

Trustees Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements for

Year Ended 31<sup>ST</sup> December 2022 for

LOUGHTON CHIGWELL & DISTRICT SYNAGOGUE

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## Chairman's report

During 2022 the role of chairman was taken on by Rabbi Yanky Abrams who coordinated the running of the synagogue together with the Board of Management.

Throughout the year there continued to be numerous community events held to celebrate religious festivals and other personal life events including Bar and Bat Mitzvah's, Auf Ruf's, birthdays and baby naming ceremonies as well as events held in memory of a loved one.

The main high holyday celebrations were well attended with up to 200 people in some cases. In addition, communal dinners were also held for the community during the year.

Rabbi Yanky feels that community social events are more important than ever as they allow some people to get involved that maybe wouldn't come to shul regularly for the services.

This year there was a special event held for the induction of Barbara Cohen - as the Lady Mayor of Loughton – with multi faiths attending – this has resulted in further visits from other communities to come in and see what we do in the shul.

Our membership is stable at around 200 families.

The Cheder continues to run and offers Jewish education to children aged 5 – 13.

Refurbishment of the synagogue continued as part of the 5-year legacy plan.

The Soup Run continues to deliver to around 200 old and vulnerable people every week. We thank our team of volunteers – especially Lesley Adams and Rachelle Orgel as well as volunteers from other surrounding synagogues. This year we held a dinner to say thank you to all the chicken soup run volunteers and their partners as well as some special guests that were recipients of the chicken soup run deliveries.

Thanks to the Board of management, Cat who does the bookkeeping, Steven Bracey who does the accounting, Lee the caretaker and the Events team – Pauline, Lesley and Deborah. There were a record number of Simchas this year and the Rabbi explained that holding an event in synagogue - small or large - adds to the shul environment.

Thanks to Rabbi Levi and Leah – who help to run the CSR, Cheder, as well as Friday Night Dinners in their home and help generally where necessary.

Thanks to the Rabbi's wife Rochel for her continued help and support to the Rabbi.

Looking forward to the year ahead –there will be an increased emphasis on bringing people together – through food, cooking and any other ideas that people may have and we encourage the community to bring their ideas forward.

Rabbi Yanky  
Chairman  
Loughton Synagogue

# LOUGHTON CHIGWELL & DISTRICT SYNAGOGUE

## Trustees Annual Report for Year Ended 31<sup>ST</sup> December 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102- effective 1 Jan 2019).

### Public Benefit Statement

All charity trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Objectives and Aims

The object of Loughton and Chigwell District Synagogue is the advancement for the public benefit of the Jewish religion according to the precepts of traditional Orthodox Judaism by the maintenance of regular Sabbath and other religious services, Hebrew and religion classes and of such other activities as may promote the religious, spiritual and general welfare of people of the Jewish faith in, but not limited to, Loughton, Essex, and its environs.

#### Main Activities

We continued to run our weekly meal delivery service for the elderly, sick and vulnerable as well as engage regularly with our members through religious, social, and educational events that are now all held in person and are well attended. We also continue to run our Hebrew classes for 5–13-year-olds.

### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

#### Main achievements

Our meal delivery service, the “Made with Love Chicken Soup Run” – now reaches approximately 200 recipients each week. This service continues to be funded through the receipts of donations from the community as well as grants that were successfully applied for and awarded as well as an annual sponsored walk that was again organised by the volunteers raising over £10000. The money raised from the sponsored walk enabled us to refit the kitchen which was much needed to keep up with the increased numbers receiving the weekly deliveries. The community is also able to benefit from the new kitchen when community events are held in the synagogue.

Our weekly Hebrew classes are still one of the only local classes available for children aged 5 – 13, Since we have had a large number of children graduate from the school the numbers have decreased slightly this year – but there are plans to recruit new children to build up the attendance again.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

Loughton Chigwell and District Synagogue are financially independent, with income being generated through membership subscriptions, donations, and fundraising events.

Since the Charity started at the beginning of 2020 the accounts represent the charity’s second year. Our policy is to hold reserves for future investment in the community when required.

## Key Messages

- Overall, the income and expenditure were in line with 2021 with no material new or exceptional items to report.
- Income was in line with last year however:
- Government grants decreased by £22k year on year.
- Soup run donations were up £28k
- There is still a £312k unresolved disputed historical financial loan potentially owing to the Federation.

