 31 December 2024

ALL SAINTS NETTLEHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) REPORT 2024

The role of the PCC is governed by law (the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 as amended) and the Church Representation Rules. Its principal function, with the Priest-in-Church, is “promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical”. The PCC members are charitable trustees and so the provisions of charity law apply to their corporate responsibilities, financial management and decision-making.

The PCC’s vision is to *‘engage with all, flourish in faith and grow God’s Kingdom’*.

The trustees who served during 2024 are as follows:

Pauline Allcock	Lay Member (elected May 2024)
Sally Bradley	Lay Member (resigned May 2024)
Lynne Combes	Churchwarden (resigned May 2024)
Russ Coulter	Deanery and Diocesan Synod representative, Safeguarding Officer
John Dent	Churchwarden (elected May 2024)
Myfanwy Denton	Lay Member
Pam Gainey	Lay Member (elected May 2024)
Cedric Hanson	Lay Member
Simon Hardy	Deanery Synod representative, Treasurer
Andy Lewis	Churchwarden
Sally Lidbury	Lay Member (resigned October 2024)
Lucille Luton	Lay Member (elected May 2024)
Revd Judy Shaw	Associate Priest
Michael Smalley	Lay Member and Vice Chair (resigned May 2024)
Sarah Subden	Deanery Synod representative
Revd Michelle Webb	Priest-in-Charge and Chair
Nigel West	Lay Member
Monica Wooster	Lay Member

The PCC is required to meet at least four times a year. In 2024, the PCC held seven meetings. As required, the PCC has a Standing Committee whose role and composition are laid out in the Church Representation Rules. There is also a Finance Sub-Committee and Community Lottery Sub-Committee for which there are terms of reference.

PCC trustees receive regular safeguarding training and DBS checks, as well as completing annual Fit and Proper Person declarations and pecuniary interest forms. They declare an interest and withdraw from any items in which they have a conflict of interest. They have, during the year, undergone a series of PCC training sessions through CPAS ‘PCC Tonight’, prompting discussion and actions. They were also given an induction session with the Church of England Trustee booklet. For 2025, a series of PCC vision mornings has been planned to allow longer discussion around vision and strategy.

The PCC has looked at how its vision is being achieved and received regular reports from Church officers.

In terms of 'engaging with all', there has been contact with the village through much work in both schools, Tennyson Wharf care home, Scouts and Guides, and the many flourishing church groups offering outreach. Festival services and life events have also provided opportunities to connect with the community. A series of concerts has welcomed many from the community and beyond. Involvement with the community had taken place at the Nettleham Carnival, Open Churches and Carols on the Green. A prayer calendar had been established, praying for each street and sharing this with the community. Holiday bag projects have been organised for the summer and Easter, as well as a Park Outreach. Nettleham Matters and social media have been a useful means of communication.

As far as 'flourishing in faith' is concerned, several courses have been on offer: Lent and Advent courses; a prayer course over the summer for those who wished to be involved in prayer ministry; Chalice Assistant training has also taken place. Three House Groups met on a regular basis. Thy Kingdom Come resources were shared. Bishop Stephen presided at an LMP Ascension Service. Open the Book assemblies have gone from strength to strength and Friday morning reflection and prayers takes place with staff at the Junior School. There was also a new Year 3 Welcome Service at All Saints. Young people encouraged each other in faith as they explored the churchyard project, culminating in a remarkable piece of research.

In 'growing God's kingdom', ministries are being discerned, and new ALMs have undertaken the 'To Love and Serve the Lord' course. Five ALMs completed the pastoral visiting module and four undertook the worship leading module. A faculty was completed for the church to be re-ordered to provide additional space following consultation with the congregation. Confirmations have taken place. An exciting new venture has been the participation in the Ministry Experience Scheme, welcoming and benefitting from Mark Atkinson who chose All Saints as his placement church. Jenny Hunt, as a contextually placed ordinand, has been another very welcome addition. Natasha Rose was nominated for reader training. Revd Judy successfully applied to be a bank chaplain at the United Lincolnshire Hospital Trust. The church is taking part in a pilot for Cornerstone, which provides data analysis for parishes.

A number of policies and procedures have been agreed and reviewed during the year, including a PCC Code of Conduct. Foundation governors have been appointed to Nettleham CE VA Junior School. The Prayers of Love and Faith were shared with the PCC. Work has gone on across the Local Mission Partnership and with the local Methodist and Threshold churches.

The PCC has received and acted upon financial reports and done significant work to put together bids for the Tower repair. It also decided upon new offices in the Nettleham Community Hub. The PCC have discussed churchyard matters and had a tour of the churchyard. They have been involved in the preliminary work to appoint a deanery administrator, and some officers have received training on the iKnow Church software package.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

At the Annual Parish Meeting on 26th May 2024, John Dent and Andy Lewis were elected to serve as Churchwardens of All Saints Nettleham. We offer our heartfelt and grateful thanks to Lynne Combes who, after many years of faithful service to All Saints, retired from her Churchwarden duties at this meeting. We wish her well in her 'retirement' and look forward to her continued presence in church, both as a choir member and a keen supporter of our community events.

Church attendance

- The improving trend in our usual Sunday attendances noted in last year's TAR has continued, with an average of 86 people attending All Saints on Sundays in 2024. This represents a 6% increase on the 2023 figure of 81 and is approaching our pre-COVID average of 88 in 2019. Our monthly All Age Sunday Eucharists have comparable attendances to the 'normal' Sunday Eucharists but attract 3 times more youngsters, which is most welcome!
- More than 60 adults and children come to our Ducklings services each week, while we are seeing encouraging numbers of attendees (both young and old) at our 6pm Sunday services (6-Healing, 6-Youth and 6-Praise) and our Monday afternoon Families initiative. Both our Christingle and Nativity Crib services at Christmas were well attended.

People in the Church

- Our grateful thanks go to our Ministry Team, led by Revd Michelle, ably supported by Revd Judy, Revd Thomas, Bishop Nigel and Lucille, our Reader. Their contribution to our Christian life is so very much appreciated.
- We have also been blessed by our Ministry trainees, Yola Middleton, our ordinand in training, Jenny Hunt, our contextual ordinand, Natasha Rose, our Reader trainee and Mark Atkinson, our Ministry Experience Scheme student. We wish them well in their continuing journey of discernment and service.
- Our team of Authorised Lay Ministers has expanded during the year, as new members have been licensed. Our thanks go to all the team for their efforts, both in assisting with leading worship and their work on the Pastoral Care team.
- We are very grateful to all our team of Sidespersons and Vergers for their service of welcome and support during the year. Meetings have been held with several team members and potential team members to share experiences and look for opportunities to improve our offerings in this area.
- A new Guidance Document outlining our practice for handling collections at funerals and memorial services was approved and issued by the PCC in March.
- Our thanks also go to Martin Farmer, our Sacristan, together with all our readers, intercessors and helpers who do so many of the little (but essential) jobs behind the scenes to keep our church running.
- Work is gathering momentum towards the appointment of a Local Mission Partnership (LMP) Administrator, which we hope will take place early in 2025. In the meantime, we are truly thankful for the administrative efforts being made by Revd Michelle to 'keep the ship afloat'.
- We were very pleased to welcome Stephen, Bishop of Lincoln, to All Saints to preside at the Lawres LMP Ascension Day service. Our thanks also go to Bishop Nigel, who led our Corpus Christi service at the end of May, while Bishop David visited us in October, to lead the welcome service for the Ministry Experience Scheme students.

Fabric & Facilities – Church

- Significant resource and effort have been directed towards the ongoing problems with the tower roof. As noted in last year's TAR, a temporary repair was carried out in March. Although some measure of improvement was seen, water continued to enter the ringing room during periods of heavy rain. More significantly, the contractors expressed serious concerns about the dangerous condition of the roof gutter, due to rot and decay of the timber boarding and supporting structures and instructions were issued to prevent any access to the roof from inside the tower. This means that further remedial work is only possible using external scaffolding. Our church architect inspected the site in April and confirmed the need to ban internal access to the tower roof. He also reassured us that the condition of the tower does not present a risk to the continued use of the church building.