## Summary

- For y/e 31/12/2021 we made a net profit of £6k vs a £7k net loss last year

## STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### Governing Document

The charity was constituted as a Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and is controlled by its governing document, a constitution dated 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020, managed by trustees but with voting members other than its charity trustees – who's respective powers are set out in the constitution.

### Board of Trustees

There should be a minimum of 3 trustees at any time. New trustees can be appointed in place of a trustee who has retired or as an additional trustee up to a maximum of 9. New trustees are nominated, voted for, and appointed at the AGM. The Life President of the Synagogue automatically, by virtue of holding that office ("ex officio"), be a charity trustee.

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Registration Number: 1188590

Principal Address: 102 Borders Lane, Loughton, IG10 1TE, England

Current Trustees at time of submitting report: Mr P Leigh  
Mr M Goldstone  
Mrs D Shulton  
Mr J Witzendorf Appointed May 23  
Mr L Gilbert Appointed May 23

Accounts independently examined by  
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Approved by order of the Trustees on 21 June 2022 and signed on its behalf by



Mrs D Shulton – Trustee

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM COMMUNITY EVENTS HELD IN 2022







**Independent examiner's report to the trustees/members of Loughton Chigwell and District Synagogue**

I report to the trustees/members on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees, 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.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

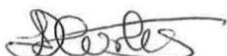
My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the account presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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.



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16 March 2023



**Loughton Chigwell & District Synagogue**

**Accounts For The Year To**

**31st December 2022**

**Loughton Chigwell & District Synagogue**  
**Profit & Loss Account**  
**Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

	2022	2021
<b>Income:</b>		
Membership Contribution	96,045	89,992
Government Grant	0	8,817
Federation Burial fees	9,209	9,298
Cheder Donations	4,968	8,872
Gift Aid	44,921	38,885
Donations	48,389	44,278
Soup Run Grants	0	22,691
Soup Run Donations	51,933	24,343
Youth Grants	0	18,000
Calendar Donations	2,610	2,365
Security Grant	7,031	1,613
Event Income	16,528	13,818
Rent Income	11,270	13,150
Shabbat UK	2,488	0
	<hr/> 295,392	<hr/> 296,122

**Loughton Chigwell & District Synagogue**  
**Profit & Loss Account (Continued)**  
**Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

	2022	2021
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Ministers Salary	40,575	44,701
Caretakers Costs	8,673	7,418
Administration Costs	24,299	24,407
Teachers Salaries & Expenses	10,125	13,924
Staff National Insurance & pension Costs	6,398	6,500
Rates & Water	4,070	4,575
Light & Heat	8,995	7,729
Insurance	4,469	5,295
Building Repairs & Maintenance	5,478	11,808
Security	4,714	5,744
Telephone & Broadband Costs	4,205	3,262
Burial Fees	9,021	9,298
Federation Dues	13,174	11,835
Event Costs	15,028	13,392
Cheder Costs	3,940	7,497
Festival Expenses	13,808	13,610
Motor & Travelling Costs	8,634	8,725
Rabbi Inauguration	0	3,748
Professional Fees	4,466	3,695
Office Costs	5,076	6,124
IT costs	4,265	4,475
Board of Deputies Subscription	990	990
Cleaning & Sundry Expenses	3,527	3,918
Bank Charges	2,229	2,483
Shabbat UK	2,295	0
Soup Run Costs	47,891	37,371
	256,345	262,524
<b>Operational Profit Before Exceptional Items</b>	39,047	33,598

	2022	2021
<b>Exceptional Items:</b>		
Alderton Close Improvements	1,240	3,270
Synagogue Improvements	31,562	38,000
	<u>32,802</u>	<u>41,270</u>
<b>Profit/(Loss) for the Year</b>	<u><b>6,245</b></u>	<u><b>(7,672)</b></u>

**Loughton Chigwell & District Synagogue**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Freehold Property	450,000	450,000
Security System	(18,802)	0
Torah Scrolls	57,376	57,376
	<u>488,574</u>	<u>507,376</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Sales Debtors	23,733	399
Prepayments	10,144	3,553
Cash & Bank	27,384	26,800
	<u>61,261</u>	<u>30,752</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Deferred Income	0	15,000
Loans	414,629	395,824
Accruals	3,838	2,181
	<u>418,467</u>	<u>413,005</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>131,368</u>	<u>125,123</u>
<b>Represented By:</b>		
<b>Capital Account</b>		
Balance brought forward	125,123	132,795
Profit/(Loss) for the year	6,245	(7,672)
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	<u>131,368</u>	<u>125,123</u>