Our architect was instructed to prepare the necessary drawings and specifications for the roof repair, as well as the repair/refurbishment of faulty areas of high-level stonework on the tower. This increased scope of work addresses several action points raised in both our 2019 Quinquennial Inspection Report (QIR) and the latest QIR carried out in July 2024. As it is likely that the roof covering will be removed for around 8 weeks during the repair, the tower structure will be protected by a temporary roof over the scaffold, to allow works to continue regardless of weather conditions.

As it is more cost-effective to undertake as much remedial work as possible while we have scaffolding in place around the tower, we have also decided to regild the clock faces on the South and the East aspects of the tower and refurbish both clock mechanisms.

A survey carried out in August confirmed the presence of bats in the tower. The repair work needs to be carried out in 'warm' weather (amongst other things, to allow the lime mortar to set correctly). As this coincides with the time of highest bat activity, ecologists will need to be on site from time to time during the work and a licence will be needed to allow the repairs to go ahead.

Competitive quotes have been received for the work needed (a) to repair the church tower roof and high-level stonework and (b) regild/refurbish the clock dials/ mechanisms. With the inclusion of additional fees, contingency and VAT, the estimated total cost is over £300,000. Although the PCC has agreed to commit a significant amount of funds to the project, we will need external funding to meet the full cost and we have engaged a consultant to facilitate our applications for grants. With their expert assistance, we are preparing a submission for a National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) grant (up to a limit of £250,000), with the expectation of attracting funding from additional (smaller) grant providers to make up the shortfall. We also intend to fundraise in the village, building on the successful campaign that we carried out in 2019 to fund the emergency repairs to the tower. As part of the evidence needed to support our NLHF application, we launched a survey asking the community to share their thoughts about the church, its heritage, and how it can best serve Nettleham, whilst honouring its role as a place of worship. We received over 140 replies and these are now being analysed to better inform our final submission.

A Faculty application has been made to the Diocese for permission to carry out the repair work. After several iterations to define the detailed scope of work, the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) gave final approval in November and, following the statutory

consultation period, the application will be submitted to the Chancellor in Westminster in early January 2025.

The timeline for the project has extended into 2026, primarily due to the time involved in obtaining the necessary grants.

- The required improvements to our electrical system were successfully carried out in late January/early February, with the installation of 3 new distribution boards, associated rewiring and a general upgrading of facilities. A new 'Satisfactory' Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR) was issued in February, with a recommendation for reassessment in 3 years' time (ie. 2027). This report, together with the test certification for the repaired lightning conductor (issued in 2023), was submitted to our insurers, who duly closed out the 'areas requiring urgent remedial action' noted in last year's TAR. In addition, all portable electrical equipment in the church has been PAT tested. No problems were reported.
- The gas boiler has given several problems during the year. At various times, we have needed to call in Vaillant, the boiler manufacturers, to replace several internal components such as the main PCB and in one instance, to replace the main fan, which had shorted out due to water ingress (believed to be caused by driving rain entering through the flue). All these repairs were carried out under warranty at no cost to All Saints. Following Vaillant's last visit/service in December, the boiler has been working satisfactorily. Our web-enabled Nest controller has given problems with its reliability and a less sophisticated manually-programmable controller has replaced it.
- Our very grateful thanks go particularly to Bishop Nigel and to Revd Michelle, who have prepared a scheme to reorder the North Aisle of the church. The proposal is to remove the choir stalls and supporting plinth, the two long kneelers and the bookcase to the left of the tower opening. Removal of the pulpit was also mooted, but following a consultation with our congregations, this item was dropped from the final Faculty proposal submitted to the DAC. In addition, the upright Bechstein piano previously housed in the North Aisle has been donated to Nettleham Junior School.
- Both the church organ and our grand piano were tuned before key events in the year. The DAC organs adviser inspected our organ at the end of November and, although the organ is in reasonable condition, some of the components and circuitry are getting near the end of their working life. A list of possible improvements has been provided and indicative prices will be obtained for PCC consideration in 2025.
- As part of the problem-solving associated with the malfunctioning Nest controller, we have upgraded the church Wi-Fi by installing a new 4G hotspot.
- The annual testing and maintenance of the roof burglar alarm system has not taken place this year. We expect it to take place in early 2025.
- Lindum Fire Services carried out the annual service & inspection of fire extinguishers in October. No problems were found.
- We were delighted to be gifted a TV stand in February, followed up with the most generous gift of a very wide screen TV in December, to assist with our more interactive services, such as Families.
- A doorbell has been purchased to hang on the main door to help people with mobility scooters and children's buggies to gain access to the church more easily when the heavy door is closed over.

- We greatly appreciate and acknowledge the work of 2 particular teams of helpers: (a) our team of cleaners who faithfully vacuum and 'spruce up' the church weekly and (b) our team of furniture movers, who do a great job of configuring and reconfiguring the church to accommodate our varied activities and events. We also thank all those who helped do a 'deeper' church clean in June and November. Our additional thanks go to Peter Broadley, David Baxter and their helpers, who put up and take down our Christmas stable.

Fabric & Facilities - Parish Centre (Office)

In the early part of 2024, we continued to flag up our concerns about the damp in Unit 2A with the managing agents, as we considered that the problem was still affecting our ability to use the premises to their maximum potential. However, we received notification in May that our landlords were proposing a 30% increase in ground rent (excluding VAT, service and utility charges), for another 3-year lease on the Unit from October 2024 onwards. This was deemed unacceptable and the search for alternative premises (as noted in last year's TAR) was stepped up.

Several options for a new Parish Office site were explored within the village. At the last minute, two rooms (Offices 19 & 20) became available in the Nettleham Community Hub at an 'all-in' rental which offered an approximate £9,000 per year saving vs the previous premises. The space allows us to accommodate a large percentage of our furniture, have space for PCC & other meetings and be able to offer a discreet space when privacy is required. An agreement was quickly reached and we moved into the Hub on 1 October.

As our lease on Unit 2A expired on 4 October, we had a busy few days clearing the old Parish Centre and moving to the new Parish Office. Most of our books were taken by a Christian bookseller based near Alford, while items of furniture that were not relocated to either the church, the Office or to members of our congregations were sold at the local auction held fortnightly at Reepham. The fire extinguishers from Unit 2A have been retained as spare items. Our grateful thanks go to all those who helped in the move.

The managing agents inspected Unit 2A after we vacated the premises and have provided a redecoration schedule which we will need to complete before they close out our lease agreement. The list has several discrepancies that we have queried with them and we await their response.

We have ended the VOIP contract for telephones and replaced it by an office mobile phone on a much cheaper tariff.

Our portable electrical equipment in the Parish Office was successfully PAT-tested in November as part of the Hub's own testing regime.

Health & Safety

- Five items were logged in the Accident Book in the church. Four of the items concerned trips and falls in the church during our Ducklings services. In each case, cold compresses were applied by our First Aid-trained team members and the child's accompanying adult was fully involved in caring for the child concerned. The other incident arose when a member of the Flower Arrangers team dropped her secateurs, which grazed her leg. She self-administered first aid and no further action was required.
- Redrafts/updates of our Health & Safety Policy and its supporting documents have been approved by the PCC together with an updated Lone Working Policy.

Mission and Diocesan initiatives

- All Saints has been identified as one of the highest energy-using/carbon-emitting churches in the Diocese. As such, we were selected to have a free energy audit and action plan, with the possibility of receiving match funding up to the value of £3,000 on any resulting decarbonising actions. The audit was carried out in October and we have received a very detailed report on its findings. Full analysis of this report and its implications for All Saints will take place in 2025.
- We have taken part in a pilot scheme for the Diocesan Cornerstone project, looking at the use of a guided, data-led development tool for parishes to encourage generosity and generous giving, using data submitted by the Statistics for Mission and other annual returns. Recommendations for further action are provided in the form of step-by-step pathways.
- Our thanks go to Revd Thomas and Kathleen Shepherd, who kindly prepared our Maundy Thursday meal, before our Eucharist, Stripping the Church and Watch in preparation for Good Friday. Our Harvest Supper, organized by Kath Ersser at Lincoln Rugby Club was equally well attended and enjoyed by those present. The Harvest Festival gifts from our schools and congregations were passed to the Lincoln Community Larder.

Community

- Our programme of Friday evening concerts proved successful and we are very grateful to Linda Booth and the Events team who make all the arrangements before, during and after each concert. We're pleased to report that John Dent successfully completed a training course and examination and is now our official Licensee. This was needed to satisfy the Licensing requirements for the number of events that we now organise annually.
- The annual West Lindsey Open Churches Festival was held on 18 and 19 May. We thank all the volunteers who set up and set down our stalls, served refreshments and ran our various activities over the two days.
- We are blessed by our 'Churches Together in Nettleham' work with the Methodist Church and Threshold in the village.
- Over 200 people attended the short commemoration service held in church after the parade on The Green on Remembrance Sunday afternoon.
- The Carols on the Green concert was well attended and raised just over £840, which will be split between the Salvation Army and the Lincoln Community Larder.
- In addition to the events noted above, we hosted a number of other social events during the year.

Safeguarding

Safer recruitment and people management is now a core component for all those involved in recruitment in the Church of England, including group leaders. Training materials are all available on national safeguarding training portal, including Modern Slavery and Awareness of Domestic Abuse.

Policies and documentation with a link to safeguarding have been updated/agreed during the year, including data protection, lone working, Parish Handbook, recruitment of ex-offenders, safeguarding and volunteer handbook. Where appropriate, the website has also been updated.

All Saints was selected to pilot access to a safeguarding hub application to manage key roles in the church community. This was subsequently extended to the diocese as a whole. All PCC members have received safeguarding training and their certification is on the safeguarding hub. Lists of group leaders and volunteers were approved by the PCC and added to the hub. Role descriptions for group leaders and roles such as sidespeople were being updated.

Against the difficult background of national safeguarding failures, All Saints has tried to ensure it maintains a healthy and safe culture. The Priest-in-Charge has made herself available to speak to anyone who has concerns.

The PCC spent some time recently on the National Standards and QA Framework. It discussed the strengths and areas for development in the church culture and determined some actions to take. Documents were approved to support victims and survivors of church-based abuse.

The PCC received a report on the Independent Safeguarding Audit of the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Finance, which was generally positive with some recommendations.

There have been no reported incidents in All Saints' parish and during the year the number of individuals in the local community who have been obliged to make formal arrangements to worship in churches in Nettleham has fallen to zero. This does not mean we should not all remain vigilant, as safeguarding people in church is everyone's responsibility.

Deanery Partnership (DP)

The West Lindsey Deanery Partnership includes the three Deaneries of Corringham, Lawres, and West Wold; all metamorphosing into Local Mission Partnerships. Revd Canon Steve Johnson is Dean and Steve Cartwright is Lay Co-Lead. There is a steering group comprising Rural Deans and Lay Chairs from the three LMPs. Two roles were identified, namely a Youth Enabler and Administrator, to be centrally funded for a limited period. The steering group took the decision to share the funds for the administrator post, with one third going to each LMP. Lawres is approaching selection of candidates for interview.

Discussions took place about "Focal" and "Oversight" ministry with a tight implementation timescale. Training for this was also discussed. "To Love and Serve the Lord" Authorised Lay Ministry training was to be delivered in LMPs. Training in the diocese was given on iKnow Church, which should help co-ordination across the DP and LMP. A digital learning platform has gone live and expected modules are children, mission and pastoral. Another

app “Cornerstone” provides tools for marketing (stewardship and fundraising) and members of the Standing Committee received training on it.

A consultation on super deaneries took place in November with a range of views expressed, particularly from rural and urban areas.

Local Mission Partnership (LMP)

LMPs were formally adopted at the Archdeacon Visitations and three vision days took place. All Saints Nettleham (with Riseholme) is part of Lawres LMP, which also includes Barlings & South Lawres (Revd Jess Bellshaw); Welton, Dunholme, & Scothern and Owmbly (Revd Lynne Hawkins); Revd Penny Green has oversight of Springline Parish and is Rural Dean for Lawres LMP following her retirement. Both Revd Lynne Hawkins and Revd Jess Bellshaw were licensed during 2024.

Our deanery synod representatives until 2026 are: Russ Coulter, Simon Hardy and Sarah Subden. They are ex-officio members of the PCC.

During the year, Lawres Chapter articulated roles for oversight ministry and focal ministry within the LMP. The LMP received a presentation on deanery partnerships by the DP Dean and Lay Co-Lead. Paul Ivens gave a presentation on the Welton Community Larder Food Bank.

The LMP is blessed with a significant number of non-stipendiary and retired priests with Permission to Officiate supplementing the paid clergy, along with many readers and Authorised Lay Ministers.

NETTLEHAM ALL SAINTS PCC

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	General (unrestricted)	Restricted Fabric	Restricted Tower	Restricted FiSH	Restricted Community Lottery	Total 2024	Total 2023
Receipts							
Planned giving	34733	50	600	240		35623	35409
Collections at services	8462					8462	10248
All other voluntary receipts	69136	500	425	1009		71069	7938
Gift Aid recovered	9309	138	144	191		9782	11220
Grants		2812				2812	4000
Fundraising activities	8033		8558		1847	18438	11564
Income from investments	3267	3243				6510	7339
Retained fees	4739					4739	4265
Other incoming resources	2425					2425	1562
Totals	140102	6742	9727	1440	1847	159858	93546
Payments							
Cost of fundraising	239		4016		909	5164	793
Mission giving	1761			3870	4000	9631	3620
Covenant pledge (Parish share)	46040					46040	51480
Salary costs	0					0	6327
Clergy and staff expenses	324					324	234
Mission and evangelism	845					845	164
Church running expenses	12064	17051	8911			38026	36933
Church utility bills	7611					7611	9122
Costs of trading	3042					3042	384
Other payments	355					355	1747
Totals	72282	17051	12926	3870	4909	111038	110804

NETTLEHAM ALL SAINTS PCC

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Notes	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2024	Total 2023
Fixed assets - Investments							
CCLA Inv. - CB3009144 - Kettlewell		0	0	0	2,682	2,682	2,622
CCLA Inv. - CB3009587 - Ch Land		0	0	0	91,729	91,729	50,994
Charifund - 0024005710 - Ch Land	1	0	0	0	0	0	37,961
		0	0	0	94,412	94,412	91,577
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand							
NatWest Current a/c - 00830623		49,432	0	17,357	0	66,789	1,098
NatWest Current a/c - 53511565		0	0	931	0	931	0
NatWest Deposit a/c - 18318851		369	0	0	0	369	364
CCLA Deposit a/c - CB3028544	2	17,288	0	0	0	17,288	15,766
CCLA Deposit - Aistroppe - CB3028546	3	0	0	6,000	0	6,000	2,637
TSB Service Account - Kettlewell		0	0	0	0	0	931
Cash In Hand - Teas & Coffees		20	0	0	0	20	20
		67,007	0	24,388	0	91,397	20,816
Current assets - Investments							
CCLA Dep - CB3028545 - Gen Purpose	4	21,904	0	0	0	21,904	25,395
CCLA Dep - CB3028547 - Fabric Purpose	5	0	0	59,569	0	59,569	75,463
Computershare - C0000534001	6	0	0	0	0	0	50
		21,904	0	59,569	0	81,473	100,908
	7	88,562	0	84,308	94,412	267,281	213,301


Notes:

1. The Charifund account was closed during the year and the proceeds transferred to CCLA account CB3009587.
2. Previously numbered 621028001D.
3. Previously numbered 621028002D.
4. Previously numbered 621028001S.
5. Previously numbered 621028002S.
6. Despite many efforts this account proved to be inaccessible and the PCC took the decision during the year to write off the value (£50).
7. Rounding error in last year's accounts which showed the 2023 total as £213302.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council at its meeting on 19 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Revd. Michelle Webb (Chair)



Simon Hardy (Treasurer)

30.03.2025

30 March 2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints Nettleham

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1187862

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2024**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

26/02/2025

Name:

Paula Mellows

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

FMAAT

Address:

8 Wedgewood Close

Lincoln

LN6 3LS

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.